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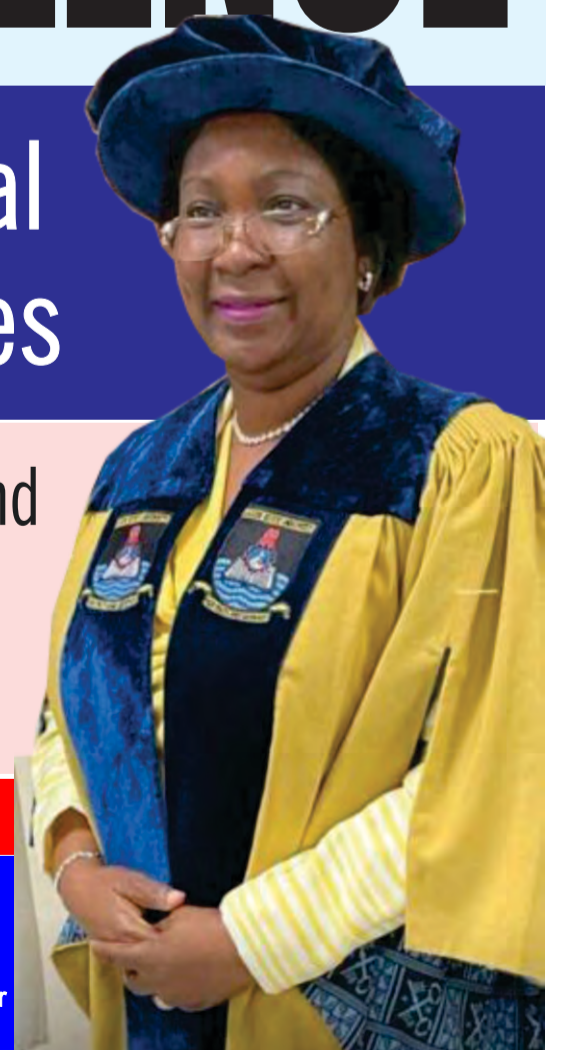
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# LASG laments increase in rape, domestic violence

Abolaji Adebayo

**T**he Lagos State Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Mr. Moyosore Onigbanjo, who is also the chairman of Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Team (DSVRT), has lamented that despite the team's various initiatives, it has continued to see a steady increase of formal reportage of domestic violence cases of over 150 cases daily.

Available data show that the state recorded a total of 10,007 reported cases of domestic violence, including sexual abuse, defilement, child abuse, neglect and maltreatment in the State. As part of efforts to curb the high rate, Lagos State Government inaugurated the Domestic and Sexual Violence Response Team (DSVRT) in September 2014 as a response to the increase.

Onigbanjo, in a presentation recently said "under Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu's administration, DSVRT, from May 2019 to August 26, 2021, has handled 10,007 cases, which are in two categories — adults and children.

"The breakdown of the cases shows 4150 domestic violence, 177 rape, 255 attempts to commit rape/sexual assault, 246 sexual assaults by penetration /threat, 877 others, not taking responsibilities of children, neglect, custody of the child, Non-GBV, among others, 436 child abuse/Physical assaults, 271 Defilement cases, 13 defilement by minor to minor, 454 child labour, a b d u c t i o n neglect/others, 148 sexual harassment/molestation cases.



Justice, Mr. Moyosore Onigbanjo

"A total of 2980 children have experienced emotional abuse (These children have been exposed to domestic violence within the home). "Since May 2019, the team began to attend to an average of 150 new cases monthly.

"We have also witnessed an increase in cases from other states, mostly from Ogun and Oyo States. In the past two years, a total of 526 cases occurred outside Lagos. Such cases are promptly referred to the relevant agencies in their respective states."

Apart from setting up the

agency, the Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu provided six vehicles for agencies and Non-Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and also promised more intervention by the state government to support this campaign against the social vices. He tasked all the stakeholders, partners and donors, to work together for laudable feat in the fight against the vices.

"I am happy with all of our partners, the NGOs, the various offices, and the judiciary that are doing great things," the governor said.

"What this means is that just keep doing what you are doing, somebody somewhere is watching and at the appropriate time, you will be encouraged and we all need to encourage ourselves. I am sure sooner, others who are also raising the bar and they are best in class at what they do will be encouraged."

The founder of an NGO committed to women and child's rights, Mrs. Subuola Alaraba told ECHONEWS that various NGOs are supporting the government in the fight against domestic violence with

campaign.

She explained that domestic violence is a choice on the part of the abuser, but certain underlying factors might sometimes contribute to a person's propensity for abuse, including experiencing childhood trauma, holding certain belief systems about hierarchy and domination, witnessing domestic violence as a child and others.

She noted that women between the ages of 18-24 are most commonly abused by an intimate partner, stating that 19

percent of domestic violence involves a weapon.

"Domestic victimization is correlated with a higher rate of depression and suicidal behaviour. Only 34 percent of people who are injured by intimate partners receive medical care for their injuries.

She, therefore, urged residents across the state to support the effort of the government and other stakeholders by promptly reporting any case of domestic violence and or child abuse to the appropriate body.

# Oshodi 2022: Year to Rebuild, Rebrand, Restore and Revive

By Tobi Salako

**O**tunba Kehinde Almaroof Oloyede, popularly called Kendoo is now a household name in Oshodi-Isolo local government, not only because he is the executive chairman of the local government, but because he is a different being, a unique person and a politician of different breed.

Long before his assumption of office, he had repeatedly told the good people of Oshodi that he was on a journey, different from all others. A journey to re-brand, rebuild, restore and revive. He had rolled out his lofty plans and communicated them to the people who received them and responded with massive votes.

Upon his assumption, however, while some council chairmen were still basking in the euphoria of being elected or what some would call being on "honeymoon", Kendoo hit the ground running and that is why his efforts are manifesting right in the full glare of everyone.

To him, to rebuild, re-brand, restore and revive Oshodi is a task that must be achieved at all cost.

Being an Oshodi-born and a son of former Iyaloja of Oshodi, he knows the nooks and crannies of the entire local government and strategic touches they needs.

Oshodi-Isolo Local Government had always being on top in the sphere of things, intellectually, educationally and in commerce and sporting activities, . Oshodi had produced countless numbers of first class graduates, people with 2 or 3 master degrees that had mentored and shaped the lives of many. A good example is Mr. Adams Adebola, who is the proprietor of the popular Adams College, Solid Tutorial, Mr Wisdom, Barr. Oscar Iyoha, Mazi Ololo, Massacre, to mention but a few. The indomine generation can not understand how these people shaped our youthful lives.

In sporting events, Oshodi had also boasted of many athletes that are making waves. Many talents were discovered in our mini-stadium formerly called U.L.A. but now referred to as "Jalisco Stadium".

Also in the area of commerce and business, even the council chairman is an example of such a success story.



Otunba Kehinde Almaroof Oloyede

Of late however, due to poor leadership, lack of mentorship and lack of foresightedness of the younger generations, Oshodi has been on the down trend.

The coming of Kendoo is slowly but steadily changing the negative trend. Kendoo, through his robust and all encompassing manifesto, is on a journey of rebuilding, rebranding, restoring and reviving the lost glory of Oshodi. His plan to rebuild the local council is already

manifesting by his massive and unprecedented road construction within the local council area, without neglecting other sectors. His desire for youth development and sporting activities within the local government prompted his determination to restructure the mini-stadium (Jalisco) and give it a facelift. The prototype of the new stadium with state of the heart facilities that will promote and bring out the athletic talents of our

youths have already been displayed on his facebook page.

Under his leadership, Bolade Junior Secondary School also won the award as the best Junior Secondary School in Nigeria. Just few weeks ago, he also donated tools to the school to aid smart learning of the students. Some of the items donated were first of its kind in Lagos and are now being emulated by other schools within the state.

His plan for business owners and traders are also enormous. Barely a month in office, he empowered the elders and widows with cash gifts. He has also trained over 600 people in various skills acquisition programmes with promise to empower them. Those that performed exceptional well during the UNDP training have also been given employment within the local government. His plan is to train and empower 6,000 people in the coming year through the UNDP programme.

In health sector, two ambulances have been purchased to aid emergency service delivery in our health centers. Any moment from now, contractors will also move to site to start the construction of

Public Health Center for Ogunoloko ward of the local government. His smooth and superb partnership with the state government also promises to yield a general hospital for the local council. The list of his pragmatism and innovation goes on and on.

In recognition of his unparalleled achievements, particularly within this short period, he was awarded The Most Outstanding Chairman in Lagos State, 2021 by Green Achievers and other notable bodies.

Year 2022 has also promised to be a year like no other for the good people of Oshodi, it is a year where massive infrastructures will be embarked upon by "Mr Fix it" for the betterment of the people. Accordingly to his new year message, 2022 is a year to Rebuild, Rebrand, Restore and Revive our dear Oshodi.

The support, prayers and well-wishes of our people have been overwhelming. We urge them to continue with the pace. We equally encourage them to see themselves as partner in progress as Kendoo takes the driver's seat on the journey to transform our dear Oshodi.

## SPEED UP Lagos commences vocational training for youths in Isolo

By Abolaji Adebayo

**I**n a bid to get youths in Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) engaged and skilled in various vocations, a group, SPEED UP Lagos has commence a 2-week intensive vocational training. The training tagged 'Skill Up

Isolo' will feature various aspects of eight in-demand professions which include Solar Technology, Digital Marketing, Catering and Food, among others.

Others include Fabric/Souvenir, Fish farming, printing and customizing, Home essentials and Makeup and cosmetics.

The council had earlier urged

the youths to register for free at either the Department of Agriculture and Community Service or Women and Poverty Alleviation (WAPA) in the council secretariat.

The training will be holding between January 31, 2022, and February 11, 2022.

Speaking about the programme, the council boss,

Otunba Adebayo Olasoju, urged the community, especially the youths to maximize the opportunity to learn or improve on their expertise in the various vocations.

He informed that the council will soon dish out information about the other youth empowerment and

development programmes scheduled to hold this year.

He said: "You will agree with me that enough cannot be done in the area of youth engagement and empowerment and that's why this initiative by Speed-up Lagos is embraceable. It will go a long way to complement our efforts on empowerment and other beneficial programmes

for our youths even as we have more in the pipeline.

"As a government, part of our plans for our teeming youths this year is to intensify our empowerment programme for them but, for now, I expect that they will maximize this opportunity by Speed-up Lagos to make themselves better in their various vocations."

## Ejigbo Chief Imam vows continued support for govt with prayers

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Grand Chief Imam of Ejigbo, Dr. Mukaila Sanni has promised the council Chairman, Hon. Monsurudeen Bello (Obe) he would continue to support his government with prayers to sustain peace in the community.

He commended Obe for maintaining peace among various religions and ethnic groups in the community.

He also appreciated the council chairman for donation of a brand new official vehicle to the religious groups.

He pledged to continue to ensure peace and unity among the Muslim folks and other religious bodies in Ejigbo.



Dr. Mukaila Sanni, middle with Hon Monsurudeen Oloyede, right

## Oloyede canvasses supports for Tinubu's presidential ambition

By Abolaji Adebayo

**T**he chairman of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, Otunba Kehinde Oloyede, has started mobilising supports for the actualisation of presidential ambition of the National Leader of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu in his local council area.

Oloyede said he had started mobilising human resources and building capacities for the actualisation of Tinubu's ambition.

He said this following the official inauguration of Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu (ABAT) Movement working committee on Thursday last week.

"We have started mobilising our people to support the aspiration of our national leader of our great party. We realised that one of the best ways to win people's heart to support our leader and party is through delivery of dividends of democracy at the grassroots that is why on assumption of office, we kick started road construction where we were able to deliver 24 roads within hundred days in office, and drilling of pipe boreholes for our people. All these have endeared us to the people. We will continue to do our best in all ways possible to ensure our father wins the presidential election come 2023," he said.

The council boss reiterated that the leadership acumen of Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu is unrivaled, while his

administrative dexterity is unmatched and his commitment to the development of the country remains profound.

"The Man, Asiwaju Bola Tinubu is an icon whose administrative acumen is second to none. He delivered on his promises in Lagos as governor and he made his marks positively to his credit, the new Lagos we have. He is a cerebral accountant who brought his professional calling to bear on governance in the state of Excellence. Definitely, he will turn around the fortunes of the country when elected as president of Nigeria. We will continue to support him, we are confident he will deliver the dividends of democracy and improve on the gains of President Muhammadu Buhari led administration."

# APC Rep aspirant, Balogun donates educational materials

By Motolani AbdulGafar

All 75 primary schools in Alimosho Local Government Area (LGA) have benefited from the educational materials donated by an All Progressives Congress (APC) House of Representatives aspirant, Prince Idris Balogun a.k.a Oluomo Kaafata, recently.

Balogun said the gesture was part of his efforts towards the development of education sector in the council area. He donated 10,000 school bags, 10,000 lunch boxes and exercise books.

Commending the effort, the National Union of Teachers (NUT), Alimosho chapter, Comr. Isaac Olowoyo stated that the gesture would enhance academic activities

in the primary schools.

The NUT Chairman described Balogun's action as one of the best ways to promote educational sector in the local government.

He stated that the contribution, apart from motivating the children, would also serve as relief for the parents especially the indigents ones and promised to distribute the

materials evenly to the children in the schools.

He implored the children to make the best use of the materials by dedicating themselves to their education to be able to reciprocate the gesture as and when due. He also urged the donor not to relent in his efforts especially when he finally wins the election and assumes office.



## Judicial workers appeal for renovation of court building

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The judicial workers of Igando Customary Court have appealed to the chairman of Igando/Ikotun LCDA, Hon. Lasisi Akinsanya for the renovation of the court building.

The court building was destroyed by the hoodlums during the EndSARS crisis. They made the demand during a courtesy visit to the council chairman.

Responding, the chairman said the executive body would make provision for the reconstruction of the building in the 2022 budget.

He explained that although there are a lot of projects he needs to attend to, but he will take care of the welfare of the judicial workers, saying they constitute important body in the administrative system of every community.

In the same vein, the Member of the Lagos State House of Assembly representing Igando, Hon. Davis Akande said he had made a proposal for the rehabilitation of the dilapidated building in the House.

Akande, who is the chairman House Committee on Judiciary, also appealed to the council boss to ensure salary increment for the judicial workers in the council.

The President of the Igando Customary Court, Barrister Festus Koledoye, appreciated the council chairman for accommodating court officials at the temporary court building inside the council secretariat.

He said members of Igando Customary Court have absolute trust in the capability of the council chairman, saying he is a seasoned executor per excellence.

## Commuters hail govt for rebuilding Egbe-Idimu/Ayobo-Ipaja bridge

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Commuters on Egbe-Idimu/Ayobo-Ipaja Roads have expressed sigh of relief as the government has started the reconstruction of their dilapidated wooden bridge.

For months, the commuters have not been able to access the bridge. The reconstruction was facilitated by the Member representing Alimosho Constituency II at the Lagos State House of Assembly, Hon. Kehinde Joseph.

Speaking, the lawmaker, who doubles as the Chairman House Committee on Agriculture in the House of Assembly, said he influenced the construction through the motion he moved for the urgent construction of the

wooden bridge by the state government.

He said he pushed the bill to make sure that the Lagos State government and relevant agencies reconstruct the wooden bridge to link the roads in Abegunrin, Idowu-Egba,

Pako community to Ketu community of Egbe-Idimu and Ayobo.

Joseph said apart from easing movement, the bridge will also boost the economic activities in the community.

## Council agrees to repair dilapidated shops

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The authority of Agbado/Oke-Odo Local Council Development Area has agreed to reconstruct the dilapidated shops at Ajetutu/Aminkanle Market following a peaceful protest by the market men and women. The dilapidated shops are located at Kola Alagbado area of the local council.

The aggrieved shop owners lamented that the shops were getting dilapidated due to poor construction and substandard

materials used

They claimed that the dilapidated state of the shops has been affecting their trades as rodents gain entrance into the shops to destroy their goods.

Responding to their demands, the council chairman, Hon. David Famuyiwa, promised to repair all the affected shops in the market and said he would soon assign contractor to look into the issue and effect corrections on the affected shops to avoid insecurity and economy loss.



Hon. David Famuyiwa

## Alimosho LG Heads of depts to defend budget this week

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The legislative arm of Alimosho LG has urged all the heads of departments to prepare for the defense of their budgetary allocations this week.

The call was made when the executive council chairman, Hon. Jelili Sulaimon presented a proposed budget of N2, 446, 814, 859. 73 to the House last week.

According to him, the Appropriation Bill, if approved, is made to facilitate speedy

infrastructural development in the council area.

Sulaimon, therefore, appealed to the councillors to be quick with the passage of the Bill, while seeking their cooperation in the administration of the local council.

He promised to run a transparent government by consulting the councillors on any constitutional matter just as he has done on the appropriation bill.

Responding, the council leader, Hon. Ahmed Obadina



Hon. Jelili Sulaimon presenting 2022 Appropriation Bill to legislative arm

said the bill would not be the House.

He also promised to work with the executive arm for

dividends of democracy to be efficiently delivered to the residents.

He also promised to work with the executive arm for

# Our budget will focus on economic dev - Olowa

By Abolaji Adebayo

Coming out of a 2-day budget retreat, the chairman of Ibeju-Lekki Local Government, Hon. (Engr.) Abdullahi Sesan Olowa, has declared that the council's 2022 budget will focus more on economic development in the community.

Tagged "Budget of Sustainability and Economic Development", Olowa said the sectors that will boost economy will get more attention in the budget.

He promised better budgetary allocations to projects and programmes that will be beneficial to the masses.

The chairman reiterated his

commitment to ensure due process is followed to achieve targeted goals to improve socio-economy of the council area.

He said the council would also strategize on how to increase revenue generation for the council to get enough fund to implement its budget.

The council boss emphasized the need for political office holders and technocrats to work together in the interest of the people they serve and to reposition the local government as one of the best council areas in the State.

Highlighting the key projects scheduled to be carried out in the coming fiscal year that will impact the economy and governance of the LCDA,

Okowa said: "The 2022 budget, has within it as priorities, things like infrastructure, education, socio economic development, health, security and tourism.

"Among them are the provision of boats to convey students to schools, construction of roads, school repairs, and maintenance. While we hope to complete the market in Okunraye, we shall also embark on the renovation of old markets and the vocational centre at Imagbon Segun.

"We shall also establish a Microfinance Development Fund to propel entrepreneurship and accelerate the growth of the Micro and Small Scale

Businesses in the LG for job creation, youth empowerment and poverty reduction.

"I also wish to re-assure the citizens of Lekki LCDA, that all projects will be completed and delivered as envisaged. We are going to do everything possible to ensure that the people enjoy the benefits of those projects."

Speaking on his achievements in the last five month of his administration, the council boss said: "About six months ago, a new administration took over the affairs of the local council. Since then, we started with the belief that our focus will be on what the people want, instead of what we want. Thereafter, I had a

joint meeting with all the Council's management staff about what we have on ground and what direction we will need to take.

"It didn't take long before things started to take shape and we began to record progress at a Pace that has never been recorded before.

"The past five months, have been incredible. With what we met on ground and the little we have, we were able to reconstruct two health centres, we also purchased free GCE forms for our students and gave out scholarships to two medical students. We were able to purchase medical supplies that our doctors have said they needed, including equipments that will be used for the dental centre we are

setting up at Origanrigan Primary Health Centre.

"We were able to acquire free handwork tools and equipments to empower our artisans. We were able to acquire a new bus for NULGE.

"We were able to renovate the INEC Office at Orolun. The construction of the Okunraye Open Fish Market is now in motion. And of course, we were able to organize many events, quiz competitions and programmes for our women groups, staff, traditional leaders and students.

"All these, we were able to accomplish in five months. I have no doubt that the 2022 Budget of New Dawn, will allow us to accomplish even more."

## Jubilation as Labora Community Primary Sch gets SUBEB approval

By Abolaji Adebayo

Residents of Laboratory Community, Ibeju Lekki area of Lagos shouted eureka last week, as the only community primary school in their area, finally got government approval.

With the approval, the school can now enjoy full benefit from the state government.

ECHONEWS gathered that the school was built by the community and had

been solely run by the community with the help of the local government.

However, the council chairman, Hon. (Engr.) Abdullahi Olowa, when he assumed office in July last year, started putting things in place to attract and get approval from the Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board (LASUBEB).

The effort was crowned when the school was finally approved last week.

"The existence of the Labora

Community Primary School was initially a communal effort by the residents of Labora who single handedly erected blocks of classrooms and made provision of teaching aids to prevent their wards from the hazard of traveling far to learn.

"Olowa, however, stretched the hand of intervention through the renovation of the school structures and perimeter fencing of the school for a more conducive learning environment.

"With his intervention, we got approval for the school. This means more should be expected from the state government to standardize the school," one of the community leaders, Mr. Fatai Ipadeola told ECHONEWS.

"Congratulations to Labora community and the entire people of Ibeju-Lekki Local Government. We now have a standard government school in our community," another excited resident commented.



Hon. (Engr.) Abdullahi Olowa

## Olowa frowns at environmental degradation, strengthens 'Cleaner Ibeju-Lekki initiative'

By Abolaji Adebayo

The Chairman of Ibeju-Lekki Local Government, Hon. (Engr.) Abdullahi Sesan Olowa, has strengthened the Cleaner Ibeju-Lekki Initiative he launched last year to wage war on environmental degradation.

According to the council chairman, the initiative is a

strategy towards the declaration of zero tolerance on indiscriminate dumping of refuse, open defecation and other forms of environmental nuisances perpetrated by residents.

"It is also an avenue for the Executive Chairman, Vice Chairman, Leader and Members of the Legislative Arm, Members of Management and the entire

Workforce of the Council to champion the course of making Ibeju-Lekki clean and devoid of environmental hazards."

Olowa emphasized the need for residents of the local government to keep their environment clean by ensuring wastes are properly bagged, drainages cleared and maintain constant degree of cleanliness around

residences and businesses.

He warned that residents who are found defacing the council area will face the full wrath of the law.

He also enjoined residents to adhere strictly to the rules because the Cleaner Ibeju-Lekki initiative is a continuous exercise that will leave no stone unturned where environmental sanitation is

concerned.

He hinted that the local government has constituted a taskforce to work directly with LAWMA to ensure the council achieve its desired goals and enforce compliance by residents.

Workers were however, provided with sophisticated work tools to ease their burden as well as yield more productivity.



Hon. (Engr.) Abdullahi Olowa

# Ojokoro LCDA Chairman charges Civil Defence on community security

By Abolaji Adebayo

The Executive Chairman of Ojokoro LCDA, Hon. Hammed Idowu Tijani (HID) has urged the Nigerian Civil Defence to ensure the community is more secured and safer for the residents to live in peace.

The council boss charged the Area Commander of the security outfit, Ike George (AC) and his team members to put more effort in securing the community.

Tijani said the local

government is focusing on continued transformation with the provision of infrastructures and other amenities as entrenched in the council budget, he stated that the environment must be free of violence for the government to work perfectly.

"We are working tirelessly with our 2022 budget because we want to make life easier, more convenient and safer for our people. Doing that, the environment must be safe and free from violence," he said.

He added: "In the past few months of this administration, we have delivered two newly constructed roads: Wilson Aghedo in Kole Junction at Abule-Egba also Akinyele road at Alakuko while Ijaoye Street will be delivered very soon among several other roads which had been rehabilitated and palliative measures given to some residents.

"While we are focusing on delivering the dividend of democracy to the people, you need to stay on guard due to

the nature of the present environment and protect the lives and property of the people. We need a more secure environment."

Reacting to the call, George commended the contribution and commitment of the council boss to the security outfits in the LCDA over the years.

He promised that his men would continue to be on guard and work with every other security networks to secure Ojokoro and its environs as a whole.



Hon. Hammed Idowu

## Why we prioritised farming in our primary schools - LGEA

By Abolaji Adebayo

The Education Secretary of Mushin Local Government Education Authority (LGEA), Princess Alice Akinlode has commended the pupils who embraced learning farming along with their primary assignments in school.

The ES said the primary school agriculture programme was an idea conceived by the Mushin LGEA some years ago before it was given approval by the Lagos State Government.

According to her, with the approval of the state government for primary schools in Lagos State to have agricultural produce in their school compounds, Mushin LGEA was given five centres to practice farming including Olisa Primary School for Turkey and Ducks, Igbeyin Primary School for Grasshopper, St. Michael Primary School for Snailery, Community Primary School for Poultry and New City Primary School for Fishery.

The farm produce of the schools were exhibited at the

LGEA Secretariat recently. Akinlode disclosed that the LGEA is planning to go into cropping with the establishment of rice farming at the backyard of the LGEA.

"We came up with the idea of teaching our pupils simple practical farming which is to make farming an important aspect of learning in our primary schools by catching them young into the importance of farming, making them have an idea of simple farming techniques they can engage themselves with at their leisure time at home rather than wandering the streets and playing around.

"We are talking of something they can do at the backyard of their house. They were taught how to rear rabbit, chicken, snail, turkey, ducks even vegetables like ewedu, bitter leaf, tomatoes and so many," Akinlode said.

She commended the pupils who have shown interest in the learning and are doing great which made Mushin LGEA second position during and SUBEC Competition by

the Lagos State Government on accessing what schools have done with what they were given to teach the pupils.

"I can't be surprised if any of the pupils disturbs their parents to have one or two of the farming techniques in their home."

The agricultural products presented for exhibition include Turkey, Chicken, Fish, Rabbit, Snail, Vegetables, Ducks, and Eggs reared by the pupils under the direction of the school agricultural teachers.

"This is something our children can do at home, very simple crops they can plant at the backyard, is just to get a small land, a bowl or plastic, get soil and plant the seed and in no time they harvest. In the future, some of them might decide to be agricultural scientists," the Head of School Support Services, Mrs. Adetunji commented.

One of the farm instructors, Mrs. Adaramola Grace Modupe, the Head of

Agriculture Officers of Mushin LGEA, said the pupils were taken through practical steps on how to plant different types of vegetable such as ewedu, bitter leaf, yam at the LGEA backyard which they can also practice at home, noting that the livestock farming at various primary schools was purely practical.

"We taught them the practical steps of every simple farming they can do at home and many of them are showing interest, for God so good, they are the one taking proper care of the animals in the morning and afternoon," she said.

She disclosed that the programme has exposed the pupils to the real farm and increased their interest in farming.

After the training, one of the pupils, Master Rasheed Olaniyan of Igbeyin Adun Nursery and Primary School, a primary 5 class pupil, who learned rabbit rearing, vowed to establish his own farm at home.

## Ojokoro community demands more schools

By Abolaji Adebayo

The residents of Ojokoro Local Council Development Area (LCDA) have appealed to the Lagos State Government to build more primary and secondary schools in their areas.

They complained that the public schools in the local council area are inadequate as the few schools in the area were overcrowded with pupils. "We are begging the state government to construct more schools in Ijaiye-Ojokoro LCDA; we want both primary and secondary schools

because we are in dire need as a community," one of the community leaders, Elder Badmus Adisa said. Adisa said the provision of more schools would solve the problem of overcrowding in the existing schools for the

benefit of the community.

"We, the residents, have been waiting and yearning for the commencement of construction work at the site by the state government. We want the state government to commence work on the project to address the education needs of the area," he said.

Another residents, Mr. Tunde Fashola complained that the pupils in Ojokoro community go to neighbouring communities for their secondary education owing to the shortage of schools in the area.

"This affects the level of concentration of our children, because of the distance," he said.

Meanwhile, a government official at Ojokoro LCDA said the local government is making effort to facilitate more schools especially secondary schools.

# Sholaja-Saka embarks on borehole drilling in Ikorodu Constituency II

By Abolaji Adebayo

**W**ith 12 new boreholes drilled across his constituency, the lawmaker representing Ikorodu Constituency II at the Lagos House of Assembly, Hon. Nurudeen Sholaja-Saka, said he has taken a bold step to end water scarcity in his constituency.

The boreholes, being drilled in the local councils under the constituency including Igbogbo/Bayeku, Ijede and Imota LCDAs, are to be commissioned soon.

While the project is ongoing, the lawmaker promised to execute more other projects before leaving office.

He said the water project

was in fulfilment of one of his campaign promises to provide social amenities for his people.

"In a view to ensuring that access water is available to my constituents, I am constructing additional 12 boreholes which would be commissioned very soon."

Sholaja-Saka reiterated that the value of water is more than its price, explaining that ending water challenges in all the communities in Ikorodu Constituency II was a core focus of his administration.

He stated that construction of more boreholes as a demonstration of his commitment to ensure quick access to water would put smiles on the

faces of people, pledging to reach more communities with more projects.

The lawmaker noted that he has, in the last six years, drilled and delivered more than 24 boreholes in various communities in Ikorodu Constituency II, adding that he is set to commission additional 12 new boreholes in Imota, Ijede and Igbogbo/ Bayeku LCDAs.

"This is not the first time that I would be drilling boreholes in my constituency due to water challenge, it has turned to one of my traditional projects in furtherance of the agenda for a better Ikorodu Constituency II in line with the Greater Lagos initiative," Sholaja-Saka stated.



Hon. Nurudeen Sholaja-Saka

## Sanwo-Olu mourns ex-Lagos SSG, Adeniran-Ogunsanya

By Abolaji Adebayo

**L**agos State governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, has mourned the passing away of the former Secretary to the Lagos State Government (SSG), Princess Adenrele Adeniran-Ogunsanya.

Adeniran-Ogunsanya, the daughter of prominent Ikorodu born politician and associate of the late Nnamdi Azikiwe, Prince Adeniran Ogunsanya, died after a brief illness on Tuesday at 74. She was the Secretary to the State Government (SSG) during the first term in office of former Governor Babatunde Fashola (SAN) between 2007 and 2011.

He expressed his condolences by his Chief Press Secretary,

Mr. Gboyega Akosile, on Tuesday, praised the late Princess' contribution to governance, growth and development of Lagos State during her tenure as the scribe of the State.

The governor who commended the late politician and businesswoman for her impactful roles in Lagos politics, especially in Ikorodu division, commiserated with leaders and the entire people of Ikorodu on the demise of their illustrious daughter.

"On behalf of the Government and people of Lagos State, I want to express my sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the family, friends and political associates of the late Secretary to the Lagos State Government (SSG), Princess Adenrele Adeniran-



Late Princess Adenrele Adeniran-Ogunsanya.

Ogunsanya.

"The death of Princess Adenrele Adeniran-Ogunsanya is a big loss to Lagos State. She made a lot of positive impact and

contributions during her lifetime to the growth and development of Lagos State as SSG. She also made significant impact in Lagos politics as a member of the

ruling party, especially in Ikorodu.

"I pray that God will grant Princess Adenrele Adeniran-Ogunsanya eternal rest and give the

immediate family, friends, political associates and the people of Ikorodu the fortitude to bear the irreparable loss," Governor Sanwo-Olu prayed.

# Odumosu leaves a big shoe as he retires - Sanwo-Olu

By Edith Igbokwe

The exist of Assistant Inspector General (AIG) Hakeem Odumosu as the Lagos State Commissioner of Police left the police command with a lot work to do, Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu has said. The governor said Odumosu left a big shoe to fill in the command, describing his meritorious accomplishment as star crime buster. He described Odumosu as 'nemesis' of criminally-minded elements, noting that the ex-commissioner had a deep knowledge of the nooks and crannies of the state. The governor stated that

Odumosu served Lagos State and the country with mental and physical strength he is endowed with, saying it was time for the star crime buster to drop the uniform for a post-service life. He advised the new commissioner of police, Abiodun Alabi to take up the gauntlet and build on the structure laid by his predecessor. Odumosu, a stute law enforcement officer nicknamed 'Tango One' for his exceptional skill in flushing out criminals, enlisted in the police on March 3rd 1990 and served for 32 years. In November 2019, he was appointed as the commissioner

has been discharging his duties with diligence and emerged outstanding police officer. His retirement came in as the statutory retirement age set in following his recent attainment of the rank of AIG. Odumosu who holds a law degree, two master's degrees and a Diploma certificates took a bow at the pull-out parade and valedictory ceremony organized in his honour by the Lagos State Government at Police Training Ground, Ikeja on Tuesday, January 25, 2022. The retiree advised the young officers to embrace discipline which he described as the "bedrock of the force."



Gov. Babajide Sanwo-Olu, retired (AIG), Hakeem Odumosu and his wife at the retirement valedictory ceremony

## Ojodu LCDA to prioritise social amenities

By Edith Igbokwe

While preparing its 2022 budget, the authority of Ojodu Local Council Development Area (LCDA) has said it would focus more on social amenities and infrastructures to make life easy for the residents. According to the council chairman, Hon. David Odunmaku, four major sectors namely Health, Education, Youth/Women Empowerment and Social Infrastructure, which he tagged HEYS will get the largest share of the budget.

The council boss said his administration will be focussing more on these sectors as they form the basis of good living. Odunmbaku also promised to organize continuous training and retraining for the council staff to allow for new ideas and technological advancement in the council administration. He said the council held its budget retreat recently to strategize on government policy formulation that would be beneficial to people of Ojodu and its effective implementation.

He said: "The budget retreat which was held in De Meros Hotel, Ikeja was tagged 'Budget of New Beginning' to develop a well-planned 2022 appropriation that would clearly outline people's oriented programmes. "At the forum, we reviewed previous year's budget performance, brainstormed and made decisions on the new fiscal year budget." He, therefore, implored the residents to promptly pay their taxes for the local council to record more achievements.



The Executive Chairman of Ojodu LCDA, David Odunmbaku in photograph with management staff at the 2022 budget retreat

## Sanwo-Olu, others commend Ikosi-Isheri LCDA over new office complex, fruit market

By Edith Igbokwe

Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu has commended the chairman of Ikosi-Isheri Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Princess Abolanle Bada for building new office complex and Ikosi-Isheri fruit market phase 1. The governor, who was in the company of his deputy, Dr. Obafemi Hamzat and Iyalaja General, Chief (Mrs.) Folashade Ojo, gave the commendation last week while commissioning the projects. He pointed to the projects as one of the greatest achievements recorded by her administration. The Managing Director, Julius Berger construction company, Engr. Las Richter, the chairman, Lagos House of Assembly Committees on Works and Infrastructure, Hon. Abiodun Tobun, the Special Adviser to the

Governor on Housing, Mrs. Toke Benson Awoyinka and others were all at the occasion. The founder of Cheche Foundation and the All Progressives Congress (APC) 2023 House of Representatives aspirant in Kosofe Federal

Constituency, Engr. Abiodun Owokoya described the chairman as "Deborah of our time." He stated that her administration has indeed brought lots of developments to Ikosi-Isheri community.



Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu as he cut the tape during the commissioning of the council complex

## Okanlawon plans academic competition

By Edith Igbokwe

Member of the Lagos House of Assembly representing Kosofe Constituency I, Hon. Sanni Okanlawon, has disclosed his plan to commence academic competition among secondary schools in his constituency in 2022. Okanlawon, who is the chairman House Committee on Education, said his plan is to enhance education in the constituency by encouraging more seriousness among the students through competitions.

According to him, the competition is tagged 'Hon. Okal Sponsored Kosofe Constituency 1 Secondary Schools Debate Competition'. He stated that the competition aimed at enabling students to think critically and develop intellectual capacity through expansion of understanding of multiple sides of important issues. One of the debate topics for discussion, according to the organiser, would be 'Government Should Spend More Money On Security Than Education'.

He said the winner of the debate would be rewarded with N250, 000 (student/teacher) while the first runner up will have N150,000 and the second runner up will take N100, 000. Okanlawon informed that oversight function on the state facilitated projects will be carried out on the first and only fire station project in Kosofe, the road project beside Kosofe local council and a link bridge construction at Mende/Arowojobe. He also promised to carry out inspection on primary schools to ascertain their condition.



# Mainland LG presents N3.99b budget

By Edith Igbokwe

The executive arm of Lagos Mainland Local Government led by the council chairman, Hon. (Mrs.) Omolola Essien, has presented N3,993,280,973.33 2022 Appropriation Bill to the legislative arm for passage. The council leader, Hon. Azeez Oloto, while receiving the budget, assured its speedy passage. He emphasised that the legislative arm would not delay the budget to hasten its implementation for the development of the local government area. He stated that the House

strongly believes that the budget will be of great benefit to the people of Lagos Mainland LGA.

The council chairman stated that the budget was put together in conformity to modern day budgeting, in line with procurement law of simplicity, clarity, flexibility, conciseness, predictive, projective and practicable.

According to her, her administration places premium on the welfare of the people in the community.

explaining that the budget was carefully packaged to address the socio-economic development of the local government such that will galvanize optimal economic activities.



The Executive Chairman of Lagos Mainland, Mrs. Omolola Essien present 2022 budget to the House leader, Hon. Azeez Oloto

## Stakeholders demand social amenities for residents

By Edith Igbokwe

Stakeholders in the Lagos Mainland Local Government Area (LGA) drawn from the council political wards have demanded provision of social amenities for the people in community. During an interactive session organized by the Executive Chairman of the council, Mrs. Omolola Essien to take the requests of the stakeholders, community needs were listed.

Some of their requests are on security as they urged the local government authority to equip the police for effective community policing, construction of more roads and drainages and provision of quality healthcare delivery and youth empowerment.

The council chairman reiterated her commitment to giving back to the community as she charged all stakeholders to play

their parts in their respective localities, telling them not to leave everything to government. Essien said she would make sure projects that have positive impacts on lives and make community habitable are executed. She expressed her readiness to advance the community through provision of projects that will aid development and achievements especially, in

healthcare infrastructure and security which she said are paramount.

The Head of Budget Department, Kemi Usman gave an overview of the consultative programme, saying that the gathering was in the best interest of the community.

and appealed to residents to promptly pay their rates and levies to enable the implementation of the council's projects.



Lagos mainland chairperson, Mrs. Omolola Essien addressing the stakeholders.

## Yaba Market may be relocated

By Edith Igbokwe

The popular Yaba Market in Lagos mainland may be moved to another yet-to-be known location as it has been marked for demolition to give way for the ongoing rail project.

Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu disclosed this after the inspection of the project at Ikeja, Yaba, Ebute-Metta

and Marina stations.

He added that deliberations are in progress with the relevant stakeholders on how best to relocate the market situated around the train station, though, he has not disclose the new location site.

He, however, assured that his administration will complete the red and blue line rail projects in the

fourth quarter of 2022.

He expressed satisfaction with the pace of the project, hoping that the contractors would round off works on the blue and red line rails according to the schedule for commercial activities later in the year.

According to the governor, with quarterly supervision, before the end of 2022 trains will be seen on top of the tracks.



Yaba Market

## Generate more funds from SME - Lagos A.G advises Mushin LG

By Saheed Afolabi

The Accountant General of Lagos State, Dr. Shefiu Muritala and other budget experts, have charged members of the revenue committee in Mushin Local Government to be more strategic in their approach towards increasing the revenue generation for the council. The charging came at the just concluded 2022 Budget Retreat of the local government, held at Swiss D'

Palms International Hotels, Ajao Estate, Lagos.

Muritala, who was at the event as a resource person, hinted that the Lagos State Government generates about 90 per cent of its revenue from Small and Medium Scale Enterprises and advised the council's management team to explore other untapped revenue sources to fill up the decreasing allocation gap from the federal government and generate more funds for the execution of their

proposed 2022 budget.

The Permanent Secretary, office of Establishment, Training and Pension, Local Government Service Commission, Mrs Kikelomo Bolarinwa, encouraged the staff members to be more diligent and efficient in their drive to generate revenue into the local government coffers.

Head of Monitoring, Implementation & Compliance, Mr. Subair Akintunde, who represented the DG, Lagos State Public

Procurement Agency, analyzed the various processes involved in procurement function in the public service.

He gave the various steps which must be followed by the procurement unit of the council in order to ensure due process is followed in the approval of any expenditure.

The Permanent Secretary/Auditor General for Local Government, Mr Femi Ogunlana, who discussed "Public Finance

Management Process" which he also termed "Budget Process", outlined the processes involved as retreat, approval, implementation and auditing.

He further discussed and broke down the processes one after the other as he emphasized the rules involved in each of the process and the need to abide by the rules for effective service delivery through efficient budget implementation in the local

government.

For the year 2022, all proposed projects including financial expenditure were initiated and discussed.

The entire management team deliberated extensively on ways to generate more revenue and embark on more development projects for the people of Mushin Local Government.

The council Chairman, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye appreciated the participants, while charging them to be up and doing.

## Yayi commends Hon. Yemi Alli on empowerment programme

By Abolaji Adebayo

Senator Ganiu Olamilekan Solom (Yayi), has described the Member of the Federal House of Representatives in Mushin Constituency I, Hon. Adeyemi Alli, as a family builder as he distributed empowerment tools to the indigents in the constituency.

Last week, Alli blessed some beneficiaries in Odiolowo Ojuwoye LCDA with working tools such as tricycles, sewing machines, grinding machines, eep freezers, hairdressing dryers, laptops, hand dryers, makeup kits, barbing clippers, towel warmers and others in large quantities.

The empowerment programme was tagged "Super Mega" as it was said to be the first of its kind in the history of the constituency. Commending the donor, Senator Solomon, the Apex leader of APC in Mushin and Odiolowo Ojuwoye thanked Alli for "building families in Odiolowo Ojuwoye", saying the gesture would go a long way in sustaining the beneficiaries' families by putting food on their table.

He also advised the beneficiaries to make sure that they use the equipment to better their lives, assuring those who could not get of more support from the political office holders.

Also commending the donor are Hon. Cornelius Ojelabi, the Chairman of APC Lagos State Chapter, Hon. Bayo Osiyemi, the Special Adviser to the Governor of Lagos State, Babajide Sanwo-Olu on Community Affairs and Chieftaincy Matters, Hon. Seye Oladejo, the APC, Lagos State Chapter

Spokesperson,

Hon. Nureni Akinsanya, the Lagos State House of Assembly Member, representing Mushin Constituency 1, and Hon. Kehinde Ajinni Babalola, the Deputy Women Leader of APC Lagos State Chapter.

The Chairman of Odi-olowo Ojuwoye LCDA, Hon. Rasaq Olushola Ajala, said he was happy to witness such mega empowerment by the lawmaker in his local council, saying Alli made him proud by fulfilling his campaign promises.

"One of the covenants we had with the people of Mushin Constituency 1 was to use the instrumentalities of our office to alleviate poverty in the community, which Hon. Yemi Alli

is fulfilling, so with Hon. Adeyemi Alli at the Green Chamber, the people interest will be surely and adequately protected because he has shown that he knew where the shoe pains," he said.

Speaking on the empowerment programme, Alli said the beneficiaries were carefully selected through various community-based organizations such as community development committee, trade and artisan associations, transportation unions, student and youth organizations who identified people in their various organizations and community that are permanent residents of the community, adding that committees were set up to ensure that the beneficiaries

make good use of the items given to them.

Some of the beneficiaries who spoke to our correspondent expressed gratitude to the donor as they promised to make use of the tools to their advantage.

One of the beneficiaries who got a hairdressing dryer narrated how she was pick without prior knowledge.

"I am not a politician neither do I know anybody there, it was just a bit of luck because my neighbour who told me about it never spoke with me before, and I was seriously in need of another hairdressing dryer. It is like God just answered my prayer. Thank you, Hon. Yemi Alli, may God bless your family as well," she said.



Hon. Adeyemi Alli

## Mushin LG budgets 4.7m; marks Layi-Oyekanmi, Oliyide, Ijaiye for reconstruction

By Abolaji Adebayo

Layi-Oyekan, Oliyide, Ijaiye and some other roads have been listed to be reconstructed by Mushin Local Government this year.

The Council Chairman, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye, disclosed that he has made provision for the reconstruction of some of the major roads which are begging for attention in Mushin Local Government in the 2022 council budget.

He made this know after presenting the 2022 Appropriation Bill of N4,714,025,188.00 to the legislative arm last week as he urged the House for prompt approval of the budget.

According to him, the appropriation bill tagged "Budget of Consolidation" is to consolidate his first term achievements in office by accelerating developmental projects in Mushin with emphasis on infrastructural development like road construction.

Highlighting his administration's achievements in his first term in office and performance of last year's budget, the Chairman mentioned key achievements in the area of road construction with about 40 roads constructed despite the financial constraint caused by Covid-19 pandemic without neglecting other critical services in education, health, social and

economic empowerment.

He explained that N4,714,025,188.00 is projected to be spent for the year 2022 with the capital expenditure at N1,419,849,970.22 and the overhead expenditure at N1,409,438,418.43, the personnel cost comprising local government and teachers salaries are estimated at 1,884,736,799.55

"There is no gainsaying that 2022 budget is aimed at continuous infrastructural development to bridge the infrastructural gap, improved security, human capital development, provision of improved health, environmental reforms, and capacity building for our

esteemed staff, public servants, teachers, and health workers among others."

Th council boss further explained that some of the roads begging for attention in the community will be attended to as he continues in his drive toward making the roads better.

"Wen our a dministration came on board in 2017, we inherited so many bad roads begging for attention and we started kicking the ground running which about 40 roads have being worked upon either reconstructed or repaired and now we are continuing in our drive to make our roads better. Owhin street that is ongoing will be completed, while Oliyide

Street, Dosunmu Street, Ijaiye street, Layi Oyekanmi and so on will be reconstructed as we have included them in the budget because the budget is focused on infrastructural development with road construction as our priority," he said.

The Chairman added that Ladipo and Itire roads would soon be reconstructed by the Lagos State Government, given assurance from the governor to have included it in the year 2022 budget.

He appealed to the residents to pay their rates and levies to the local council to generate enough revenue to fund the budget, saying the federal allocation alone cannot sustain the council.

# 39 years after, LASU gets approval for History, other education courses

By Motolani AbdulGafar

After 39 years of its establishment, Lagos State University (LASU) has just got accreditation for some courses by the National Universities Commission (NUC).

The accredited courses are Islamic Studies and Philosophy at the Faculty of Arts, Islamic Religious Studies Education, History Education, French Education, Yoruba Education, Chemistry Education, Biology Education and Physics Education at the Faculty of Education.

Though the school had been offering the courses, but they were just been

accredited last week.

The accreditation was pronounced following the strict evaluation made by a four-man team representatives of NUC headed by a professor of Islamic Studies from the University of Maiduguri, Prof. Muazu Muhammed, at the university to ensure better productivity of those courses to students.

While speaking on the decision of NUC in accrediting those courses, Muhammed stated that the body has so far observed an orderly development of a well coordinated and productive university system starting from their mode of hospitality, saying their actions would guarantee quality and

relevant education for national development and global competitiveness across board.

He urged the general public to respect the virtue of education due to its importance and benefits.

The Vice Chancellor of the school, Prof. Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello, said the accreditation exercise was an important matter that concerns part of the success of the university.

She reinstated that part of the vision of the university is to become the best in West Africa.

Olatunji-Bello said that the institution is looking forward to the accreditation of more programmes in the school.



Prof. Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello

## Get your PVC, Abila urges residents

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Chairmen of the Iba LCDA, Hon. Yisa Jubril (Abila), has urged the residents to get their permanent voter's cards (PVCs) ahead of 2023 general elections.

He said their PVC is their power to make their choice of who controls their affairs during the next general elections.

His words: "It's not enough to just want change, you have to go and make change by also exercising your civic right by voting the right leaders.

"Voting is precious. It is the most powerful nonviolent tool we have in a democratic society and we must use it judiciously. I hereby urge you our dear constituents to take advantage of the Continuous Voters Registration and Revalidation Process that's ongoing."

## Surulere LG plans to expand revenue sources to fund budget

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Chairman of Surulere LG, Hon. Sulaiman Yusuf, has vowed to look into the untapped sources to generate more revenue for the implementation of the 2022 budget.

He tasked all revenue officers to work harder to make the fiscal year attainable as the local government is much more concern about how to improve its internally generated revenue (IGR), while preparing the budget.

He emphasized the need for the local government to expand its IGR, noting that the allocation from the Federal Government cannot be sufficient for the developmental projects lined up for execution, insisting that this year, all untapped revenue sources will be looked into and all



Hon. Sulaiman Yusuf delivering his speech

loopholes blocked.

The Head of Budget, Planning and Statistics, Mrs Folasade Adewale said the essence of holding a

budget retreat was to deliberate on how to expand the local government IGR and how to utilise the allocation from

the federal and state governments as well as how to allocate fund to each department. The council treasurer, Mrs

Taiwo Danso charged all council workers to buckle up for the council to record significant achievement in the new fiscal year.

# Angel Salt changing the narrative of grassroots football

By Saheed Afolabi

**W**akaPass Foundation is a football project that uses the game to raise societal leaders.

Led by Angel Salt, the team has reached out to over 500 young players and eight coaches in football academies across Lagos State.

With voluntary visit to these academies, young football players have been inspired to passionately pursue their football dreams, while also paying close attention to their studies, acquiring vocational skills and also imbibing the best moral standards.

A total of eight football academies were visited in 2021 and were all hosted at the maiden edition of 'Wakapasstars Champions Cup "The Game Changer"' in December 2021.'

Some of the highlights of the event were football competition where Rolabass Football Academy of Surulere emerged the winners, scouting opportunity, vocational skill acquisition, social skills, community cleaning exercise, use of social media and player profile, CPR/First Aid session and presentation of medals, certificates and trophies to the respective recipients.

The coaches of the eight invited teams were also taken through a leadership session facilitated by Coach Jide Akinyelu of Gbagada FC.

The winning coach of the WakaPass Champions Cup, coach Roland Bassey of Rolabass FA was also awarded scholarship to a one year study of advance football coaching certificate at the National Institute for Sports courtesy of Gbagada FC and WakaPass Foundation.



Rolabass Football Academy

This year 2022, many more grassroots football academies

will feel the impact of this project as Angel Salt and his

team are set to reach many more of these young players

with the football plus Education (FED) mandate.

## Coach Momoh commends players for tactical discipline

By Saheed Afolabi

**G**eneral Manager of Business Atlantic FC, Sule Momoh has commended his players for their resilience, fighting spirit and doggedness exhibited to earn a 1-0 victory over newly-promoted Nigeria National League side, Ijebu United.

The friendly match was put together to enable the coaching crew of Business Atlantic to assess the players' fitness ahead of The Creative Championship. TCC The encounter which was played early Wednesday at Dipo Dina International Stadium, Ijebu-Ode saw Olayemi Onifade scoring the winning goal for Business Atlantic in the 75th minutes to confirm their victory over Ijebu United in a

friendly match watched by hundreds of football fans.

After the pulsating tie, Momoh said the victory was a welcome development, saying the victory would help the players to give their best in subsequent matches.

He, however, commended his players for their determination and tactical discipline shown throughout the high tension-soaked match.

"The victory was a good one for a team like us. We went to play NNL side in their home and we came out victorious. This is to tell you that the players were at their best and played to the coach's instruction. We would not rest on our oars and ensure that we take this winning mentality to prepare well for The Creative Championship," he said. Meanwhile Business Atlantic has

started playing The Creative Championship, TCC before they went on break.

The Lagos FA Cup quarterfinalist lost 0-1 to Gbagada FC in the opening match and won Broad City FC 3-1 in their second match.

Business Atlantic would next face Dannaz FC in TCC League at the Teslim Balogun stadium, Surulere, Lagos. The encounter would be another litmus test for Business Atlantic players and a victory for them would boost the morale of the players to excel in their subsequent matches.

Momoh said he is optimistic that his players would go out for victory against Dannaz. He said failure to win their opponents would be a huge disappointment to the fans and club management led by Henry Obinna.



Business Atlantic FC

## Why I resigned from Oasis Ladies - Coach Ayere

By Saheed Afolabi

**A**fter resigning from Oasis Ladies of Lagos, coach Ayere Sylvester is yet to get a club to manage as he keeps his next move to his chest.

Speaking exclusively to ECHONEWS, Sylvester stated that life is a constant growth and the reason he resigned as the coach of Oasis Ladies is to evaluate and improve himself for the task ahead.

"Life is a constant growth, after resigning from Oasis

Ladies, I just have to sit down and evaluate things, try to assess things and adequately improve myself for the task ahead. In as much you want to go far in coaching, you have to constantly improve yourself look at the area I need to improve and brace up for the task ahead.

"Obviously it was a shock to many people but its one of those things that makes coaching beautiful, we are not used to seeing coaches resign from grassroots

clubs but I had to improve and grow myself and it was also a mutual agreement to resign and move on and it's actually the best for both parties.

"Coach Ayere is full of plans, I'm a man of multiple plans and definitely you will see coach Ayere in a new environment and dimension. It's all about refilling my guard and relax myself, the year is still young and enterprising and there are plenty great plans ahead under my sleeve."

**A**s clubs step up preparation for their engagements in developmental programmes and competitions, Shola FC based in Ikorodu have started their campaign of the year on a light note as they continue rebuilding the club.

Speaking to ECHONEWS, the coach of Shola FC, coach Jerry noted that the club is at the rebuilding stage after their loss to

## 'We'll keep building Shola FC'

By Saheed Afolabi

Lofty Skills and also trying out new legs that just came into the team.

"Well, just as I said, we'll keep building and also work more to get there. My boys lost concentration after we score ahead of the opponent and before they could get themselves, time has already gone. We are

also trying to work on some new legs that just came into the team by giving them a match trial."

Shola FC lost to Loft Skills academy with a slim margin, but they believe that with the arrival of new legs from different parts of the World, Shola FC will be undefeated and will be a toast of the other clubs in Lagos.

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