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Lagosians are crying out loud as transport fares have skyrocketed across the metropolitan city due to the scarcity of fuel and increase in the price of Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) otherwise known as petrol. Passengers expressed grief as they struggled over the increased transport fares and scarcity of buses; few buses now ply the roads. In some areas, the fare has increased by more than 50 per cent. For instance, transport fare from Oshodi to Toll Gate - Sango has increased from N400 to N600 to N700; Agege to Alakuko has increased from N300 to N400. Obalende to Oshodi that used to be N300 also increased to N500, the same on Ikorodu-Ketu-Ojota-Oshodi axis and some other places visited by ECHONEWS. As at the time of filing this report on Sunday, many filling stations were not selling fuel while the few selling were selling between N220 and N300 per liter.

Some of the commercial drivers who spoke to ECHONEWS complained that they could not get fuel to work while some of them who got bought at higher prices.

It was gathered that at the black market, it sells for N350 per liter.

Tracing the root of the crisis, oil marketers had said that there had been issues with logistics and the importer's single supplier, the national oil company, supplying goods.

They said that all these worries might cause the current fuel lines to continue past December. They also claimed that some new charges had been established in the downstream oil industry, which had led to an increase in the ex-depot price of gasoline.

"Recently, there have been a lot of charges that marketers pay. There are some charges that the NNPC adds to the pump price, but recently we were told to be prepared to bear freight charges and others,"

# Fuel Scarcity: Commuters groan under increased transport fares

By Abolaji Adebayo

a major marketer stated.

"Also, pipeline charges that used to be 50 kobo before, are now N1 per litre. Now, these charges force depot owners to increase their ex-depot rates as against the one proposed by the NNPC.

"These and more concerns have led to the crisis in the downstream sector and it may stretch till December or even beyond if nothing tangible is done to address the challenges.

"Nobody cares about how much you sell now. That is why you cannot see the NNPC ex-depot prices to be the same in all the depots.

"There are some changes in rates now, which the NNPC cannot accommodate and they have to push it to marketers to absorb. This is why you see people sell at different rates."

In a recent interview on Channels Television, the deputy national president of the Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria (IPMAN), Zarama Mustapha, outlined a few reasons some cities are experiencing fuel scarcity.

He outlined the delay in the discharge of petrol from the mother vessel to depots because of some challenges between private depot owners and the NNPC, which is the main supplier of petrol.

He also pointed to pricing issues, shortage of NNPC storage, policies, and the yuletide period amongst others.

He stated: "The on and off queues are due to issues of logistics in terms of supply of the commodity to the retail outlets from either the mother vessel to the private depot owners and from there to independent and major marketers' stations.

"There are a series of logistics issues as regards the supply chain. But the government and



stakeholders are engaging in, in order to get a solution to these issues. However, we believe that this will be addressed, though it may drag beyond December."

The lack of foreign currency is another obstacle to the delivery of petroleum products, according to Chief Ukadike Chinedu, National Public Relations Officer of the Independent Petroleum Marketers Association of Nigeria.

He stated: "There was a time you interviewed me some months ago, and I told you that fuel would sell for N200 per litre. You were really not comfortable with that statement.

"After that publication, many stakeholders called you to react to it. Some of them also called me to say why did I say fuel would be sold at that price? But I was only discussing based on the indices of the industry at that time.

"As a PRO of IPMAN in Nigeria, I can read the policies of the government towards the distribution of products in the downstream oil sector. You

look at the exchange rate of the dollar to the naira, some foreign interruptions and the price of diesel.

"All these are factors that definitely affect petroleum products' prices since we are not producing refined products in Nigeria. We cannot sustain the importation of petrol.

"Otherwise, we will continue to see ghost queues every month and this may continue till the end of this year. The major solution now is to speed up the repairs of our refineries. However, we are meeting and looking for quick interventions."

Also speaking, the Secretary, Abuja-Suleja IPMAN, Mohammed Shuaibu, stated that the current challenges of poor distribution and supply shortage of petrol might lead to widespread queues for PMS during the festive period in December.

"Our worry as marketers is that the festive month is at hand and if nothing is done quickly to address the current concerns around supply, I am afraid that it

will escalate during the festivities, because it has started."

While Lagosians are battling with scarcity of fuel, they are also lamenting sleeping in total darkness for days as there has been power outage since upper week.

"In fact, this is a country, no fuel and no light. We can't do anything without the power, business is not moving since we don't have power," Morenikeji Adebayo lamented.

Adebayo, who is a graphic artist, complained that they have not been enjoying power supply in her area at Ifako-Ijaye LGA for the past two week, adding that the situation has been affecting their businesses especially those who depend on power supply to do their businesses.

"Without power we cannot work. The power supply in my area has not been stable since upper week. And we can't get fuel to power the generator. The government has to urgently do something," she complained.



# Commendation as Johnson facilitates provision of pipe-borne water

By Motola AbdulGafar

It was commendations galore by the residents of Orile-Agege Local Council Development Area, (LCDA) as the chairman of the council, Hon. Babatunde Johnson facilitated the provision of standard pipe-borne water in Eko Junior College, Orile-Agege. The council boss said the facilitation was in a bid to control diseases among future leaders in the school. Johnson, while commissioning the project, noted that water

is a basic necessity for the functioning of human life and without it "we cannot survive for 3 days without water." He said the project was executed to contribute to the well-being of the students as they approach a very delicate stage of life. Johnson further implored the principal of the school, Mrs Rashidat to ensure close monitoring and maintenance of the facility made available. He, then, promised to continue to improve the standard of education in Orile-Agege LCDA.



Hon. Babatunde Johnson while commissioning pipe-borne water in Agege

## Group sensitizes female youths in Agege

By Motola AbdulGafar

**A** non-governmental group, Elite Youth Initiative has advised female students in Public secondary schools in Agege Local Government on precautionary measures they can take on menstrual hygiene. The group said as ladies, their menstrual cycle should not be a

source of laziness or an unkempt attitude as it is unhealthy for them. The president of the group, Mr Samson Afuwape noted that their aim of engaging in such voluntary activities is to give back to the community through not-for-profit interventions. He said they occasionally impact the communities in the area with life-touching programmes that are meant to be a turning

point for all kids to attain victory. During the event, free sanitary pads were distributed to female students of Vetland Junior Grammar school, Agege. Afuwape said their commitment is in a bid to build students' capacity for them to become future leaders as they were advised on how best they could live their life to avoid mistakes among other regrets in life.



Members of Elite Youth Initiative with awarded secondary school girls

## PDP candidate, Osolana encourages pupils to be focused

By Motola AbdulGafar

**T**he Federal House of Representatives candidate on the platform of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) for Agege Federal Constituency, Hon. Sola Osolana has called on primary school pupils to focus on their academics, saying it would pave the way to success for them. He also encouraged them on sporting activity as he commented that the activity is also a key

part of personal development as kids. Osolana noted that he has an intense love for the development of young children and sporting activities as residents could perceive from his S.E.E.D.S agenda ahead of the 2023 general election. According to him, the acronym SEEDS stands for S – Sound Primary Health Service; E – Educational support for all, E – Empowerment of Youths and Women; D – Developmental support

initiative for maintenance of our neighbourhood infrastructural facilities; S – Sports Talent and Social Development. He advised the pupils to adhere strictly to the directions of their teachers as they have been assigned to guide them as models towards success. He promised to continue to contribute towards the development of the education sector within Agege Local Government and beyond.



Osolana in a sport activity with pupils in Agege



# Buraimoh supports elderly ones

By Motola AbdulGafar

In a bid to extend palliatives to every section of society, the chairman of Amuwo-Odofin Local Government, Hon. Valentine Buraimoh has extended the measures to the aged within his community. He said his administration is reaching out to the aged not only to ensure their satisfaction but to pass a message to competent people within the community to be their sons and daughters by caring for them and rendering help to them when needed.

He preached that the aged are those who have been useful to every society as existing works were previously carried out by them which the younger generations easily took over after their resignation. He also said moving closer to them will help one know the struggles they had passed through during their time and how they overcame them. To celebrate their contributions towards the development of society, Buraimoh celebrated the elders by organizing a session to commemorate world



Hon. Valentine Buraimoh while having fun with elders

older people's day saying it is for them to mingle with people of like minds in the council. He further enjoined them to continue to make available for the younger generation their experience of wisdom gathered over the years to make informed decisions and live a flourishing life.

## Ogunlende advises youths to be creative

By Motola AbdulGafar

The Special Adviser to the Governor of Lagos State, Babajide Sanwo-Olu; Mr Mobolaji Ogunlende has advised Badagry youths to engage in Creative Arts. He said as youths, their intelligence ought to be put to test by engaging in diversified activities that are new creations, revised editions or extended editions of hypotheses created by older generations. Ogunlende gave the advice while commending the entrepreneurial spirit portrayed by an enterprising youth from Badagry West LCDA, Mr. Viyon Ezun who presented to him Mitton Palm Oil.

The palm oil is a product of his farm which aroused the interest of Ogunlende.

He encouraged Ezun to keep up the work while noting that the government can at some point invest in his business as time goes on. He said his product would one day become an aid to the economic growth of the country if he continues to strive towards attaining greater heights.

Meanwhile, Ogunlende advocated for cautious activities in daily livelihood as election permutation and marshaling continue to take place.

He said political parties, the All Progressives Congress (APC) in particular, are advocates of the safety of the lives and properties of the masses as they want the best for all.

He echoed emergency numbers: 112 and 767 which can be contacted during an emergency period.

Ogunlende noted that all party loyalists in APC are advocates of awareness of safety measures which is for peaceful coexistence among one another.

He, therefore, vouched for the candidacy, efficiency and charisma of Sanwo-Olu as the best man to move Lagos to greater heights

# Buraimoh tasks traditional rulers on 2023 general elections

By Motola AbdulGafar

The chairman of Amuwo-Odofin Local Government, Hon. Valentine Buraimoh has charged traditional leaders in the community to propagate the gospel of

the All Progressives Congress (APC) candidates across all communities in the council. He emphasized majorly on riverine areas that are prone to communication entropy as the party continues to propagate its candidates.

He canvassed that the party will in goodwill ensure the execution of all promised projects in its manifesto. Buraimoh explained that his reason for the advocacy is not just for his thorough involvement with the activities of the party, but the fact that the

party is a well-organized, capable and strict party that produces legends to represent them on any given occasion. He also encouraged that political offices where new candidates are elected are also very important as people of like minds

have to continue the legacies established by the previous person in power saying the party runs a government of continuity and further promised good dividends of democracy in all political office areas if APC flag bearers are elected.

# Single parents get financial assistance in Amuwo-Odofin

Single parents in Amuwo-Odofin Local Government have been given a token amount for self-development. Specifically, the council boss, Hon. Valentine Buraimoh noted that the donation was made to encourage them to start up their businesses as the council expects them to judiciously use the money. He said that they are expected to invest and reap a whole lot from what has been invested as they aim at alleviating less privileged people in the community. He,



Single parent financially warded in Amuwo-Odofin LGA

therefore, advised the opportuned individuals to make

the best use of the token while appealing to them to overlook its

amount. He promised to continue to see to the

welfare of the less privileged and more in the community.





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# Epe LG commences budget process

By Saheed Afolabi

In a bid to ensure purpose driven and inclusiveness in governance, the chairman of Epe Local Government, Princess Surah Animashaun, has called the community stakeholders to ensure the budget captures the direct needs of the people.

The stakeholders' meeting was an avenue to engage in discussion between the grassroots development stakeholders as it relates to grassroots governance and the management team, executive members as well as legislative arm of Epe Local Government.

The stakeholders' forum comprised members of CDCs, CDAs, civil society organizations, NYCN, CAN, NURTW, market women and traders, artisans, farmers and traditional rulers, as well as other related groups in society. The meeting which was well attended, paved way for easy projection into the year 2023 as regards the budget and financing of projects by the local council.

The council chairman used the medium to highlight some of her achievements since she assumed the office, as she also presented prospective plans and projects to be delivered for the community.

Some of the achievements she mentioned include remodeling and renovations of 39 schools within Epe Local Government, completion of a block of 7 classrooms in

Army Children's School, Epe, complete renovation and rehabilitation of the Customary Court, construction of two boreholes in Erepoto - commissioned by this administration and completed by the youth in the community, construction of two blocks of 8 public restroom facilities in Erepoto Community, clearing and Rehabilitation of drainage systems with Epe Local Government to stop incessant flooding as well as the introduction of a refuse collection intervention programme, recruitment of more teachers to provide employment for teaching staff and more robust learning opportunities for the children. Allocation of over 400 non-pensionable forms to teachers in Epe, as well as establishment of Widows Support Scheme amongst others.

She stated that bilateral discussions with stakeholders can

never be underestimated in the preparation of a Budget. She demanded for inputs, suggestions, ideas and opinions of stakeholders present stressing its significance in meeting up with the yearnings and aspirations of various communities in the environs.

The meeting gives opportunity to community stakeholders and representatives from each of the eight wards which comprise Epe LGA to appreciate Princess Surah Animashaun for her giant strides and achievement in provision of basic amenities such as road infrastructures, health care delivery, environmental upgrades in streets and localities, educational support programmes, women and youth empowerment, distribution of farm implements amongst other grassroots developmental projects.

Representatives from



Princess Surah Animashaun

each ward of the LGA, traditional rulers, NYCN, Artisan, market women also used the scrupulous medium to present their needs in terms of areas of developmental projects which they are seeking the help and attention of the Council Chairman to look into. The Chairman in her response to the needs and demands through

her speech assured all stakeholders that efforts are being made to continue in the provision of developmental projects across all the sectors of the grassroots.

"The Local Government Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) saw a performance of 78%, N42,988,305.39 as

against budgeted year 2022, N55,250,000 from January - September, 2022.

"Hence the need for this conversation as we figure out ways to put the necessary infrastructure in place to aid the shift towards growth, development and increased revenue generation for all and sundry" Surah submitted," she said.

## Council consults stakeholders over 2023 budget

By Saheed Afolabi

In order to determine the direction of expenditure for the year 2023, the chairman of Eredo LCDA, Hon. Ismail Akinloye, has called stakeholders within the local council area to a consultative forum.

This was done in advance of the presentation of the year 2023 budget.

To get their input on the budget before it is presented to the councilors, the Community

Development Committee, the Youth Council, Farmers, People with Disabilities, civil servants, religious and traditional institutions and other stakeholders were called to the forum, which is made up of the council executives, councillors and party representatives.

The chairman claimed that "without the help of significant parties, the budget cannot be completed. Therefore, it has become imperative that a

gathering of this kind be called."

Various suggestions which boiled down on road and school construction, water, markets security, completion of on-going projects, empowerment, employment among others were mentioned.

The chairman promised to ensure that all the suggestions made reflect in the 2023 budget for presentation and possible execution/actualization.



Hon. Ismail Monsuru Akinloye



# Ojodu LCDA trains youths on sanitation

The chairman of Ojodu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. David Odunmbaku has urged sanitation trainees to take advantage of the training to improve their expertise and resourcefulness as the course commenced. He appreciated partners - WaterAid Nigeria and PEPSICO Foundation for the programme that has benefited Ojodu LCDA in terms of capacity building.

The one week capacity

By Edith Obioma

building programme for better hygiene and sanitation aimed at improving public health services in selected LCDAs across Lagos State.

Selected sanitation personnel across Ojodu LCDA participated in the training exercise to improve environmental quality and healthiness of Ojodu people.

Participants include Sanitation Officers, Environmental Health workers, Health

Educators, Education Officers, Social and Community Development Workers, State Officials from LASWARCO, SUBEB and Lagos State Primary Healthcare Board.

The Community Led Total Sanitation (CLTS) Programme is a part of the WASH project aimed at improving public health through capacity building, provision of water, sanitation and hygiene services in Lagos State.



Participants at the training

## Council recruits Adhoc health workers to improve PHC services

By Edith Obioma

Ojodu Local Council Development Area (LCDA) now has got medical doctors and midwives at Oke-Ira Central Primary Healthcare Center (PHC), Apata which has improved healthcare service being rendered in all other PHCs within the LCDA.

The council chairman, Hon. David Odunmbaku recently recruited Adhoc-Temporary Health workers who have just resumed at their various duty posts.

According to him, the recruitment was to further improve the healthcare service delivery in all the Primary Healthcare Centres in Ojodu LCDA.

He assured of more projects in line with his administration mission on health, education, youth empowerment and social infrastructure.

He emphasized that he would continue to deliver on his promises to prioritize the health and wellbeing of the residents of the LCDA.

By Edith Obioma

The chairman of Ojodu LCDA, Hon. David Odunmbaku has pledged to further initiate more people-oriented projects in 2023.

He made the pledge when the executive committee and management team of the local council deliberated on the proposed 2023 budget of the council.

The budget is tagged "The Budget of Continuous Development for Year 2023".

The council chairman and his cabinet, the executive committee and management team converged on Novatel Hotel, Lekki for the budget retreat.

He said the projects will fall in line with his HEYS (Health, Education, Youth empowerment and Social Infrastructure) mission.

"We are here to review our previous budget performance, to

brainstorm and make decisions on the new fiscal year budget as well to develop a well-planned 2023 appropriation that will outline people-oriented programmes and projects and its effective implementation."

During the first lecture, the Director General, Consultancy Services, PSSDC, Magodo, Mr. Sunday Olufemi addressed the topic bordering on 'Effective leadership behavioural

skills for improved team performance at work'.

He reiterated the need for team work to aid effective decision making and highlighted the modes of attaining and maintaining leadership roles.

The Director General, Public Procurement Agency (PPA) Alausa, Mr. Fatai Onafowote buttressed the need for proper documentation and strict adherence to procurement process.

The council vice

chairman, Hon. Bunmi Oluyadi reported on the year 2022 revenue performance; stating that the year's performance is about 45 per cent.

He, however, appreciated Odunmbaku's effort towards the recently concluded Revenue drive which gave room for improved revenue generation.

Oluyadi expressed that the revenue low performance was due to the usurpation of

some of the Council's responsibilities by the State Government, bottlenecks during revenue/rates collection as well as the unavailability of other logistics that would aid improvement on revenue generation.

Subsequently, the Chairman promised to provide the necessary paraphernalia to the staff as he admonished them on revitalized efforts and commitment towards revenue generation.



Ojodu LCDA budget retreat



# Banjo bags Excellence Award

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Ikorodu North LCDA, Bldr Adeola Banjo has bagged an Excellence award at the annual Ikorodu Oga Day celebration.

The council boss, who expressed joy over the award, dedicated it to his late mother.

"I was honoured with an Excellence award at the Public Service day of the 31st annual Ikorodu Oga Day celebration.

"I wish to thank the

organisers for finding me worthy of an excellence award in recognition of my modest contributions to the growth and development of Public Service.

"I wish to dedicate the award to my late mother who was an astute administrator par excellence during her days on earth and I wish to affirm my unrelenting support and contributions to the further development of the public service sector," he commented.



BLDR Adeola Adebisi Banjo

## Council engages stakeholders on 2023 budget

By Saheed Afolabi

For their contributions to the 2023 budget, the chairman of Ikorodu North LCDA, Bldr Adeola Banjo has held a consultative forum with the major stakeholders in the LCDA which include CDC executives, council of Baales, and others.

The forum is meant for the stakeholder to deliberate with the council leadership on how to have immense contribution to the 2023 budget.

"I had the honour of hosting well-meaning sons and daughters of the 'Tower of resources' - Ikorodu North LCDA to its year 2023 stakeholders consultative forum at the council secretariat, Eweye Isiu.

"Aby supported by members of the council's executive, legislative arm,

management and staff, I received stakeholders from different sectors of our dear council's economy.

"Recorded to have their inputs in the year 2023 budget planning are notable Political leaders, religious leaders, CDC leadership, CDA Executives, Council of Baales, LASCOTA leadership, the leadership of Youth associations, the leadership of the NURTW, leadership of trade unions.

"Not being unappreciative of the abundance of creative and sound minds we are blessed with in our dear local council, I encouraged stakeholders present at the auspicious event to participate actively in the process as deliberations and contributions harnessed from the discourse shall form the framework for the year 2023 budget."

## Ikorodu North LCDA doles out financial support to residents

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Ikorodu North LCDA, Bldr Adeola Banjo has given out another set of financial aid to residents to support their financial needs. Banjo said the purpose of the programme was to demonstrate his love for the community as cash gifts was handed over to students,

business owners, and widows.

He said: "I in the company of some members of the Council executives, management staff, and legislators once again demonstrated our love for our people of Ikorodu North LCDA when we hosted at the council secretariat, resident beneficiaries of Odogunyan Ward to my periodic financial support initiative

called 'òwọ̀ ifẹ̀ Banjoo' (Banjoo's hand of love).

"The brief event which saw many widows, small business owners and indigent students smiling home with cash gifts as an intervention to ameliorate their economic challenge marked its fifth edition as we had done similarly to four other wards of Ikorodu North LCDA. "The smile on the

faces of the beneficiaries of this initiative will forever illuminate our minds and path as we shall continue to commit to all that would improve the lives of our people at the grassroots in line with the vision of our visionary Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Babajide Sanwoolu and the ideals of our great party, All Progressives Congress (APC)."



BLDR Adeola Adebisi Banjo handing over a financial package to a beneficiary



# Olusi reels out administration's achievements

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Lagos Island Local Government, Hon. Prince Tijani Adetoyese Olusi, has spoken on the activities of the Local Government, and how they align with the 'THEMES agenda' of the Lagos State Government. He stated that the Local Government under his administration provides school kits for over 356,000 pupils annually under 'My Complete Student

Programme' and also provides JAMB and GCE forms for students in higher classes with tutorials to prepare them for the examinations.

In the area of health, he said there are three primary health posts currently running and two primary health centres running 24 hours, which are the Oba Adeyinka and the Olowogbowo primary health centers, not to mention the newly refurbished Zenith Hospital at Isale Eko following the EndSars

protest. Speaking on social security, the council boss made it known that initially, the Local Government catered for 250 aged but has since increased it to One Thousand for wider impact.

He said the Local Government also partnered with the Lagos State Employment Trust Fund (LSETF) and the Lagos Microfinance Board (LMB) to give out loans ranging from Fifty Thousand Naira (50,000) to Two

Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira (250,000) to maximally 500 people. Regarding infrastructure, he stated that six roads have been reconstructed with drainages, citing Sanusi Olusi Street, Agarawu, Ashogbon and Obe Street as examples. He implored all residents and marketers to pay their taxes and levies for the development of Lagos Island and also report any sign of insecurity to appropriate offices for a greater Lagos Island.



Prince Tijani Adetoyese

## LG launches 'Clean Lagos, Use the Toilet Campaign'

By Saheed Afolabi

Lagos Island Local Government, in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, launched the "Clean Lagos, Use the Toilet Campaign"

The chairman of Lagos Island LG, Hon. Prince Tijani Olusi reiterated the importance of sanitation and an end to open defecation.

Sanitarian Olusola Agboola, Environmental Officer of Lagos Island Local Government spoke on the need for more public toilets, stating that people defecate openly due to insufficient toilets in public places. To buttress his point, Sanitarian Olusola presented torrid photos of different people caught on camera defecating openly.

"Lagos State Government has constructed over 167 public toilets in strategic locations, and over 600 operators in Lagos State, but they are still inadequate for a state with over 22 million residents," he added.

The Supervisor for Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation (WAPA), Mrs Olayinka

Bamgbade, enjoined the janitors to be efficient in their duties, and ensure proper cleaning of the toilets and its environment, adding that cleaners should not be denigrated because it is a more respectable job than stealing and begging.

The Deputy Chief of Staff, Hon. Suraj Ali-Balogun appreciated the

executive, legislative members, management, sanitation corps, CDC, CDA, Women and Youths for their time and encouraged them to intensify effort in building a cleaner Lagos.

He stated that the Lagos Island Local Government Sanitation Corps is extremely good and doing wonderfully well.



Dignitaries at the Lagos Island LG World Toilet Day sensitization

## Essien craves mainlanders support for newly installed Oba

By Edith Igbokwe

Lagos Mainland Local Government chairman, Hon. Omolola Essien has enjoined residents to support the Oloto of Otto, Oba Bashir Abisoye Odesanya as he was presented with the staff of office.

The newly installed Oloto of Otto was presented Staff of office by the Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, ably represented by his Special Adviser on Local Governments and Chieftaincy Affairs, Hon. Kayode Robert (Bibire).

Essien gracefully appreciated the governor, the kingmakers and the good people of Lagos Mainland as she emphasized that her

administration would not relent in sustaining the peace, progress and development in the LGA.

"It is in line with our cultural norms especially the Yoruba race to have a traditional head overseeing the activities of a community. He is to ensure peaceful coexistence of all and sundry and most essentially to ensure improvement as well as increased commercial activities within the community under his jurisdiction.

"I enjoin everyone here present to support the New Oloto of Otto and Lagos Mainland and to continue on this trajectory of peace and development that has made us proud Omoluabi family of Lagos Mainland.

"I thereby appeal to you all

to shun acts of violence and continue to maintain peace.

"All the citizens of this LGA at home and abroad must join hands with our new Kabiyesi for the progress, unity and peace for the overall development of Otto and Lagos Mainland.

"To us as a government and individuals, we are simply fulfilling the will of God as

the occasion has been ordained by Him and the best we can do is to thank Him for sparing our lives to witness the historic occasion."

The Lagos Mainland, Surulere and Apapa Local Governments Joint Chieftaincy Committee which include Alaiyeluwa Oba (Dr) Abdulfatai Aremu Aromire, the Ojora of Ijora

Land & Iganmu Kingdom, Oba of Igboji-Sabe Kingdom were seen at the occasion.

Others are Alaiyeluwa Oba Owolabi Adeniyi, the Onikate of Ikate, Alaiyeluwa Oba Lateef Adams, head of the Lagos state whitecap Chiefs and the Opeoluwa-Onido of Lagos, High Chief Lateef Aderibigbe Ajose.



Installation of Oloto of Otto Mainland



# Bamigboye bags NUJ award

By Saheed Afolabi

The Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) has presented the chairman of Mushin Local Government, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye with an award, in recognition of his contributions to humanity through his dynamic style of service at the grassroots.

The award was presented to the council chairman during the award night ceremony held in celebration of

the 2022 edition of Press Week organised by the Lagos Television chapel of the NUJ.

Though the awardee was unable to attend the ceremony due to the death of the lawmaker representing his Local Government at the Lagos State House of Assembly, his representative at the event, Mr. Kehinde Babatunde later presented the award to him at his Palm Avenue office in Mushin.

Bamigboye, while receiving the award from his aide,

expressed appreciation to the Nigeria Union of Journalists (Lagos Television Chapel) for honouring him with the award, to recognize his contributions to grassroots humanitarian services.

The council chairman, who was said to have received many awards both in Lagos and Abuja, thanked the organizers and promised not to relent in doing more for his people in Mushin.

"To whom much is given, much is expected," he said.



Hon Emmanuel Bamigboye



## ALGON chairman, Alabi applauds newly launched Conference 57 website

By Edith Igbokwe

All the Conference 57 Local Government (LG) and Local Council Development Area (LCDA) Chief Press Secretary (CPS) members in Lagos State recently held a 3-day Media Retreat in Somolu-Bariga to enable media aides to learn and improve more on capacity and delivery. In the course of the retreat, the group launched a website mainly to focus on the activities of the chairmen.

The chairman of Bariga LCDA who doubles as the National chairman, Association of Local Government of Nigeria (ALGON), Hon. Kolade Alabi, expressed a great joy over the emergence of the website.

He advised that worthy projects and programmes of each LGs and LCDAs should top the news contents on the website.



Hon. Kolade Alabi

According to him it will unify the administrative activities of the council chairmen in the grassroots on a single platform.

"I will support you as long as you create global relevance for Lagos State administration at the grassroots level."

The conference 57 (CSP) state chairman, Ayeyemi Ayodele commended Alabi's support towards the newly launched website. He noted that the group will focus on projecting the image of their principals at all levels of social interaction with the public.

The All Progressives Congress (APC) flag bearer representing Lagos West Senatorial District, Hon. Idiat Adebule has appealed to Nigerians to refrain from gender violence as it jeopardizes national development while increasing disparity, segregation and injustice.

She said the menace has given birth to an underserved understanding of women among upcoming leaders as they tend to go in line

## Adebule canvasses elimination of violence against women

By Motolani AbdulGafar

with the beliefs of society when they find themselves in positions where they have to decide on the outcome of a case which may be unfavourable to them if they are being fair in judgement.

She said however, the act had in some cases

caused physical, sexual or psychological disorders in victims and said societal values, customs and norms have a long way to go in child upbringing.

She commended the rigorous efforts of women who were able to rise above all odds to exonerate themselves from violence while sympathizing with the

family and friends of those who lost their lives in the course of freeing themselves.

Mama West, therefore, posited the fact that no nation can thrive without the success of women which should be a predominant factor in which men ought to pamper women and bring about national unity and prosperity.

## Philanthropist awards students free school package

By Edith Igbokwe

A philanthropist in Ojo Local Government, Mrs Angelou Maya has urged the less privileged kids in rural areas to look forward to a bright future in their education.

She made the encouragement by awarding free school uniforms to pupils in the Etegbin community while encouraging them to keep striving towards success.

Maya noted that the essence of embarking on

philanthropic acts is to encourage the less privileged as some are thirsty for education but have no opportunity to dwell more into it.

In a related development, she extended the donation of free cash and foodstuffs to the aged within the community.

In her address, she said the world will be a better place if everyone gives priority to the welfare of the people as it costs nothing to help others.



Mrs Andelou Maya in a group picture with students in Ojo LGA



# Council recruits Adhoc health workers to improve PHC services

By Edith Igbokwe

Ojodu Local Council Development Area (LCDA) now has got medical doctors and midwives at Oke-Ira Central Primary Healthcare Center (PHC), Apata which has improved healthcare service being rendered in all other PHCs within

the LCDA.

The council chairman, Hon. David Odunmbaku recently recruited Adhoc-Temporary Health workers who have just resumed at their various duty posts. According to him, the recruitment was to further improve the healthcare service delivery in all the Primary Healthcare

Centres in Ojodu LCDA.

He assured of more projects in line with his administration mission on health, education, youth empowerment and social infrastructure.

He emphasized that he would continue to deliver on his promises to prioritize the health and wellbeing of the residents of the LCDA.



Adhoc health recruit in Ojodu

## Police arrest man for allegedly killing mother-in-law

By Motola AbdulGafar

The Lagos State Police Command

said it has arrested a 38-year-old man in Ibeju-Lekki Local Government, who allegedly killed his mother-in-law.

The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin informed that the suspect was precisely arrested at Akodo area of the council.

He said the suspect killed his mother-in-law after she found out that he was having sex with his wife's 14-year-old younger sister (mother-in-law's daughter) which she was said to have threatened to expose him which led to her Waterloo.

In the course of the event, a man who saw him while committing the crime was also killed to avoid further trouble as he assumed but he was later exposed to the police and led to his arrest which he had not expected.

Hundeyin noted that the matter has been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) for further investigation.



In a bid to ensure probity, accountability and transparency among officials of Lekki LCDA, the council boss, Hon. Rasaki Kasali has sensitized officials on how to better understand several challenges that will be faced while executing their duties within the community and how to handle such an environment. He said although they are community service

## Kasali sensitizes officials on procurement amendment law

By Motola AbdulGafar

instructors, they need to strategize on means by which the council's Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) would be generated effectively while benefiting the masses extensively in project execution.

Kasali said that he wants all procurement officers in the council to ensure the application of fair, competitive value-for-money standards and practices for procurement and disposal of public assets and services as following the right

track is what will develop the council.

He made his position known at a 3-day procurement planning retreat for the council's 2023 financial year.

He further appreciated all officials for their patience and cooperation towards his administration

while commenting that their efforts would forever make a part of his history.

He tasked all and sundry to ensure reviewing ideas discussed as education or enlightenment can not take place without application.

## CDC appreciates NGO, Ikosi-Isheri Council for free healthcare outreach

By Edith Igbokwe

The Community Development Committee (CDC) chairman of Ikosi-Isheri Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Chief Adekoya Adeshina has appreciated the free healthcare outreach services delivered to the community members by Arewa Bewaji Women Foundation.

A non-governmental group, Arewa Bewaji Women's Foundation partnered with Ikosi-Isheri Local Council Development Area

(LCDA) to provide free medical support to the people.

According to the foundation president, Adeola Sode, the exercise is the very first to take place in Lagos State after the Oyo State exercise.

She stated that the organization is a make up of United Kingdom (UK) trained health practitioners that joined hands together to provide free medical care support to the people.

Healthcare services delivered include, vital signs checking, diagnosis of diabetes,

blood pressure screening general body check up and provision of drugs for ailments detected.

Sode noted that health education lectures and how to prevent

diseases were delivered to patients before commencing healthcare services.

Ikosi-Isheri LCDA chairman, Hon. Samiat Bada expressed that her utmost concern

remains good Healthcare of the people.

"I will not relent in bringing impactful programmes for the benefit of all."

She commended the NGO for the initiative while she urged them to continue with the good work as they consider people's safe health.



Ikosi-Isheri free healthcare outreach





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