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By Kunle Awosiyan

Body of chairmen of Local Government and Local Council Development Area of Lagos, Conference 57 has said that it will not allow any protest to take place within their areas.

The body rose from a meeting over the planned protest and declared that even though the citizens had the rights to protest, it would not allow Lagos to be the centre state for a violent rally.

Some faceless people had been calling on Nigerians for a protest against bad government tagged, "Days Of Rage' Protests" across social media platforms., beginning from August 1.

The demands of the faceless organisers as released on social media platforms include; freedom for IPOB leader, Nnamdi Kanu, scrapping of the 1999 Constitution and replace it with a People-made CONSTITUTION, Toss the Senate arm of the Nigerian Legislative System, keep the House of Representatives (HOR), and make lawmaking a part-time endeavour, Pay Nigerian Workers a minimum wage of nothing less than N250,000 monthly and Invest heavily in education and give Nigerian students grants, not loans among others.

Against this backdrop, the chairmen represented by their leader and chairman of the Bariga Local Council Development Area, Kolade Alabi argued that their decision to kick against the demonstration was based on the belief that the rally would not solve challenges raised by the impending demonstrators, but rather create new challenges across the country.

The chairmen noted that rather than disrupt existing peace and harmony among Nigerians, the protesters could wait for the 2027 general election and express their displeasure against the government through ballots.

According to them, the polls provide a legitimate

platform for citizens to make their voices heard and impact governance.

The council chairmen appealed to the protest organizers to reconsider their approach, stressing that the future of Nigeria depends on positive and proactive engagement from its citizens.

They noted that fostering innovation and creativity among youth remains an essential tool for the country's development and prosperity.

Alabi called on residents not to allow themselves to be used for protest, alleging that the organizers of the planned August 1 protest do not mean well for the country.

"We are here to appeal to Lagosians that they should not allow themselves to be used for any planned protest in the state. We the council chairmen in Lagos will not tolerate any form of protest within our council. Rather than engage in this protest that disrupts commercial activities across the state, you can use your vote to protest during the election", he added.

In his words, The Chairman of Somolu LG, Abdulhamed Salawu has advised the youth to reconsider planned protests, emphasizing that federal, state, and local governments are actively working to alleviate the hardships faced by Nigerians.

Salawu highlighted the



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recent approval of a N70,000 minimum wage as a testament to the government's commitment to improving workers' living standards.

Salawu pointed to significant economic measures taken by the Tinubu administration, which includes direct monthly allocations to local governments. These allocations are aimed at ensuring grassroots development and providing

much-needed financial relief.

This approach he argued, reflects the federal government's dedication to addressing economic challenges head-on and supporting the community. The council boss added that Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu has introduced various initiatives to ease economic pressures on residents.

The measures include reducing workdays for civil servants, lowering public transportation fares, and distributing food packages to 300,000 households. Additionally, Sanwo-Olu's administration has reinstated free child delivery services in state hospitals and suspended tax payment requirements for school enrollment to prevent student absenteeism.

"We urge the youth not to be misguided into unnecessary protests," Salawu said.

"The extensive palliative measures being implemented are clear

signs of the government's dedication to improving the lives of Nigerians. Protests are not needed at this moment; what we need is patience and understanding."

Salawu's applauded the concerted efforts by the Tinubu-led administration and state governments to tackle economic hardships. He emphasized that while current hardships are a global issue, dialogue repairs, whereas protests can be destructive.

Corroborating Alabi, his counterpart for Ibeju-Lekki Local Government Area, Abdullahi Sesan Olowa decried the planned protest at a period that the current federal government had barely spent a year in office. He stated that President Bola Tinubu led-administration is doing all to improve the economy of the country, saying protest is uncalled for at this period for the country.

"We are not going to sit back and watch the organisers of this protest to

disrupt the peace across local government and local council development areas of the state," he said.

Speaking, Mr. Olusesan Daini, the Public Relations Officer of Conference 57, stressed that youths should focus their energy on creative and innovative contributions to support Nigeria.

Daini urged young people to invest their efforts in nation-building rather than participating in protests, which he believes do not provide constructive solutions to the country's challenges.

In the same vein, the Lagos State Chapter of All Progressives Congress had appealed to Lagos residents to let peace reign in the state.

In a statement by the state Chairman of APC, Cornelius Oyemade, APC acknowledges peaceful protests as an integral component of democratic governance, the predictable attendant violence and loss of lives and property remain undesirable.



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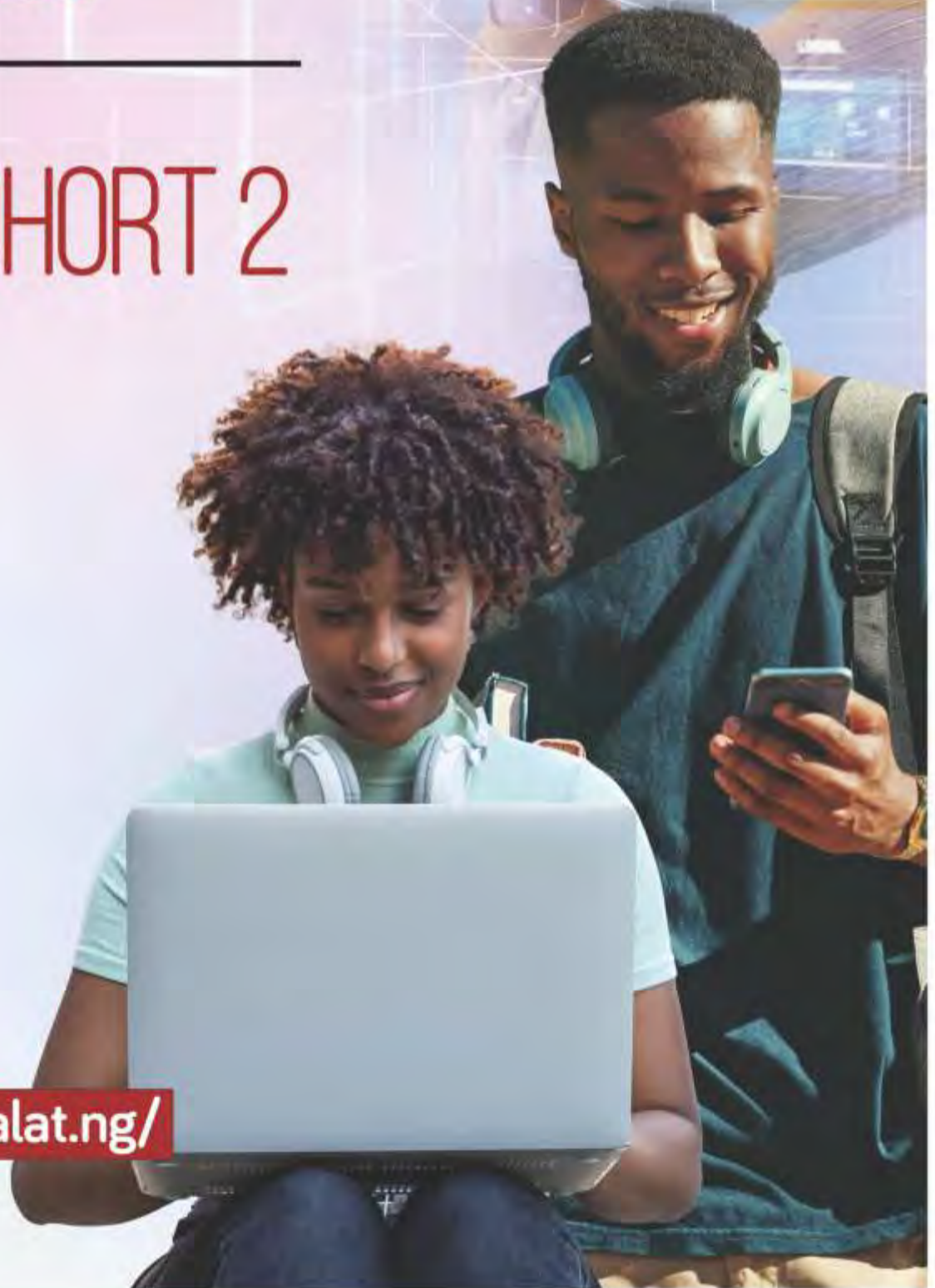


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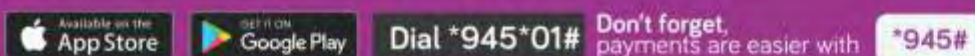


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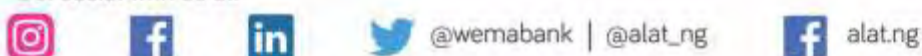


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"In the past days, we have watched with keen interest, most especially, in the social media, the mobilization for the protest, laced with bitterness, hate speeches, hostility divisiveness and threats to citizens with contrary opinions," it said.

The party noted that the mass destruction of public and private assets during the Endsars protest which started as a harmless demonstration remains fresh in our memory.

"The loss of targeted critical infrastructure across various sectors set our dear state back by decades and in billions. We urge the government at the federal, state and local levels to remain sensitive, attentive, receptive and responsible to the yearnings of our terming population, most especially the youth, in order to continue to engender confidence and uphold its onerous constitutional responsibility to protect the lives and property of all and sundry. We're not unmindful of the political undertones with the otherwise moribund opposition fanning the embers of blood letting to soothe their bruised ego as a result of losing the last national elections. We take solace in the assurance that patriotic Nigerians will not be deceived into avoidable carnage by people with



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ulterior motives," it said.

The party appealed to the security agencies to uphold the best professional standards to forestall any unpleasant development. "We, as a party, will are duty bound to fulfill our part of the social contract with the citizens who have graciously entrusted us with the mandate," it said.

Students of various tertiary institutions in Lagos State on Tuesday have distanced themselves from the planned national protest by some Nigerians, tagged '#EndBadGovernanceinNigeria,' scheduled for August 1 to 10 to draw the attention of President Bola Tinubu's administration to the plight

of Nigerians, hunger, and rising cost of living in the country.

Also kicking against the protest are students under the aegis of the National Association of Nigerian Students (NANS) in Lagos, who had promised to rather embark on a "Solidarity Walk" to encourage the state government.

The student leaders across tertiary institutions in Lagos State said their solidarity walk would also be held from August 1 to 10 to drum for peace, especially to ensure that the ugly incident of #EndSARS of 2020 does not repeat itself.

The Chairman, National Association of Nigerian

Students (NANS), Lagos axis, Comrade Lekan Alimi, who addressed journalists on behalf of the students of various tertiary institutions in Lagos State, described the planned nationwide protests against the touted hardship in the country as "absolutely uncalled for."

He said, "In these trying times, it is crucial that we remember the importance of stability, peace, and constructive dialogue in achieving our collective goals. Given these significant contributions and the progress we have witnessed, we strongly state that we are not in support of any protest against the government in Lagos. We

understand the frustrations and challenges faced by many, but we must also recognise the advancements and opportunities that have been provided to cushion the economic effect on the nation, and we hope other states can emulate the Lagos State Government.

Also speaking, Chairman, National Female Students Association of Nigeria (Lagos chapter), Comrade Titilayo Ekundayo, said female students in Lagos State will shun any form of protest. "Lagos has been in peace and will continue to be in peace. We students are saying no to protest in Lagos State. We appreciate Governor Sanwo-Olu for giving opportunities to women in the state, and we female students will shun any form of protest."

However, the Pan Yoruba sociocultural group, Afenifere has supported the planned protest but reservation that it must be peaceful.

The Publicity Secretary of the Pa Ayo Adebajo faction of Afenifere, Justice Faloye said that Nigerians have the right to protest and on that ground the body would be supporting a peaceful protest to tell the government that Nigerians are hungry.

Afenifere has always led the call for economic and political restructuring of the

state, adding "Palliative cannot resolve everything. Anywhere in the world, whenever government away subsidy people rise to challenge it and right from the days of Ali must go, Nigerians had been challenging bad policies," he said.

Faloye explained that 90 per cent of the small and medium enterprises rely on petrol to work but with subsidy removal, things had gone worse. "How do you want people to survive. We knew the implications of this policy. The protest is an organic reaction. We support anybody who wants to protest. In about 66 countries where their economies are like the present situation in Nigeria, people protest. We support peaceful protest not violent ones. We understand a protest is coming up but we don't want violence," he said.

According to Faloye, it is the government policy that is endangering the polity. We cannot say people should remain hungry. Tinubu should restructure the economy and stop running colonial economy.

"Afenifere believes in social welfarism but this government is operating liberal economy. The youths are entrapped. Economic and political restructuring is urgently needed," he said.



Faloye



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LASUTECH To Partner LSMTL On research

... To Commence Aggressive Actions Against Substandard Steel Coming To Lagos

The Lagos State Materials Testing Laboratory Agency (LSMTL) is set to commence a Research Educational system to enhance undergraduates' learning process in the Engineering development field. The symbiotic liaison is targeted at establishing a Materials Testing

Office within the premises of the Lagos State University of Science and Technology, Ikorodu Campus, as an educational fortress to conduct research on Soil, Steel, Concrete, Water, Cables and Plumbing techniques. Welcoming a delegation led by the Dean, College of Engineering LASUTECH, Dr.

Yakubu Bankole to the Agency recently, the General Manager of LSMTL, Engr. Olayinka Abdul disclosed that for Engineering learning processes to be well established, there is a need to stimulate a research scheme which is well-rooted towards practical experiences. She said, "This collaboration is a learning process on the job to pattern the

wealth of knowledge acquisition towards development that is at par with International best practices. This impactful initiative will invoke a form of professionalism that will stimulate consistent research ideology towards a total rebranding of our processes for optimal customers' safety in averting building collapse". While deliberating on

the Module of Understanding being proposed for the initiative, the General Manager informed that the Agency will commence a stringent strategy against substandard steel materials coming into Lagos State, as measures to curb episodes of building collapse across the State. According to the Dean, College of Engineering,

LASUTECH, Dr. Yakubu Bankole Engineering should advance a synergy of experts towards a progressive Lagos State, with grassroots people accessible to resources and dividends of democracy for development.

He averred that the trend of development across settlements requires the Government's presence using durable infrastructures which students are being trained in maintaining through research processes and collaboration.

Still speaking, Dr. Yakubu stated that the initiative proffers first-hand information to students using the workspace environment of LSMTL as a case study, thus conducting practical engineering through such dynamism.



Health Service Commission Holds Retreat, Tasks Medical Directors

The Lagos State Health Service Commission (HSC) recently held its Y2024 Second Quarter Forum for Medical Directors in all the State General Hospitals with a call for excellent performance in their various duties.

The Chairman of the Commission, Dr. (Mrs.) Atinuke Onayiga, who made the call in her address at the event held at the Lagos Continental Hotel Victoria Island, charged the Medical Directors to always learn to do better in all situations and in such a way that it will become a legacy for them. She equally enjoined them to uphold the highest standard of excellence, reminding them that people are watching them and mindful of all their activities. The Chairman told them to align their expectations with that of the Commission's. "Do not be vindictive or hit back on people. You are a mirror and the legacy you leave behind is what matters", she said.

Dr. Onayiga further encouraged them to be compassionate in the discharge of their duties and to be sensitive to their surroundings and work environment by finding out who matters, within and outside the hospital community. To the new Medical Directors, the Chairman urged them to understand the territory that they find themselves in, stressing that they must discover it, explore it, scope it and never disrupt the ecosystem, but manage it the best way they can to give them the needed results". In her words, "It is necessary for you to foster healthy collaboration, to avoid enviable rancour within the ranks, to prioritise continuous learning and never be a know-it-all type, to

develop the ability to accommodate other opinions, embrace digitalisation process, avoid conflict of interest, as well as being good at conflict resolution and not allowing conflict to linger unnecessarily, but to escalate to HSC for proper handling".

In his lecture titled: "MD as CEO", the Permanent Secretary of HSC, Dr. Ademuyiwa Benjamin Eniyewun noted that the so-called Leadership Management takes wisdom and courage, as extreme management is not for "rookies". He reminded them that as CEO, they are called to do extreme management, to lead, and to lead very well, as all things they do, as leaders have consequences.

Speaking further, the Permanent Secretary advised them to display



leadership qualities that involve humility, courage, integrity, pedigree, vision, empathy, and wisdom. He told them to engage in self-management, build teams, build platforms, promote staff involvement and not be naive as MDs. While advising them on

the "dos and don'ts" of a Medical Director, Eniyewun enjoined them to avoid pitfalls in the line of duty but to instead build oases, where everyone comes in and be blessed. "You should always find a way to stabilise the situation, to make

progress, as well as not forgetting staff welfare which is the soul of business", the PS urged. Dignitaries present at the forum included the Lagos State First Lady, Dr. (Mrs.) Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu; Dr. Olumuyiwa Adetokunbo Solanke

(Commissioner 1); Dr. Mobolaji Ayotunde Olukoya (Commissioner 2); Navy Commodore Olaniyi Oladapo and the Coordinator School of Anaesthetic Studies, Badagry, Dr. Olaniyi Olajide Oladapo, among others.

DSVA Takes Advocacy To Agbado Oke-Odo Against SGBV

Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (DSVA) has reiterated its resolve to curb Sexual Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) through strategic and behavioural mindset adjustment programmes, sensitisation and training of all relevant stakeholders in the community of Agbado Oke-Odo Local Government.

The Executive Secretary of DSVA, Mrs. Titilola Vivour-Adeniyi, speaking at an awareness programme, tagged: "Man Wey Sabi", organised by the Agency for residents/traders at Amikanle Market, Agbado Oke-Odo, noted that the initiative was designed to address gender stereotypes in Lagos.

Vivour-Adeniyi, who spoke through Mr. Damilare Adewusi, a Director in the Agency, added that the primary objective is to spread the message in a spirited manner, challenging stereotypes

... Holds "Men Wey Sabi" Campaign At Amikanle Market

regarding men's involvement in childcare and the essence of partnership which brokers peace in marriage. Speaking further, she emphasised the need to collectively take responsibility for women empowerment and

enjoined the community leaders and residents of the Agbado Oke-Odo market and its environs to champion gender equality. The campaign addressed men's undeniable roles in promoting lasting partnerships and ending

domestic and sexual violence in marriages. An entertaining cooking competition, generously sponsored by Power Oil Nigeria Limited, was held to showcase the culinary expertise of men in the kitchen as part of the advocacy.

The winner of the cooking competition, Mr. Ajewole Busayo appreciated the Agency for bringing the initiative to Amikanle Market, Agbado Oke-Odo Local Government and called on men to be good supporters to their spouses at home.



LASEPA Takes Greening Advocacy To Tertiary Institutions

... Inaugurates LASUCOM Green Hub Ambassadors

As part of the efforts to combat the menace of climate change and reduce greenhouse effects in the State, the Lagos State Government through its Environmental Protection Agency (LASEPA) has taken its environmental sustainability and green Lagos advocacy to tertiary institutions across the State. The State government stated that the move became necessary to place the youths at the centre of its various advocacy programmes on environmental sustainability, especially the fight against climate change and its attendant greenhouse effects.

LASEPA General Manager, Dr Tunde Ajayi stated this at the weekend while inaugurating the Green Hub ambassadors at the Lagos State University College of Medicine LASUCOM, Ikeja. He

charged the students to be the champions of the greener Lagos project towards protecting the environment against all forms of degradation for a better future and sustainable development.

He commended the Lagos State University Medical Students Association (LASUMSA) for partnering with LASEPA in the journey to a greener and cleaner Lagos, adding that a clean and sustainable environment is crucial to a greater Lagos initiative.

Ajayi averred that the initiative organised under the theme: "The Role of Youths in Sustainable Environmental Practices", is aimed at empowering students to actively engage as stewards of the environment by actively participating in various environmentally sustainable programmes such as tree planting, waste sortings, recycling and pollution control among

others.

The General Manager, who was represented at the event by the Executive Assistant to Governor Sanwo-Olu on Environmental Protection Matters, Ms Adebowale Tolulope, highlighted the urgency for environmental sustainability, stressing the need for transition from a linear to a circular economy to preserve natural resources and reduce pollution.

He urged the students to imbibe recycling, waste sortings, reuse, energy efficiency, water conservation and tree planting as critical components of environmental sustainability practices, adding that the State government is empowering the youth to lead the charge towards a better and sustainable climate.

In his remarks, Senior Special Assistant to Governor Sanwo-Olu on Tertiary Institutions, Mr. Adewunmi Adeola emphasised the role of educational institutions in fostering environmental consciousness through curriculum integration and community engagement.

He highlighted initiatives such as tree planting and recycling campaigns as avenues for Universities to lead by example in environmental sustainability.

Also speaking, Governor Sanwo-Olu's Special Assistant on Students' Union Affairs, Mr. Kappo Samuel expressed gratitude to LASEPA for championing environmental sustainability and urged greater youth involvement in environmental clean-up and advocacy efforts.

He assured the State government of the tertiary institutions' students' commitment to government policies on green and



sustainable environmental practices, noting that the effort would help to secure a better and improved environment for the future generation.

The Coordinator of the

programme and Head of the Partnership & Grants Management Department at LASEPA, Dr. Bukola Olisa explained that students' involvement in sustainable environmental practices is

critical to giving success to the scheme since youths are the future leaders of the country.

A notable highlight of the event was the inauguration of the LASUCOM Green

Hub Ambassadors and the planting of trees by students, top government officials and the representatives of the University community.

Allocation of Homes Is Transparent, Open-Commissioner

... Urges Residents To Support State Government In Maintaining Facilities

Lagos State Government has assured residents of the State-owned housing estates of transparency and openness in allocations of homes.

The Commissioner for Housing, Hon. Moruf Akinderu-Fatai disclosed this recently during a stakeholder's forum organised for residents of Lagos State Government-Owned Housing Estates in Ikorodu division, Akinderu-fatai said that the forum was organised to enlighten the residents on the workings of the State Government and also direct the residents to approach the Facility Manager in case of any complaint or observation on any issues that concerns their Estate.

The Commissioner, who was represented

by the Ministry's Permanent Secretary, Engr. Abdulhafis Toriola, stressed the need for residents to comply with all guidelines as stated in their letter of allocation as this will serve as a guide to them.

He also advised the residents to pay their Annual Service Charge, Sinking Fund, Special Levy and Insurance Premium promptly as at when due, in accordance to with the Deed of Memorandum of Understanding signed by both parties, adding that failure to comply will lead to revocation of the home unit allocation.

According to him, "We are thrilled with the success of this forum and the commitment shown by all stakeholders, we look forward to continued collaboration and

improvement in the living conditions of our housing estates. Your feedback on the issue is germane to the development and growth of the estate and it will be highly welcome as the Ministry is poised for serving its residents/allottees better".

The Commissioner added that the aim Governor Sanwo-Olu's administration is to develop a conducive Estate with proper infrastructure, comparable to modern cities and habitable for Lagosians. "We are gathered here to listen to your thoughts and feedbacks to help us improve on our strategy. The infrastructure on the Estates should be guarded and protected as your own property". The Residents

expressed appreciation for the forum and the willingness of Government officials to listen and act on their concerns and promise to support the Government to ensure the desired peace and harmony prevail in the Estate.

The Stakeholders' forum had in attendance facilitators in the Health Sector, Environmental Services, Fire and Safety Rescue Services and Insurance Broker as well as LASACO Assurance PLC, who spoke on issues of importance to the living condition in the Estates.

The forum also brought together Residents, Government officials, Estate Facility managers, and other stakeholders to discuss issues and explore solutions.

The Lagos State Government has reiterated its commitment to continue to take the sanitation advocacy campaign round the state until residents imbibe the culture of good environmental sanitation and hygienical practices. Addressing traders and residents at Alamutu Market, Idi-Oro Mushin during the community-based Sanitation Exercise/Sensitisation, the Special Adviser on Environment, Engr. Olakunle Rotimi-Akodu said maintaining a clean environment is a must for all residents to keep all types of disease at bay. Rotimi-Akodu, who was accompanied by the Permanent Secretary, Office of Environmental Services, Omobolaji Gaji and Permanent Secretary, Office of Drainage Services, Engr. Mahamood Adegbite and Managing Director of

Lagos Will Ensure Success of Sanitary Advocacy

LAWMA, Dr Muiyiwa Gbadegesin, had earlier engaged in cleaning the drainage on Agege Motor Road by desilting it and was immediately carted away a waste truck. He explained that the clean-up exercise is a follow-up to Mr. Governor's pronouncement on Community-based Sanitation, saying the environment must be clean and the food handling process must also be hygienic to ensure the socio-economic well-being of all residents. Addressing the traders further at Alamutu market on the state of the environment, Akodu reminded them that the market was shut down late last year as

a result of the unsanitary habits, advising the traders to clean the market and environs and evacuate the heaps of refuse immediately. In his words, "As we all know all forms of diseases are spread through contaminated water and food that are results of unhygienic and poor sanitation practices such as open defecation, poor waste management and poor personal hygiene amongst others. As such our Sanitation Exercise should be an everyday practice and not only on Thursdays". He averred that the community sanitation advocacy is a continuous exercise that will

move across the 57 LG/LCDAs as well as public spaces and markets amongst others with the aim of sustainable good sanitation practices amongst the people.

The Special Adviser said the state is embarking on this advocacy campaign to ensure that the citizens voluntarily embrace the culture continuity, adding that if there is no positive change Government may consider a reintroduction of the monthly environmental sanitation exercises. The Permanent Secretary, Office of Environmental Services, Dr. Omobolaji Gaji said the exercise was to

create awareness among the residents on the importance of sanitation practices as a veritable means of controlling and preventing communicable diseases.

"If we deal with the environment properly, the environment will also treat us right and our life span will surely be increased", he said. Hajia, therefore, charged all residents to take care of their environment by cleaning it always and ensuring to whistleblow on anyone engaging in unsanitary behaviours as the government cannot be everywhere. The Managing Director of LAWMA, Dr. Muiyiwa

Gbadegesin noted that part of the essence of the exercise is to ensure that every house in Lagos owns a waste bin and residents should always patronise the PSP operators and not the cart pushers.

He said if all residents keep their environment clean always and bear in mind the importance of good sanitation practices in the state, the exercise would improve the economic activities across the metropolis.

Areas visited include Agege Motor Road, Alamutu Market, Idi-Oro, Labinjo Street, Adeyanju Street and Makinde Street all in the Mushin Local Government Area.



Lagos Govt Reiterates Commitment To Lagosians' Well-Being

... Urges Citizens' Participation in Budget Preparation Process



Ope George

The Lagos State government at the weekend reiterated its commitment to the well-being of residents as the preparation for the 2025 budget process begins.

The Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Ope George emphasised this during a media chat about the Y2025 Budget preparation process, urging residents to actively participate by attending and contributing meaningfully at the scheduled venues.

He mentioned that virtual attendance has been arranged to ensure all interested members of the public can participate. George highlighted the importance of citizen engagement in the budget process, noting that many government programmes stem from yearly consultation forums.

In his words, "First, we want Lagosians to know that it is their process; we want them to be involved. You can register for physical attendance in various areas or log on online and participate by sending an email to budget@lagosstate.gov.ng to indicate your interest. We are starting on Tuesday at Eko Club in the Lagos

division, moving on to Agidingbi in the Ikeja division, then to the Ikorodu Town Hall, followed by Epe and Badagry".

Explaining the budget preparation process, he said, "When we are doing our budget process, we plan three years ahead. Every three years, we know what is coming in and what is going out. We review our past performance and set expectations for the next two to three years, making it a continuous process".

Regarding the balance between infrastructural projects and citizens' well-being, he said it is essential to push for big infrastructure projects and deliver them while also focusing on social protection, stressing that with the current economic situation, ensuring the well-being of the people is crucial.

He said, "We are going through our mid-year review, and we also conduct quarterly reviews. In the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, we monitor month-to-month progress. In terms of revenues, we are doing well, raising our revenues and completing

projects. Our budget prioritises capital expenditure, which helps reduce the cost of governance. Overall, as a state, we have done well, but there is always room for improvement. We aim to increase our revenues, both from internal and other sources".

On ongoing projects and those nearing completion, he averred that the government is close to 85-86 percent completion on the Opebi-Mende-Ojota link bridge, which will significantly improve the Toyin Street, Allen-Opebi area. The Ikeja urban regeneration programme is also close to 85 percent completed. The Blue Line is being extended, and the Red Line is progressing in phases.

"Recently, the Governor launched 15 48-seater capacity ferries, all built locally in Lagos, creating job opportunities. The Ounje Eko (food bank) initiative was highly successful, Mr. Governor also recently cleared all pension backlogs, ensuring that we are fully up-to-date, which was a significant concern for pensioners during previous forums", he added,

FG, Lagos, NGO Unveil New "Jigi Bola"

The Federal Ministry of Health (FMOH) & Social Welfare and Lagos State Ministry of Health in collaboration with Onesight Essilorluxottica Foundation has recently flagged off the 'Effective Spectacle Coverage Initiative Nigeria JIGI BOLA 2.0' and Launch of the First Vision Centre in Alimosho General Hospital for increase access to eye care in the country.

Speaking during the event, Dr. Oteri Okolo, National Coordinator of the National Eye Health Programme (NEHP) said the initiative was put together to improve and ensure easy access to eye care in the country.

Okolo said the programme, which was an initiative of President Bola Tinubu and implemented by the Federal Ministry of Health, was tagged: "Jigi Bola 2.0: Let Nigerians See".

According to Okolo, an Ophthalmologist, over

800 million people globally have refractive errors or vision impairments.

Furthermore, an estimated of over 400 billion dollars is lost every year in productivity as a result of poor vision and that is why the Federal Ministry of Health alongside the State Ministry of Health has partnered with Onesight to increase access to eyeglasses for all Nigerians who needs it in respective of their ages.

In a similar vein, Prof Akin Abayomi, the Lagos State Commissioner for Health commended the initiative aimed at strengthening the state's capacity for efficient eye care delivery at the grassroots.

The Commissioner, who was represented by Dr Ayodapo Soyinka, the Medical Director/CEO of the Alimosho General Hospital, Igando, said the collaboration between the FMOH, NEPH and Onesight would promote

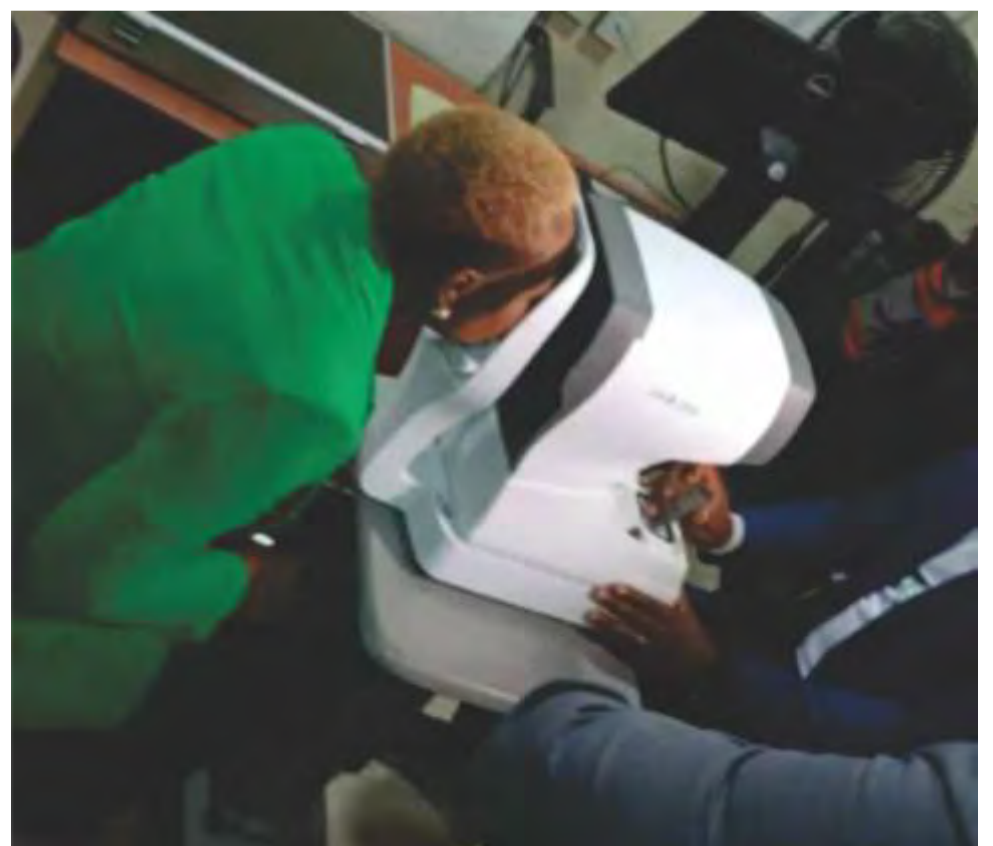
sustainable access to quality care within the health system.

He said, "Apart from the inauguration of the vision centre, the foundation also provided consumables to the hospital that will last for a year to make the service free for everyone with eye defects to access care.

Speaking also, Mr. Anurag Hans, the President of Onesight Essilorluxottica Foundation said the organisation was committed to solving the problem of various eye impairments globally.

Hans said that eye impairments are the largest disability in the world, noting that two-thirds of the world population could not see clearly.

"We plan to create this access to millions of Nigerians by the end of this year by working with our partners to prevent permanent vision loss in rural areas in Nigeria", Hans said.



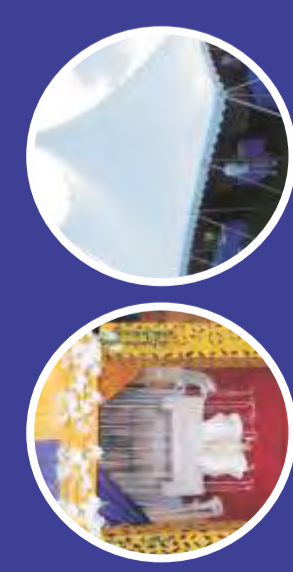


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Lagos Education District III Rewards Outstanding Staff

Tutor - and inspire dreams, and General/Permanent Secretary (TGPS), Education District III, Dr. (Mrs.) Idowu Olufunke Oyetola has celebrated the teachers and staff of the District for their excellence, outstanding achievements as well as significant contributions to the teaching profession in Lagos state. Oyetola made this known at the 20th Annual Merit Award and Honours Day ceremony for the outstanding staff of the Lagos State Education District III held recently at the Lagos State Model College, Badore with the theme: "Teachers as Superheroes; Integrating and Innovating the Future of 21st Century Quality Education". The Permanent Secretary stated that the event was to highlight the remarkable talents, dedication and hard work of individuals who had gone above and beyond in their respective areas, and not just their successes but also their passion and perseverance. She added that teachers shape the minds and hearts of the students, instil values

and inspire dreams, and that teachers are the beacon of light that guide through the tunnel of ignorance to the brightness of knowledge and enlightenment. Dr. Oyetola appreciated the Governor of Lagos State and the Commissioner of Basic and Secondary Education for their vision and unwavering support, stating that huge investments in the Education sector of the State had created a dynamic learning environment that inspires creativity and innovation among students and teachers. She praised the Sanwo-

Olu administration for providing housing units for teachers in schools located in remote areas in Imota and Agbowa in Epe LGA. She also lauded the teachers in the District for their overarching commitment in the 2023 academic session, stating that selecting the recipients of the awards was a daunting task as all the teachers were outstanding. Dr. Oyetola, however, encouraged the teachers who did not win any prize not to relent in their efforts or rest on their oars as

continuous improvement is the key to lasting success, reminding them that they are the builders of dreams, the bearers of knowledge and the guardians of our future. The award for the Best Principal in the senior secondary school category went to Umar Ajikobi Azumi Ajoke of Lagos State Model Senior College, Badore, Ajah while the junior secondary school category award went to Atete Daye Bisola Titilayo of Elemoro Community Junior High School, Ibeju Lekki. The award for Best Teacher in the senior

secondary school category was given to Mr Kassim Yusuf Adegboyega, Epe Girls Senior High School, Epe. Popoola Tosin Rebecca of Temu Community Junior High School won the award in the junior secondary school category. The awards for the Best School in the senior and junior secondary school categories were given to Lagos State Model Senior College, Agbowa, and Elemoro Community Junior High School Ibeju-Lekki respectively. Dignitaries present at the event included the Chairman of Ibeju Lekki

Local Government Engr. Abdullai Olowa; Guest Speaker Dr. Olumuyiwa Viatonu (Associate Professor LASUED); Permanent Secretary, TESCO, Mrs. Iyabo Seriki-Bello; Tutor-General/Permanent Secretary, Education District IV, Prince Olusegun Osinaike; HRM Oba Hafeez Olakunle Badiru, Elejigbo of Langbasa; Olu of Sangotedo, HRM Akorede Olufunmi; Dr. (Mrs.) Abiose Ayandele, immediate TG/PS Education District III and representatives of Vcare for Development Foundation among others.



CDR Sensitises Fluorescent Secondary School Pupils on Child Right Law



The Director of Citizens Rights, Ministry of Justice, Ms. Adetutu Oshinusi has noted that it is inspiring to see young minds taking an active interest in understanding their rights and the laws that protect them. The Director remarked during the visit by the students of Fluorescent Secondary School to the Directorate for Citizens Rights under the Lagos Ministry of Justice to understudy the Child Rights Law of the State at the Secretariat, Alausa, Ikeja. Oshinusi stated that the Directorate is responsible for implementing the State Government policy to

provide access to justice, quickly and freely to all residents of Lagos State via Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). "The general objective of the Directorate is to actively raise the awareness of the indigents in Lagos State on their fundamental rights as enshrined in the Nigerian Constitution and encourage consumer consciousness and also create a veritable tool for citizens to express their fears and expectations", she said. The Director further explained that various initiatives and programmes have been put in place by the State Government, targeted at protecting children's

rights, especially the Child Rights Law enacted to ensure that children enjoy special care, assistance and social protection. Commending the initiative of the school authorities to visit the Ministry, hoping that it would set a precedent for other schools, she opined that the law allows children to enjoy special care and assistance, as well as social protection which will equally foster their socio-economic welfare and enhance the successful building of the nation. Also speaking, the Deputy Director, Mrs. Anthonia Oredipe of the Child Rights Law in Lagos State has been

designed to protect and promote the rights and welfare of children in the State. She mentioned that some key rights and provisions in the Child Rights Law of Lagos State include the Right to Education, Right to Freedom of Expression, Right to Name and Nationality, Right to Health and Healthcare Services and Right to Survival and Development, amongst others. Oredipe further explained that services provided by the Directorate are free regardless of age, gender, social status or religious beliefs. She advised the students to spread the knowledge gained during the

interactive session against discrimination, child abuse and infringement of children's rights. The Social Welfare Officer attached to the Directorate, Mr. Adedeji Henry said that social workers play a crucial role in the implementation and enforcement of the Child Rights Law. "Some of these roles include Advocacy and Awareness, Child Protection, Case Management, Foster Care and Adoption, Support for the Vulnerable, Psychosocial Support amongst others", he added. Henry also noted that to ensure children's rights are protected and

promoted across various domains, the Directorate has collaborated with other stakeholders to create a safe and supportive environment for all children in Lagos State. In her remarks, the Civic Education Teacher at Fluorescent Secondary School, Mrs. Solomon highlighted the importance of the visit, stating that the visit aims to educate the students beyond the classroom. Understanding the Child Rights Law is crucial for their development as responsible citizens who are aware of their rights and responsibilities. "We are immensely grateful to the Lagos State Government, Ministry of Justice and the Directorate of Citizens Rights for welcoming our students and providing them with such valuable learning experience. The insights gained today will undoubtedly shape their understanding of justice and their roles in upholding it", she said. Whilst extending her gratitude, a student of Fluorescent Secondary School, Oludemi Anjola said that the experience has been incredibly enlightening and has deepened their understanding of the Child Rights Law and its importance in society.

Lagos Govt Tasks Riverine Communities To Protect School Infrastructure

The State Commissioner for Basic and Secondary Education, Mr. Jamiu Tolani Alli-Balogun has enjoined community leaders in riverine areas of the state to protect education infrastructure in their communities for the benefit of school-age children. He reiterated Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu's administration's plan to build more schools and technical skill acquisition centres, especially in rural areas, and identified underserved communities. The Commissioner

stated this during a recent visit in the company of Mr Tolani Sule, the Commissioner for Tertiary Education and Dr. Oreoluwa Finnih, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Sustainable Development Goals for schools in the riverine areas of Ojo and Oto Awori areas of Lagos State. He assured the community leaders that the request for more education infrastructure will be addressed in line with the Administration's THEMES Plus Agenda and the Ministry's crusade not to leave any child behind. Given the

need to empower the youths, a Skill Acquisition Centre will be considered for the communities to stem rural-urban migration and provide jobs for the youths. Alli-Balogun, however, called on the community leaders to



support government interventions by ensuring existing infrastructure is protected against theft

and any form of vandalism, just as he appreciated the efforts of the Headteachers and the dedication of the school teachers, which

ensures teaching and learning continues in the two schools visited. Baale of Taafi Awori, Mr. Babatunde Wasiu Ilufemiloye assured the

team that they will ensure proper usage of the infrastructure and that it will also be secured.

Commissioner Unveils Waste Management Plans

The Lagos State Commissioner for the Environment and Water Resources, Mr. Tokunbo Wahab has unveiled plans to radically improve the waste management system in the state.

He disclosed this recently while speaking at a Waste to Energy Summit, themed, "Driving Environmental Sustainability", organised by Rack Centre in partnership with the NYSC Community Development Service (CDS), at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Ikeja.

In his keynote address at the event which brought together key stakeholders to discuss sustainable solutions to waste management challenges, Wahab, who was represented by the Managing Director/CEO of the Lagos Waste Management Authority (LAWMA), Dr. Muyiwa Gbadegehin, emphasised the need for proper dumpsite management to mitigate environmental hazards. "When Olusosun was established, it was

... Says LASG Set To Build Waste-To-Energy Plants At Olusosun, Epe, Badagry



actually on the outskirts, but development caught up with it. There's a lot of pressure on solid waste management, which is why we are working on reducing the amount of waste dumped on the Olusosun landfill through recycling initiatives", he explained.

He further outlined LAWMA's strategic plans to transform waste management in the state, by focusing

more on recycling, introducing various initiatives such as development of compost and biogas plants, to reduce the volume of waste going to landfills.

"We are working on developing composting and biogas plants on the site. The future state is that we are going to decommission the Olusosun landfill; we are already in the process.

Decommissioning the

dumpsite is necessary to address long-term environmental and health impacts. In doing this, we are going to comply with international best practices", he stressed.

The Commissioner also announced plans to establish waste-to-energy plants across the state, saying "Waste-to-energy plants will be established at the Epe dumpsite. The plan is to have three waste-to-energy plants in the

state at Badagry, Epe, and Olusosun. We are exploring other alternatives to be used as landfills since we are working on shutting down the Olusosun landfill".

Dolapo Olaoluwa, the convener of the summit and a serving corps member, said he envisioned a gathering of key stakeholders to discuss solutions to the challenges posed by the Olusosun dumpsite and other waste management issues, as a way of contributing meaningfully to the community where he was serving.

Mr. Adetayo Odusole, Head Sustainability Coordination, Rack Centre, expressed their enthusiasm for sponsoring the event, noting that Rack Centre was pleased to support the initiative as it aligned with their goals of achieving a sustainable environment in the state, emphasising that achieving this required a collective effort.

Other speakers at the summit included Ezekiel Egboye, Founding Executive and Chief Operating Officer, Rack Centre; Jide Onakoya, Chief Operating Officer, Elektron; Professor Emmanuel O. Ogolo, Professor of Atmospheric Physics (represented); Dr. Victor Abimbola Onifade, senior lecturer of Urban and Regional Planning; Olaide Ayodele-Taiwo, Assistant Chief Scientific Officer at the National Environmental Standards and Regulations Enforcement Agency (NESREA) and Yetunde Baderinwa, NYSC State Coordinator, Lagos State.

The high point of the event was a panel discussion, where the stakeholders and experts discussed sustainable solutions to waste management challenges in the state.

Police Arraign Man Over Car Fraud

By Felix Kuyinu

The Lagos Police Command on Monday arraigned a 49-year-old car dealer, Ibrahim Yakubu, in a Badagry Chief Magistrates' Court over alleged fraud. The defendant, whose address is not given, is standing trial on two-count charge of fraud and stealing. He, however, pleaded not guilty to the charges. The prosecutor, Insp Edet Ekpo, told the court that the defendant committed the offences on December 2022, at about 10.00.a.m, at No 98, Timmy Jas, Agelaso, Badagry, Lagos. Ekpo said that the defendant allegedly

obtained the sum of N1,150,000 million from Pan John, the complainant under the pretence of buying one Toyota Corolla car for him. The prosecutor said the defendant converted the money to his own use by stealing. The offences, he said, contravened Sections 314 and 287 of the Criminal Law of Lagos state, 2015. The Chief Magistrate, Mr A. J. Aina granted the defendant bail in the sum of N300,000 each with two sureties in like sum. He said that the sureties should be gainfully employed. Aina adjourned the case until Aug. 18, for hearing.



72-Year Old Man Remanded For Raping Minor

By Felix Kuyinu



A septuagenarian, Patrick Ukpenor has is remanded at the Kirikiri Correctional Centre over an alleged sexual assault on a six year old girl. Ukpenor is confined at the correctional center untill August 3 for re-arraignment.

During his initial trial on Thursday at the Ikeja Magistrates' Court, the suspect was accused of committing the act on July 4 at Amutu Street, Ilasamaja, Lagos. Police Posecutor, Inspector John Iberedem, stated that

the defendant's act contravened the provisions of Sections 261 ,263(1)of the Criminal Laws of Lagos State, 2015. Magistrate Ejiro Kubeinje, jettisoned the suspect's plea and adjourned case for further hearing.

Magistrate Remands Man Over Theft

Magistrate Linda Balogun has remanded a suspect who is on trial for allegedly stealing property worth N880,000. The 23-year-old accused, Daniel Okoh, was arraigned at the Yaba Magistrates' Court where the Magistrate ordered his remand and adjourned the case till August 3 for facts and sentencing. Okoh is standing on trial on a two-count charge of conspiracy and theft. The Prosecutor, Insp Chekwube Okeh, mentioned that Okoh and one other still at large committed the offences on June 28 at Morning Side Hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos.



The prosecutor further mentioned that the duo made way into the premises of the hotel by jumping through the fence and stole a bottle of Rémy Martin, one bottle of Martell and five mobile phones, all valued at N880,000. Okeh said that clips on a Closed-Circuit-Television, CCTV showed the gang while jumping through into another building. The

suspect was caught while his accomplice escaped with the items. The prosecutor said that the offences contravened Sections 287 and 411 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015. Section 287 and 411 prescribes three and two year imprisonment punishment respectively against offenders.

The Lagos State House of Assembly, LAHA, has promised to investigate activities concerning the Coastal Road construction in Okun-Ajah community of Eti-Osa Local Government.

This is sequel to a protest by residents in the area who boisterously marshalled themselves into the Assembly premises in Alausa Ikeja noting that the initial promise of keeping up with the 2006 alignment is feared to be abandoned, an act which will lead to negative results in the community.

A leader in the community, Yussuf Olatunji, said: "Our agitation is for the Minister of Works to keep to the 2006 Coastal road alignment."

"In 2006, former governor and now President, Bola Tinubu, presented we the people of Okun Ajah with a Certificate of Occupancy of the community and there was a gazetted alignment for Coastal road.

"When the road started now from kilometre 0-17, they maintained the coastal road alignment in the ongoing

Lagos Assembly To Investigate Alignment Of Coastal Road Construction

By Felix Kuyinu

construction but from kilometre 17-22, which is our community, they deviated from the gazetted alignment without giving any reason.

"At the last stakeholders' meeting at Eko Hotel, the Minister for Works said it openly during a stakeholders' meeting that he would return to the 2006 Coastal road alignment but yesterday, they came into the community again and started marking new buildings that are not part of the alignment"

"You can see clearly that most of the people, who built on the Coastal road and people from Ebonyi. He is playing the ethnicity card with a federal government project in Lagos.

He added, "Our agitation is that they



should carry the Lagos State Government along in the construction of the road. There is master plan. They should maintain the 2006 alignment and stop the intimidation and harassment of residents and house owners by soldiers, who were brought into the community by officials of the Ministry of Works".

Another agitator, Memunat Ologunro, decried the deviation

from the Coastal road alignment, stating that such will lead to the community being submerged by ocean.

She said, "This an opportunity to save the community from the ocean by filling the shoreline and construct the Coastal road there.

"We have been to other countries. Their coastal roads are near the ocean. Why will you bring our own in the middle of the town."

Addressing the

remonstrators, a member of the Assembly, Honourable Femi Saheed, promised the protesters that the House will wave in to their grievances.

Saheed, lawmaker representing Kosofe Constituency 2 promised that justice will be served as the construction work begins. His said, "You are all welcome to the Lagos State House of Assembly. This is your house.

"It is always in our

culture to intervene, to intercede and to stand with the masses. You have genuine cases.

"Lagos State has a master plan. The Minister for Works told you reliably that the earmarked alignment for Coastal road is going to be maintained. We will still stand by that.

"We are going to make sure that we fight your cause and ensure that justice is served in the right way.

"Be rest assured that the critical stakeholders in your community will be duly invited to come and submit their position and with that we can come to the round table and agree on a position that will be favourable to all.

"What we do at the Lagos House is to ensure that we intercede on behalf of the people and the government. We are not going to renege on that now.

"I can assure you in the name of the Speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly that you will get justice."

Agege News

Agege Sports Club, a vibrant community-focused sports club that promotes a healthy lifestyle among its members, is set to celebrate its 10th Anniversary in a grand fashion.

The Club's Public Relations Officer, Remi Aboderin, emphasized that the upcoming anniversary event is a perfect time to honor the vision of the Board of Trustees, the dedication of the Executive Committee, and the unwavering support of the members, both locally and abroad.

These combined efforts have helped the club overcome challenges and establish itself as a prime sports and recreational hub in Agege and the surrounding areas.

Remi Aboderin noted that Agege Sports Club has consistently

Agege Sports Club plans 10th Anniversary, Fund-raising

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adhered to its core values of promoting wellness and physical fitness through sports.

He highlighted the club's Saturday Sports Clinic, which offers a range of sporting activities, including Aerobics, Football, Basketball, Lawn Tennis, and Table Tennis, as a significant factor in attracting a diverse mix of young and old, active sports enthusiasts to the club every weekend.

The 10th Anniversary Celebrations of Agege Sports Club will feature an array

of activities, including a fitness walk, a health seminar at the host community, Vetland Junior Grammar School, and a visit to orphanages.

The week-long celebration will culminate in an Anniversary Luncheon on October 26th 2024. This event will provide an opportunity to thank members, friends, and well-wishers, while also raising funds for the development of a modern complex that will serve as a hub for sports and recreational activities in the Orile Agege LCDA and the



Agege Stadium

The Badagry Local Government has pledged its support to the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) in the fight against drug abuse and trafficking.

The commitment was reaffirmed during a courtesy visit by the new Commander of the NDLEA Same Command, Mr. Dennis Owen Fingeri, to the council chairman, Olusegun Onilude.

Onilude expressed deep concern over the devastating impact of drug abuse, citing mental health issues, crime, and juvenile delinquency as major consequences.

He stressed the urgent need for a comprehensive approach involving both government and community efforts.

The council chairman emphasized the importance of mass awareness campaigns to educate the public about the dangers of

Badagry LG And NDLEA Join Forces Against Drug Abuse

By Saheed Afolabi



collaboration between the council and the NDLEA. They discussed potential areas of partnership to strengthen their efforts in combating drug-related crimes.

Following the meeting, Onilude and Commander Fingeri visited the NDLEA residential quarters in Ajara-Torikoh. The council vice-chairman, Hon. Elizabeth Pedetin Kappo, and the council manager, Sir. Asokere Sejuro Philip, were also present during the meeting.

The collaboration between the Badagry Local Government and the NDLEA is seen as a significant step in the fight against drug abuse in the region.

drug abuse.

He also called for decentralized community action to address the issue at

the grassroots level.

In response, Commander Fingeri expressed gratitude for the council's support and outlined the

NDLEA's efforts to curb the illicit drug trade.

He highlighted the agency's focus on production, importation,

exportation, sale, and trafficking of psychoactive substances.

Both officials agreed on the importance of

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Lead With Humility, Otunfodurin Advises LASUSTECH

New UCJ Executives

By Nurudeen Adebayo

The Executive Director of Media Career Development Network, Mr. Lekan Otunfodurin has urged the newly appointed executives of the Union of Campus Journalists (UCJ) at Lagos State University of Science and Technology (LASUSTECH) to lead with humility and view themselves as coworkers in the field of campus journalism rather than as superiors. Mr. Otunfodurin delivered this message on during his keynote address titled "The Role of Journalism in the Development of Every Society" at the inauguration ceremony for the UCJ executives which took place at the News Editing Studio in



the Department of Mass Communication. Emphasizing the pivotal role of journalism in societal development, Otunfodurin highlighted the prevalence of misinformation and disinformation in Nigeria and stressed the importance of accurate reporting.

He urged the new executives, who are primarily campus journalists, to actively engage in the field and not leave the work solely to non-executives.

"Journalism is a noble profession," Otunfodurin stated, expressing his disapproval of the concept of citizen journalism, comparing

it unfavorably to other professions such as law and medicine.

He encouraged the campus journalists to acquire the necessary skills to become competent professionals.

Mr. Yinka Olaito, Executive Director of the African Foundation for Young Media Professionals (AFYMP), reminded the students

about the core principles of journalism: truth, fairness, and accuracy.

He urged the new executives to serve diligently and develop skills in team building, event management, modern technologies, and fundraising, which would enhance their leadership and the association's effectiveness.

Dr. Zannu Prosper, Head of the Mass Communication Department at LASUSTECH, thanked the guests for their attendance and congratulated the new executives.

He encouraged them to apply the knowledge gained from the speakers' presentations and assured them of the department's support in their endeavors.

Mr. Gbenga Akanmu, Staff Adviser to the association, spoke on the historical impact of journalism in Nigeria, beginning in 1859 with

figures like John Jackson, and urged students to recognize the power of the pen in effecting societal change.

Habeeb Irewole, the association's new president, opened the ceremony with a speech expressing gratitude to attendees and committing to using the association to advance the campus through objective journalism.

The outgoing president, Adebayo Nurudeen, reflected on the hard work required in journalism and urged the new executives to continue building on the foundation laid by the previous team.

He emphasized the need for collective effort to elevate the association.

The event concluded with the unveiling of the new executives by the past president and a donation of books to the association by Mr. Lekan Otunfodurin.

Glo Rewards Subscribers With Glo Flex Win offer

Digital solutions company, Globacom, has launched yet another customer reward offer, tagged Glo Flex Win, through which its subscribers can play and win cash prizes.

“Subscribers will be presented with trivia questions, covering a wide range of topics from general knowledge to pop culture, and beyond. With each correct answer, they will not only accumulate points, but will also increase their chances of winning big rewards”, said Globacom, in a press statement in Lagos.

The company said subscribers will be tested on a diverse range of trivia questions in several areas of

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knowledge, explaining that Glo Flex Win is a chance for everyone to test their knowledge, with the opportunity to win fantastic prizes. It added that the new offer rewards consistent participation, unlike traditional lotteries where luck is the sole determinant. “The more a subscriber plays, the greater the odds of winning,” it explained.

“We believe that Glo Flex Win will not only foster a sense of camaraderie among our subscribers but also serve as a source of motivation and entertainment. It's a chance for them to unwind, have fun,

and even walk away with some fantastic rewards”, Globacom added.

To subscribe to the Glo Flex Win service, all a subscriber needs is to dial *20138# from

their mobile phone to select 'Flex Win' and pick any pack of their

choice, adding that the service is available to both prepaid and postpaid customers.

IFAKO NEWS

Hamzat Begins Road Rehabilitation In Obawole

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With the objective of upgrading living conditions for residents and enhancing intra-community connectivity, the Chairman of Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government Area, Prince Usman Akanbi Hamzat, has set in motion a new road rehabilitation project at Oloyede Adisa Coker Street in Obawole Area. This project aligns with the council's comprehensive road improvement strategy and is in line with the council's “HEEDS Agenda”, a



focused plan to address the infrastructural needs of the growing population.

Residents of Obawole and nearby areas can now breathe a sigh of relief as the rehabilitation of Oloyede Adisa Coker Street, a key road in the community, has finally begun. This project is a much-needed development that promises to boost the aesthetics of the neighborhood, reduce travel time for residents, and increase the value of their properties.

Echonews reports that the commencement of this road rehabilitation project marks a major

milestone in the Local Government's ongoing efforts to improve infrastructure and enhance the quality of life for its residents.

The Chairman of Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government, Prince Usman Akanbi Hamzat, has recently reassured residents that his administration remains committed to delivering quality infrastructure, as evidenced by several ongoing projects.

These projects are part of the Chairman's broader vision to position Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government as a model of infrastructural development in Lagos State.

Onigbongbo meets stakeholders, to review byelaws

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Onigbongbo Local Council Development Area in Lagos State is making strides towards updating its existing bye-laws to improve the collection of local government rates and levies in a legally

compliant manner. At a recent stakeholders' meeting organized by the Council at its Secretariat for the review of Council Bye-laws, the Chairman of Onigbongbo LCDA, Mr. Oladotun Olakanle, extended his gratitude to

the legislators, legal officer, environmental officer, and area officers for their contributions to the review process. Olakanle said, "the proposed bills contain various rules, regulations, and modalities, stipulating

different degrees of fines and penalties. As your chairman, it is my duty to ensure that our LCDA is run efficiently and effectively. These bye-laws are therefore aimed at regulating our affairs at the council and generating revenue to

provide infrastructure". "As we all know, government needs revenue to take care of its people. Unfortunately, our people are not paying the dues we need. These bills will empower our government to help our people in ways we have not done before".

Speaking further, the Council Mayor said, "our goal is to make our community a better place through effective legislation. We urge all residents to adhere to these new laws, and we warn that contraventions will attract stiff fines and penalties.

In his welcome address, Leader of the Legislative Council, Hon. Kayode Opayemi said, "we are here today to discuss the proposed bye-laws (bills) that will guide our LCDA in her drive to advance our internal revenue generation.

These bills cover a wide range of issues, including environmental sanitation, radio and television licenses, merriment and entertainment permits, foodstuff regulation, market establishment, street trading prohibition, car wash regulation, shop permits, liquor licenses, and warehouse permits".

This public hearing is an opportunity for us to come together and create inclusive and comprehensive bylaws. We want to hear from you, our citizens, and incorporate your contributions into these bills. We urge you to take advantage of this opportunity and make your voices heard.

"Let us continue to work together to build better future for ourselves and generations to come", Opayemi urged.



Ojodu LCDA Chairman Seeks Stronger Ties With Community

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The Chairman of Ojodu LCDA, Mr. Segun Odunmbaku paid a visit to Redeemed Christian Church of God's Solid Rock Parish as part of his administration's effort to strengthen the relationship between the government and the community. Odunmbaku underscored the crucial significance of fostering an interactive and collaborative relationship between the government and the people, emphasizing that the government and the church have significant roles to play in the development of

the community. He outlined key initiatives under his administration's HEYS Agenda, including the "See A Doctor" programme, which offers free surgeries for hernia, lumps and fibroids, plans for a new sports complex, a mini general hospital, a new secondary school in Ogba and ongoing free bus services for residents.

To support SMEs in the community, Mr. Segun Odunmbaku, the Chairman of Ojodu LCDA, announced an interest-free loan and grant package amounting to 20 million Naira.

He also extended an

open invitation to youth in the community to partake in vocational training programs offered by the LCDA in welding, masonry, solar technology, and Artificial Intelligence in ICT.

In a show of support for the Ojodu LCDA's mission, the Senior Pastor, Tunji Adeyinka, and visiting minister, Pastor Lanre Ayedun, warmly welcomed Chairman Odunmbaku and his team to the Solid Rock Parish.

They offered prayers and pledged their support for the administration's efforts to advance growth and development in the Ojodu LCDA community.



Ikeja Electric Talks Tough On Energy Theft

Kehinde Adeleye

Ikeja Electric Plc (IE), Nigeria's leading electricity distribution company, has issued a stern warning to potential energy thieves, stating that any individual caught in the act of energy theft will be promptly charged to court, regardless of any previous loss of revenue (LOR) penalties imposed.

During the company's July Stakeholders Forum, an educational initiative designed to improve communication between IE and its customers, the company emphasized that it would no longer tolerate energy theft and will hold offenders fully accountable for their actions through legal means.

Kingsley Okotie, Ikeja Electric's Head of Corporate Communication, decried the recent surge in energy theft, particularly after the implementation of the revised tariff on Band A feeders, highlighting the detrimental effects of this

trend on both the company and the electricity industry as a whole.

He underscored that unchecked energy theft is unsustainable, emphasizing that neither Ikeja Electric nor the electricity value chain can continue to operate if these criminal activities persist.

"The theft is massive, and the company can not guarantee meeting customer expectations if this ugly trend continues. Ironically, some perpetrators believe that if they haven't been caught, there are no consequences. This is false, and we must change the narrative," he said.

According to Mr. Okotie, the survival of the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry (NESI) depends on a unified fight against energy theft by all stakeholders. He warned that stealing electricity negatively affects the stability of

the industry as pilfering prevents the Distribution Companies (Discos) from functioning optimally.

In his words, the whistleblowing platform is a powerful tool for customers and concerned individuals to anonymously report incidents of electricity theft. The platform, managed separately from the business, guarantees complete anonymity and confidentiality to protect the identities of whistleblowers.

To reinforce the company's resolve to combat energy theft, Ikeja Electric (IE) has instituted a reward system for whistle-blowers, offering up to 10% of the reconnection fee paid by residential and small to medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) offenders and up to 5% of the reconnection fee paid by commercial and industrial offenders to persons who provide verified reports on these illegal activities.

Okotie emphasized that energy theft is a serious crime under the Electricity



Folake Soetan, CEO Ikeja Electric

Act, punishable by a jail term ranging from six months to three years.

Interfering with meters or the works of licensees carries a sentence of 3 years imprisonment. Ikeja Electric can, under the law, prosecute people and companies for the criminal offence of energy

theft.

In line with regulations stipulated by the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission (NERC), the NERC Order on unauthorized access, meter tampering, and bypass allows Discos to disconnect customers

illegally connected to their network.

Reconnection is only possible after offenders have paid for the loss of revenue by paying back-bills established by the Disco, along with reconnection costs and administrative charges.

Oladimeji becomes new Ologba

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Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, represented by Mr. Mobolaji Robert, the Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, officiated a historic ceremony that marked the installation of Oba Egbeyemi Oladimeji as the new Ologba of Ogba. Echonews reports that the momentous occasion also marked the end of a ten-year period without an official Oba in the Ogba community, situated within the Agege Local Government Area.

The significant occasion was attended by a host of dignitaries and community leaders. Governor Sanwo-Olu, represented by the Commissioner for Local Government and

Chieftaincy Affairs, Mr. Mobolaji Robert, hailed the event as a landmark moment for the community.

He expressed his heartfelt congratulations to Oba Egbeyemi Oladimeji, stating, "I rejoice with Kabiyesi and the people of this community most warmly and heartily. This is a day of joy and truly worthy of celebration. It is my hope that Kabiyesi will bring his abundant wealth of experience, exposure, and talent to bear in the discharge of his traditional duties."

Sanwo-Olu emphasized the importance of maintaining the dignity of the throne and encouraged the new traditional ruler to foster harmonious relationships with



other traditional leaders and promote peaceful coexistence with neighboring communities. "The Ogba community belongs to all, and unity is essential to protecting our shared heritage," he remarked.

In line with the

Governor's statements, Chief Ganiyu Egunjobi, Chairman of Agege Local Government, reiterated the gravity of the day and praised the significance of the ceremony.

He recognized Oba Egbeyemi as the third Ologba of Ogba, following in the

footsteps of Oba Suberu Ashade and Oba Ibrahim Sanni Ashade. He also encouraged the Ogba community to honor and cherish the legacies of the late rulers.

In his address to the new Ologba, Egunjobi advised, "Your Royal Highness, my advice to you is to see your

enthronement as a favor from God, and not an individual, because all powers belong to the Almighty."

The enthronement of Oba Egbeyemi Oladimeji marks a new chapter for the Ogba community, promising growth and stability under his leadership.

E-Call Up: Stakeholders Meet Ahead August Lekki-Epe Corridor Launch

By Mohammed Adekola

In preparation for the commencement of the e-call up system on Lekki-Epe corridor on 1st August, Lagos State Government has continued to engage Stakeholders' on the project's implementation. During a Stakeholders' meeting held in Alausa, the Commissioner for Transportation, Mr. Oluwaseun Osiyemi emphasised the initiative's importance in ensuring seamless traffic flow in the Lekki-Epe corridor. He urged Stakeholders present to disseminate the commencement information to their respective teams.



Mr. Osiyemi highlighted the Lekki-Epe zone as a major investment hub and affirmed the State Government's

commitment to preventing its deterioration. He emphasised that the collaboration of all

Stakeholders is essential for the initiative's success. He also stated that the State Government has

zero tolerance for non-compliance, and enforcement will be stringent. Special Adviser to the

Governor on Transportation, Hon. Sola Giwa encouraged full Stakeholders' collaboration in replicating the success of the e-call up system in Apapa in the Lekki-Epe zone. Permanent Secretary, Mr. Olawale Musa expressed gratitude to the Stakeholders for the commitment to the e-call up project and urged them to ensure its success. He assured that Traffic Enforcement Personnel would be on the ground to carry out full enforcement and ensure compliance. Stakeholders present contributed meaningfully to the meeting and assured their commitment to the initiative's success.

Ikosi-Ejinrin LCDA Breaks Ground For New NSCDC Office Complex

By Mohammed Adekola

Ikosi-Ejinrin LCDA Chairman, Akogun Wale Raji Anomo, performed the groundbreaking ceremony for the construction of an office complex to house a new formation of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) in the LCDA. Anomo expresses his gratitude for the support received from various stakeholders. He highlights the significance of the project, emphasizing how it will enhance security, peace, and community development in Ikosi-Ejinrin LCDA. Anomo extended heartfelt thanks to the Alayandelu of Odo-

Ayandelu for his unwavering commitment to the community's progress. He appreciates the NSCDC for recognizing Odo-Ayandelu and Ikosi-Ejinrin LCDA as suitable for having a formation and promised to give the project the needed attention in order for the security agency to commence full operation. "The establishment of this NSCDC office complex is not just a construction project, it is a symbol of our commitment to ensure the safety and security of our residents," said Anomo. "This initiative will instill confidence in prospective investors and residents, fostering an environment conducive to growth

and development. With the arrival of the NSCDC collaborating with the Police, Nigeria Army, LNSA and Gbalule, we will have an enhanced security protecting lives and property." HRM Oba (Bldr.) Asunmo Ganiyu Aderibigbe (JAMADE I) who donated the land upon which the edifice is being constructed echoed these sentiments, highlighting the project's broad benefits which is not just for Odo-Ayabeldu Community but the entire Ikosi-Ejinrin LCDA and Lagos State in general. He expressed his gratitude to the NSCDC for granting Odo-Ayandelu the privilege of being the host to such an important



security agency and also promised to donate a patrol vehicle to the corps once operation began. The monarch reassured the Commandant of the

highly hospitable, peaceful, and cooperative nature of the people of Odo-Ayandelu which is evident from the community being the

choice host to other important government projects like the LagosHoms and the permanent site of the NYSC.

Ibeju-Lekki LG Partners LSETF, Disburses N10m Loan and Grant to Beneficiaries

By Mohammed Adekola

Ibeju Lekki Local Government partner with the Lagos State Employment Trust Fund (LSETF), disbursed the first tranche of Ten Million Naira loan and grant to beneficiaries. Council Chairman, Egnr. Abdullahi Sesan Olowa, emphasize that economic empowerment is a key agenda of his administration. He noted that many



businesses have closed due to financial constraints, and this intervention aims to support small businesses and lift people out of poverty. Olowa advised beneficiaries to use the funds judiciously, as this will make them eligible for future loans and benefits. He thanked LSETF for their partnership and acknowledged the program's potential to

make a significant impact. Vice Chairman, Hon. Isiaka Yusuf Olatunji, and the Supervisor for Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, Mrs. Abisola Azeez, urged beneficiaries to be prudent and accountable. LSETF team head, Mr. Segun Ayodele, appreciates Olowa's commitment to his people and called on beneficiaries to justify the opportunity.

Anomo Inspects Ongoing Projects in Ikosi-Ejinrin

By Mohammed Adekola

Ikosi-Ejinrin Local Council Development Area, Chairman Akogun Wale Raji Anomo, conducts an inspection of some ongoing projects within the LCDA. The projects inspected include the ongoing rehabilitation of Koyo Road, Agbowa, the ongoing construction of NSCDC office complex, Odo-Ayandelu, and the ongoing construction of the proposed Itoikin Community School, Itoikin being done by LASUBEB. The Chairman was accompanied by the Vice-Chairman, Alh. Wasiu Dehinsilu, the Alayandelu of Odo-Ayandelu, HRM Oba Asunmo Ganiyu Aderibigbe, Council

Manager, Mr. Sunday Awobajo, the Supervisor for Works, Hon. Babatunde Yusuf; and the Council Engineer. Anomo expressed satisfaction with the progress of the projects and reiterates his administration's commitment to improve infrastructure and educational facilities in the LCDA. He emphasized the importance of these projects in enhancing the quality of life for residents and ensuring sustainable community development. Wale Anomo indeed dedicate to oversees the successful completion of key initiatives aimed at fostering growth and development in Ikosi-Ejinrin LCDA.



Rotary Club Donates Medical Items To Nursing Mothers in Mushin

Kehinde Adeleye

Femi Adenekan, the District Governor of Rotary Club District 9112, accompanied by his wife and other officials from the District office, paid a visit to Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye, the Executive Chairman of Mushin Local Government. During the visit, packs of medical consumables were distributed by the Rotary Club to nursing and expectant mothers in Mushin Local Government, highlighting Rotary's commitment to



addressing the healthcare needs of the community. Rotary Club District Governor Rotarian Femi Adenekan expressed his gratitude to Chairman

Bamigboye for the council's support of the club's activities. He proceeded to highlight the remarkable milestones of Rotary Club,

emphasizing that the organization has been in existence for 119 years, with the 125th-anniversary celebration of the club planned for 2025.

He also highlighted Rotary's central role in promoting peace during the Second World War and the organization's long standing commitment to polio eradication efforts, dating back to the 1985 event in the Philippines. The Rotary Governor further encouraged Mushin Local Government's leadership to participate in tree planting initiatives aimed at conserving and protecting the environment. In response, Chairman of Mushin LG, Mr. Emmanuel Bamigboye expressed his

appreciation to the Rotary Club of Mushin for their numerous contributions, including the renovation of school toilets, distribution of school bags to primary school pupils, and the provision of medical supplies to patients at Primary Healthcare Centres. He assured them of his continuous support to the service of humanity as it is synonymous with pastoral and evangelical callings in the vineyard of God. After the meeting, the club presented medical consumables to some nursing and expectantly mothers and in Mushin Local Government.

Mushin LG Chairman Commends Health Authority, Outlines Development Plans

By Saheed Afolabi

Mushin Local Government Chairman, Emmanuel Bamigboye has expressed satisfaction with the performance of the Mushin Local Government Health Authority. The Health Authority, appointed by the Lagos State Commissioner for Health, Prof. Akin Abayomi, on his recommendation, has been instrumental in implementing the council's healthcare agenda. During a meeting with the Health Authority members, Bamigboye commended their efforts in ensuring the



effective delivery of healthcare services to the residents of Mushin. He emphasized the crucial role they play in achieving the council's

vision of a healthy community. The Chairman outlined his administration's plans to enhance healthcare infrastructure in the

area. He announced the impending completion of the Idi-Araba Primary Health Center and revealed plans to construct another in the Idi-Oro

area. To improve service delivery, Bamigboye pledged to introduce 24-hour services at Mushin's primary healthcare centers, with Omodigbo PHC as a pilot. Beyond healthcare, the Chairman underscored his commitment to education. He highlighted the successful completion of the Army Resettlement Center (NAFRC) Primary School and the ongoing renovation of Ayetoro Primary School. Bamigboye expressed his aspiration to transform Mushin into a model community, mirroring Lagos State's megacity vision. To this end, he announced the nearing completion of the Mushin Local Government Offices Complex at Oliyide.

Residents, represented by Arewa Youth Leader Comrade Abdullahi Hussain, expressed appreciation for the Chairman's efforts but also raised concerns about the condition of Garba Musa Street in Idi-Araba. They appealed to the Chairman for its reconstruction. In a show of gratitude, the Health Authority members commended the Chairman for his unwavering support and dedication to the people of Mushin. They expressed optimism about the future of healthcare in the local government under his leadership.

Bamigboye Commends Rotary Club For Medical Donations

By Saheed Afolabi

The Rotary Club of Mushin has earned the commendation of Mushin Local Government Chairman, Emmanuel Bamigboye, for its commitment to the welfare of the less privileged. The club recently donated medical consumables to nursing and expectant mothers in the community. A high-level delegation from the Rotary Club, led by District Governor Rotarian Femi Adenekan and his wife, visited the Chairman to formally present the donation. The group also included

key members of the Rotary Club of Mushin Golden, such as President Rotarian Ganiyu Jimba and Immediate Past President Rotarian Seyi Oladimeji. District Governor Adenekan expressed gratitude to the Chairman for his support of the Rotary Club's initiatives. He provided an overview of the club's rich history, highlighting its 119 years of service and its pivotal role in global humanitarian efforts, including peacemaking during World War II and the eradication of polio.

Adenekan emphasized the club's substantial investment in polio eradication, totaling over \$300 million in Nigeria and \$1 billion across Africa. He also encouraged the Mushin Local Government to participate in tree planting initiatives to protect the environment. In response, Bamigboye expressed sincere appreciation for the Rotary Club's various community projects, including school toilet renovations, school bag donations, and medical supplies for



primary healthcare centers. He reaffirmed his commitment to supporting the club's

humanitarian endeavors. Following the meeting, the Rotary Club

proceeded to distribute medical consumables directly to nursing and expectant mothers in the Mushin community.

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Apatira Urges Youths To Shun Protest

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman, Itire-Ikate LCDA, Dr Ahmed Apatira, has urged citizens to be guided and reconsider planned protests. He emphasized that the federal, state, and local governments are actively working to alleviate the hardships faced by Nigerians. He made this assertion while receiving the Area Commander, Area D. Police Command, ACP. Bamidele Awoniyi, who paid him a courtesy visit in his office. He highlighted the recent approval of a N70,000 minimum wage as a testament to the government's commitment to improving workers' living standards. The Council Chairman noted that the President



Bola Ahmed Tinubu administration has taken significant economic measures, including direct monthly allocations to local governments. These allocations aim to ensure grassroots development and provide much-needed

financial relief. Apatira argued that this approach reflects the federal government's dedication to addressing economic challenges head-on and supporting the community. He also acknowledged the

initiatives introduced by Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu of Lagos State to ease economic pressures on residents. These measures include reducing workdays for civil servants, lowering public transportation fares, and distributing

food packages to 300,000 households. Additionally, Sanwo-Olu's administration has reinstated free child delivery services in state hospitals and suspended tax payment requirements for school enrollment. The council boss highlighted some of the numerous economic support enhancement palliatives of his administration. These include skill acquisition training programs for women and youths, micro-economic empowerment initiatives for residents, regular food support palliatives, free bus rides for residents, and school feeding palliatives for primary school pupils. The Council Chairman urged the youth not to be misguided into unnecessary protests. He emphasized that the extensive palliative measures being

implemented are clear signs of the government's dedication to improving the lives of Nigerians. Apatira assured that these measures would gradually yield significant improvements, calling for unity and cooperation as the nation navigates these challenging times. He emphasized that while current hardships are a global issue, dialogue repairs, whereas protests can be destructive. He reiterated the importance of patience and understanding, urging citizens to work together with the government to address the economic challenges facing the nation.

Mushin LG Gets New Heads Of Customary Courts

Kehinde Adeleye



The Chairman of Mushin Local Government, Emmanuel Bamigboye, welcomed the newly appointed leaders of the judicial arm of the

Local Government to his office for the traditional introduction and familiarization.

The judicial officials, who were recently

Commission, visited the Chairman of the Local Government, Mr. Emmanuel Bamigboye, today for the customary

deployed to Mushin by the Service Commission, are responsible for the administration of justice within the Local Government Area.

The newly posted heads of the customary court in Mushin Local Government Area, following their appointment by the Service

introductions and familiarization.

The Council Manager, Comrade Osikoya'Sogo, welcomed the judicial officials to the Chairman's office as they officially commenced their new roles in Mushin.

During the courtesy visit, the president of the Customary Court, Barrister Fayemi Modupe, introduced the team of court officials who had accompanied him to the Chairman's office.

The Jurist expressed deep appreciation to Chairman Bamigboye for his warm welcome and generosity towards the team, as well as towards all the staff members of the Mushin Local Government since their arrival in the Local Government Area.

The Chairman, Mr. Emmanuel Bamigboye, graciously received the

court officials in his office, bringing to their attention the recently held Public Hearing and enacted By-Laws approved by the Legislative Arm of Mushin Local Government.

The President of the Customary Court, Barrister Fayemi Modupe, extolled the Chairman's kindheartedness, adding that their jurisdiction covered civil cases, street naming, taxation, and other related areas. She further emphasized that penalties exist for offenders in the Local Government's Customary Court.

Mrs. Lediju Folasade, one of the judges of the Customary Court, extended praise and commendation to the Chairman, encouraging him to continually improve the welfare package of the judicial team as they were metaphorically, like 'Oliver Twist', asking for more.

Mr. Murtala Bamgbose,

another judge of the court, offered prayers for the Chairman's political career, wishing him greater political heights based on his exceptional leadership skills and impressive achievements in office as the Chairman of Mushin Local Government.

The court official later presented birthday gift to the Chairman.

The Chairman promised to bring back the Magistrate Court to Mushin Local Government.

The Chairman thanked the Judicial officers for their visitation and gift item. He informed them about the renovated Customary Court, he however promised not to relent in supporting the Arm in all ramifications, and encouraged them to be up and doing in their activities.

At the familiarization meeting were the Mushin Local Government Council Manager, Comrade Osikoya, 'Sogo, Mr Bada Rasheed and others.

Mushin Council Boss Commends LGHA Members

Kehinde Adeleye

In a recent meeting at the Mushin Local Government Secretariat, Mr. Emmanuel Bamigboye, the Chairman of Mushin Local Government, welcomed the newly-appointed members of the Mushin Local Government Health Authority (LGHA). The authority members were nominated by the Lagos State Commissioner of Health, Prof. Akin Abayomi, upon the recommendation of the Chairman himself.

The Chairman expressed his satisfaction with the performance of the members of the Health Authority, acknowledging their diligent work in fulfilling their mandate.

The core function of the Mushin Local Government Health Authority is to



effectively enforce the Chairman's policies and strategic plans to deliver quality healthcare services to the residents of Mushin Local Government Area. The members of the Authority work closely with the Chairman to translate his vision for better healthcare delivery into reality for the people of Mushin.

The Medical Officer of Health (MOH) of the Primary Health Centers in Mushin Local Government lauded the Chairman for his considerate efforts towards the representatives of the Health Authority.

Chairman Emmanuel Bamigboye emphasized that despite the high

number of public primary schools in the Mushin Local Government Area, his administration has not been deterred from its commitment to improving education for the residents of the community.

He highlighted the successful completion of a primary school project at the Army Resettlement Center in Oshodi and another renovated school within the Local Government premises. Furthermore, the Chairman announced ongoing renovation work at the Ayetoro Primary School in Mushin.

Bamigboye vowed to ensure the timely completion of the ongoing Idi-Araba Primary Health Center project, which is already nearing completion, as well as to commence the construction of another primary health center at the Idi-Oro axis.

In his address to the Health Authority

members, the Chairman pledged to provide round-the-clock healthcare services at all Primary Health Centers under the Mushin Local Government jurisdiction, particularly at the Omodigbo Primary Health Center.

The Council Boss expressed his enthusiasm for Lagos State's drive to become a Mega City, promising that the Mushin Local Government would not lag behind. He cited the construction of the Mushin Local Government Offices Complex at Oliyide, which is soon to be officially inaugurated, as an example of his administration's efforts to keep pace with the state's progress.

Furthermore, the Chairman urged the Health Authority members to discourage their wards from participating in unnecessary protests.

According to Chairman Bamigboye, Lagos State is the heart of Nigeria, a globally renowned metropolis. He noted that President Bola Tinubu's campaign promises, such as tax rebates and waivers, fiscal autonomy, and the

Decentralization Act of 2004, are becoming a reality under his administration. Bamigboye pointed out that these measures are evidence of the country's commitment to development and progress.

The Arewa Youth Leader representing Idi-Araba Axis Comrade Abdullahi Hussain disclosed his remark stating that the Chairman has touched lives in all ramifications in Mushin Local Government and appealed to the Chairman to consider the reconstruction of Garba Musa Street, in Idi-Araba.

The MOH on behalf of all the members extended his unreserved appreciation to the Chairman for his antecedents and unrelenting services to the people of Mushin Local Government and prayed for his good health condition and higher political office positions soonest.

Redirect Your Energy Towards Productivity, Salawu Urges Somolu Youths

By Saheed Afolabi

The Chairman of Somolu Local Government, Abdulhamed Salawu, has called on the youth in the community to redirect their energy towards productive and impactful endeavors. During a meeting with youth representatives, Salawu commended the innovative initiatives undertaken by Comrade Ihsan-Ahmad Olamide Sodeko and the National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN) in Somolu. The NYCN presented reports detailing the outcomes of their recent Youth Empowerment Programme, highlighting their significant contributions

to youth development in the area. Impressed by these efforts, Salawu reaffirmed the local government's commitment to supporting youth-focused initiatives. To foster entrepreneurship among the youth, the Chairman announced plans to sponsor business registrations for young entrepreneurs through the Corporate Affairs Commission. He believes this initiative will empower young business owners and stimulate the local economy. Salawu emphasized the importance of collaboration between the youth and the government in



addressing youth challenges. He discouraged protests as a means of seeking solutions, suggesting that productive ventures would yield more positive results for the community. Recognizing the difficulties faced by the

youth, the Chairman urged them to channel their energy into creating positive change within Somolu. He applauded the recent activities of Comrade Muhammad Kolade, Special Adviser on ICT, who was present at the meeting.

Salawu further emphasized that the current economic challenges are global and warned that protests could exacerbate the situation. He reiterated his call for the youth to focus on productive endeavors that can contribute to the community's growth and

development. The meeting concluded on a positive note, with a renewed sense of partnership between the local government and the youth aimed at creating more opportunities for the young people of Somolu.

Salawu Warns Somolu Youths Against Planned Protest

By Saheed Afolabi

The Chairman of Somolu LG, Abdulhamed Salawu has advised the youth to reconsider planned protests, emphasizing that federal, state, and local governments are actively working to alleviate the hardships faced by Nigerians. Salawu highlighted the recent approval of a N70,000 minimum wage as a testament to the government's commitment to improving workers' living standards. Salawu pointed to significant economic measures taken by the Tinubu administration, which includes direct monthly allocations to local governments. These allocations are aimed at ensuring grassroots development

and providing much-needed financial relief. This approach he argued, reflects the federal government's dedication to addressing economic challenges head-on and supporting the community. The council boss added that Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu has introduced various initiatives to ease economic pressures on residents. The measures include reducing workdays for civil servants, lowering public transportation fares, and distributing food packages to 300,000 households. Additionally, Sanwo-Olu's administration has reinstated free child delivery services in state hospitals and suspended tax payment requirements for school enrollment to prevent

student absenteeism.

"We urge the youth not to be misguided into unnecessary protests," Salawu said.

"The extensive palliative measures being implemented are clear signs of the government's dedication to improving the lives of Nigerians. Protests are not needed at this moment; what we need is patience and understanding."

Salawu's applauded the concerted efforts by the Tinubu-led administration and state governments to tackle economic hardships.

He emphasized that while current hardships are a global issue, dialogue repairs, whereas protests can be destructive.



Lagos Signs MOU With Tecno on Construction of Astroturf Pitch

In its efforts to encourage participation in all forms of sports, and to facilitate private sector support on Sports development, the Lagos State Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with tech giant, Tecno, for the construction of a football astroturf pitch. Speaking recently at the Teslim Balogun Stadium, Surulere, the venue of the signing ceremony, the Director-General, Lagos State Sports Commission (LSSC), Lekan Fatodu, reiterated the commitment of the state government to developing sporting facilities and creating an enabling environment for youth and sports to thrive. He disclosed that the LSSC will continue to

work in accordance with the state government mantra under the administration of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu to drive inclusiveness and ensure that youths are empowered to have a bright and rewarding future.

Fatodu noted that Lagos is a place where sporting dreams take flight and with the coming of Tecno, will add feathers to the developmental trajectory of the Centre of Excellence to continue to deliver on quality and standard sports facilities.

He also pointed out that the state is open to investments and other initiatives while corporate organisations are



encouraged to be partners in progress as Tecno firm has signified interest in being part of the sporting infrastructure revolution in the state.

In his remarks, Chidi

Okonkwo, Managing Director of Transsion Holdings, said that Lagos is the hub of their business in the country, stressing that Tecno's mission is to use technology to

impact the youth of the country through sports. "We want to support and develop the burden talent we have here in Lagos", he said.

While pledging to the contribution of sports

facility, Okonkwo said Tecno wants to be part of the huge success of the state where young people will have quality pitch to train before moving to greener pastures.

Odi-Olowo Chairman's Cup: Ajala Pledges Youth Empowerment

By Saheed Afolabi



Odi-Olowo Ojuwoye LCDA Chairman, Rasaq Ajala, has reiterated his commitment to youth development as the annual Odi-Olowo Chairman's Cup (OCC) football tournament kicked off with impressive displays of talent.

Ajala emphasized the tournament's role in channeling the boundless energy of young people into productive avenues. He encouraged participants to seize the

opportunity provided by the local government to uncover their potential.

"We aim to redirect the youthful exuberance of our community into constructive endeavors that benefit both individuals and society as a whole," Ajala said.

"This platform is designed to unearth hidden talents and empower our youth to contribute positively to the nation."

The chairman expressed confidence in the ability of the young athletes to achieve great things, both for themselves and the community.

"Football has evolved into a lucrative industry,

and we must support our youths in pursuing their passion," he added.



"The exceptional performance of the U10 category is a testament to their immense potential.

"We are dedicated to providing the necessary support to nurture their talents and create opportunities for them to excel."

Ajala further emphasized the council's commitment to youth development beyond sports, highlighting initiatives in technology, energy, and vocational training.



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