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Father of lost and found boy commends Isolo LNSC

By Damilola Kushimo

The father of the missing boy found in Ajao Estate by personnel of Lagos State Neighborhood Safety Corps (LNSC), Isolo chapter has appreciated the corps officers for their diligence in handling his child.

The father, Mr. Joe Joseph, in a telephone interview with our correspondent, expressed profound gratitude to the corps led by Corps Superintendent Funmilola Adekile for their role in how the boy was found and taken to Juvenile Centre, Alakara.

ECHONEWS reported that the boy, Godwin Joseph, was found roaming the streets in Isolo by the personnel of the neighbourhood corps attached to Coca-Cola bus stop in Ajao Estate on Monday, May 17, 2021.

The boy was allegedly rejected by officers of the Ajao Estate Police division before the Neighbourhood Corps took him to the Juvenile Centre in Alakara

where the family was able to find him after three days of searching for him.

Joseph explained that the boy went missing from their church, Assemblies of God church, Isolo, on Sunday, May 16 and that all efforts to find him proved abortive after complaining at Ago Okota and Aswani Police Stations.

He explained that it was a church member who is a police officer in Ago-Okota division that advised him to go to the Juvenile centre in Alakara where the boy was eventually found on Tuesday.

"I want to appreciate the personnel of LNSC for their great work especially their role in how the boy was found because we were made to understand that the officers of Ajao Estate Police station refused to take custody of the boy and the Neighbourhood Corps had to take the boy to the juvenile centre by themselves. We appreciate this effort because it saved us some stress in our search."



The missing boy with parent

JUSUN strike hinders residents plan to sue Isolo LCDA over disputed property

By Damilola Kushimo

A concerted plan of residents of Adebisi Omotola street, Isolo LCDA to sue the local council over the ownership of a property being used by the council to build a shopping complex is yet to see the light of day, no thanks to the ongoing judicial workers' strike.

Amidst the controversy, officials of the Lagos State Building Control Agency on April 27, this year served a contravention notice on the site.

Nevertheless, the residents have started a whispering campaign telling anyone they see at the site making enquiries on how to buy the shops being built to beware of taking the risk.

They claim that only the judgment of the court of law could determine the fate of the property which they believed is theirs.

According to them, the piece of land on which the complex is being built is the community's setback which is outside the council's premises.

They claimed that the council encroached on their land to build the shopping complex without their consent, stating that they are waiting for the court to resume for them to take up the case.

As reported by ECHONEWS, the council had earlier challenged the residents of the community to head to court if they have the required

documents to challenge the council's claim on the piece of land.

According to the residents, the community is exploring all legal means to challenge the council's claim over the piece of land and the legality of building shopping complex on it, warning that nobody should buy any of the shops as advertised by the council even as the construction work is going on.

They said they have petitioned the state government and all the concerned authorities including LABSCA and LASPPPA.

Meanwhile, personnel from LABSCA had earlier in the month carried out a partial demolition of the complex, accusing the council of disregarding the Contravention Notice the



The shopping complex

authority served on the building on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

The contravention notice highlighted that the storey building complex contravenes

the provision of Lagos State Urban and Regional Planning and Development Law 2010

and previous enactments on urban and physical and Development.

Expert tasks biz owners, corporate organisations on CSR

By Damilola Kushimo

Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) expert, Mrs. Georgina Eigbe has given reasons why companies in the locality need to give back to their host communities.

Eigbe, the founder of Wazobia Foundation, in an exclusive interview with ECHONEWS, noted that corporate organisations in the community need to do more CSR to complement governments' developmental efforts.

According to her, CSR projects help fill the lapses of development in various areas which include training, infrastructural development, provision of needed facilities in public schools, hospitals and youth centres in the community which, she said, the government could not do alone. She explained that beyond helping the community to achieve their development goals on all possible fronts, CSR also helps organisations in creating and sustaining cordial

relationships with their host communities, a factor she described as critical to the continuous and peaceful existence of the organisation in the community.

Her words: "CSR is very important to the company because it is a way of recognising your host community and giving back to support the development of the area in which you are operating. For the local communities, it is a way for company to grow and develop and fulfil certain provisions that require

additional funding beyond the limited government funds. CSR is meant to complement the government's work and provide fulfilling investment opportunities to its local communities.

She said there are more things that could be done in terms of CSR by businesses and corporate organisations, saying they need to understand the needs of the community by working with the stakeholders. She added that business organisations also need the help of trusted CSR outsourcing



The founder of Wazobia Foundation; Mrs Georgina Eigbe

partner such as her Wazobia Foundation to effectively allocate their CSR budget to the most impactful projects within their host communities.

Grassroots players should work hard and pray – Itisi

By Saheed Afolabi

A grassroots sport pillar, Mayowa Itisi, has advised the players at the grassroots to work harder and be prayerful to make it in their career.

Itisi, a major supporter of the players, said he has been sponsoring football talents in Oshodi-Isolo in scouting programmes and competitions to groom the youngsters to world class standard.

He told ECHONEWS that despite not playing football professionally, he loves football and believes in youngsters who are struggling to make it in the game.

"The number of talented footballers in the street is what is motivating me to sponsor this talents because most of their parents or guardians don't have the means of sponsoring them for trials outside the country or even in the Nigeria Professional Football League (NPFL), which I normally do. At the same time, they also give back to the society when they make it."

Itisi noted that he has been sponsoring tournaments and players in the grassroots for over 5 years and it gives him joy seeing the talents discovered in the competition

or trials and secure professional contract with a club. He advised grassroots players to be disciplined,



Mayowa Itisi

hard working and not relent in their pursuit of greener pastures in and outside the country, urging them to go extra mile and hustle their way in competitive environment.

Sancho, Kane, Rice, Torres top Solskjaer transfer list

By Saheed Afolabi

Manchester United manager, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer plans to strengthen Manchester United in the areas of wide attackers, strikers positions, and center back with Harry Kane, Jadon Sancho, Pay Torres and Declan Rice who are his preferred players.

Solskjaer is conscious of the fact that it is unlikely he gets his target because the estimated cost of budget that he is expecting is in the region of £300m and the availability of any of the player is crucial to his transfer plans, having shown intent in at least securing the signature of one of his preferred players to bolster his

squad which will require an upgrade in quality and depth of the squad.

Sancho's total deal which includes agent fees and wages is valued at €250m, West Ham have placed a price tag of £100m on Declan Rice, while Pay Torres of Villarreal is valued at €30m.

Real Madrid experienced center back Raphael Varane is also among the transfer target of United and he is worth £60m. The Glazers family is willing to release the needed funds to get the transfer targets of the club so as to regain the trust of fans following a protest during the season by fans who gained entrance into the Old Trafford which led to the postponement of their match between Liverpool at Old Trafford.

Nike officially ends relationship with Neymar

By Saheed Afolabi

Sportswear company, Nike, has ended its relationship with Neymar following his refusal to cooperate with investigation into an alleged sexual assault involving an employee of the company.

The alleged sexual assault was reported to Nike in 2018 and it allegedly happened in 2016. Nike said it's investigation was inconclusive.

Neymar's spokeswoman said Neymar denied the sexual assault and split with Nike last year due to commercial reasons.

"Neymar Jr will vigorously defend himself against these baseless attacks in case any claim is presented, which did not

no reason for the split at the time.

Nike stated that it could not accuse Neymar without having facts to back up its claim, adding that Neymar's refusal to cooperate led to the end

to provide supporting facts. "Nike ended its relationship with the athlete because he refused to co-operate in a good faith investigation of credible allegations of wrongdoing by an employee."

Nike said the employee reported the allegations in 2018 but initially wanted to avoid an investigation and keep it confidential. It said it commissioned an independent investigation into the matter the following year when she expressed an interest in pursuing it.

The alleged victim has not been named as Nike said: "We continue to respect the confidentiality of the

employee and also recognise that this has been

a long and difficult experience for her."

Neymar plays for French



Neymar Jr.

happen so far."

Nike and Neymar parted ways in August 2020 signaling the end of one Nike's high profile sponsorship deals. Nike gave

the relationship between them.

"It would be inappropriate for Nike to make an accusatory statement without being able

h Ligue 1 side Paris Saint Germain (PSG) and recently extended his contract with the French side by 3 years which will expire by June 30, 2025.

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LCL: FC Brave crush Collins Edwin 4-2

By Saheed Afolabi

FC Brave leapfrog to the 8th position on the Lagos City League (LCL) table after crushing local rival 4-2.

FC Brave defeated Collins Edwin with a fantastic performance leaving Collins Edwin on the 12th position on the league table.

Tricky and fast paced winger Lateef Aborishade contributed two assists in the game for Dolapo Lekan and Seun Fashina who grabbed a brace in the match while influential figure in the team, Aliu Ali, scored a fantastic free kick to cap out a great day for FC Brave.

Lateef Aborishade of FC Brave dribbled and raced past Collins Edwin defenders before providing an assist for Dolapo Lekan to bang in the opener in the match.

A goal separated both sides in the first half as lots of chances were created but only one chance was utilised by the players.

The defenders of Collins Edwin



FC Brave vs Collins Edwin

could not hinder Lateef Aborishade as he proved a nightmare to their defense line. Aborishade notched in another assist for Seun Fashina to take the drivers seat of the match. Charismatic influential attacking midfielder, Aliu Ali, displayed a great performance at the heart of the midfield by firing in a fantastic free kick to give FC Brave a 3-

goal lead. Collins Edwin pulled a goal back in the 67th minute to make it 3-1. Aliu Ali gave assist to Seun Fashina, who grabbed a brace in the match by finding the back of the net in the 70th minute. Collins Edwin also scored another goal at the death of the game to end the scoreline at 4-2 in favour of FC Brave.

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Prepare for heavier rains, Ejigbo LCDA warns residents

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Ejigbo local council authority has urged the residents to maintain environmental protection by ensuring that their drains are well desilted to control flood.

The residents were advised to prepare ahead of heavy rain downpour to save the community from the recurrent flood.

The Supervisory Councillor for Environment, Mr. Femi Ibile, gave the advice in a chat with ECHONEWS, noting that continuous downpour will soon start.

He said the delay of the incessant downpour this season is unusual, warning

that it may be heavier when it starts.

According to him, the challenge of flooding faced during rainy period is caused by mismanagement of waste, saying the residents indiscriminately disposes of wastes in the drains.

He informed that the local government has been making more efforts to rehabilitate more drains in the local council area.

He warned the residents, marketers and passersby to desist from disposing of used plastic bottles, empty sachets and others into the drains to avoid erosion and diseases.

"As community inhabitants, it takes nothing from us to

ensure our area is safe and habitable in all ramifications.

That's why we keep reinstating different means by which we can control flood and we hope that the community would comply with them.

"On our part, we ensure that environmental services are carried out within the community and also ensure easy accessibility of PSP to avoid dumping of refuse in unapproved areas."

He said the LAWMA street captain co-ordinators and other assigned captains have been going around the communities to enlighten and persuade residents on reasons they need to patronise PSP.



Dauda Ilo canal path

Leader unveils councillors ward offices as next agenda of the Legislative Arm

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The council leader of Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Olanrewaju Akinbowale (Larry), has revealed that part of the legislators' plans for the next administration is to have an office for each of the councillors in their wards where people could lodge their complaints and make their requests.

The council leader pledged that if returned as a councillor, he would champion the move to make sure the legislative arm works with the executive arm to provide an office for the councillors in each ward across the local council area, saying such a move would ease the stress of the residents trying to meet government officials.

According to him, having an office in the wards will bring the residents closer to the government as they will be able to see their councillors directly and make their requests rather than following some protocols before seeing them at the council secretariat.

Akinbowale made the promise in response to the request of the health mobilisation committee seeking the government's help towards the execution of its duties within the community.

The committee had complained of lack of needed equipment which has been hindering the



Hon. Olanrewaju Akinbowale

smooth discharge of its duties.

Speaking with ECHONEWS in an exclusive interview, the coordinator of the committee, Mrs Tawakalitu Alao, disclosed that the committee has always been painstakingly mobilising members of the community

despite various challenges.

She explained that residents, at some point, harass the committee members or neglect their calls whenever they embarked on publicity, noting the paucity of tables and chairs at orientation sites as another

challenge.

In her words: "We are doing this humanitarian service because we believe our commitment is to the community but then a little appreciation is needed to commend and encourage us to do more because we really need

government intervention in our dealings. We need the government to pay us transport allowance because we get no benefit from this mobilisation exercise that we are committed to as we use our personal money to cater for our needs.

"After we have successfully mobilised residents, it is pathetic that residents are always stranded because they are left in the sun due to the fact that we don't have canopies, tables and chairs in our outreach sites. This discourages them and they usually leave very early before the completion of the programme."

The council leader said the establishment of office for the councillors in their wards will make it easy for all to have access to the government, asking them to take their correspondence to their councillors office if they need anything from the government.

He also told the health mobilisation committee to put their request in writing and submit it to the legislative arm, promising that the legislators will forward it to the executive arm for execution.

He urged the residents and other organisations or bodies to make use of the councillor's office in their wards when they are provided.

LG Elections: CAN chairman charges prospective winners on good governance

By Motolani AbdulGafar

While waiting for the local government election to hold July 24, the chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Ejigbo branch, Rev. Stephen Oyinlola has charged the would-be winners to be godly in their administration.

He advised them to ensure good governance by allowing guidance from God and do away with anything that could tarnish and dent their administration.

Oyinlola said the predestined assignment every individual is meant to actualise is what is presently manifesting in them while advising candidates that are yet to reach certain desired post to have faith in the greatness of God.

He said: "Successful candidates should ensure they execute all what God has sent them to do because God does not tolerate derailed leaders.

They are positioned to spread the will of the Lord in multitude in every corner of human existence in which they reach, the reason being that God said: 'Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests but also for the interests of others' Philippians 2:3-4."

Meanwhile, the clergyman has congratulated the winners of the All Progressives Congress (APC) party primaries held on Saturday last week even as they await the official announcement of the results

Health officers orientate mothers on immunisation

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The health officials of Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) have appealed to mothers to get their kids immunised to prevent illness. They explained that getting immunised will prevent the

babies from infections and build their resistance to diseases.

Enlightening the mothers and would-be mothers on the importance of immunisation, the Health Educator, Hafsat Balogun, said the essence of doing a proper follow-up is to keep preparing the body to fight against unforeseen

diseases.

According to her, immunisation of kids is key and should be taken seriously since the kids cannot express themselves appropriately but can only signal their feelings.

Also speaking, the Apex Nurse, Ejigbo LCDA, Nurse Iyabode Ikhianosime cautioned mothers to beware

of cervical cancer while encouraging them to visit medical health centres for free check-up.

She explained that cancer can affect the deeper tissues of their cervix and may spread to other parts of their body if not treated on time.

The Apex Community Health Officer, Kelani Olusola,

together with the chairman of the Health and Environment subcommittee of Ejigbo Community Development Committee (CDC), Elder Amos Johnson, appreciated the efforts of the mobilisation committee for sensitising residents in the six wards in the local council area, advising mothers to monitor their kids.

Oshodi PSPs, CDC agree to N50 waste bill cut

By Edith Igbokwe

Controversy over high waste bills issued by Private Sector Participants (PSPs) operating in Oshodi-Isolo LGA-Excellence Link and TUNAP- was resolved last week as both firms agreed with the Community Development Committee to N50 cut in the

waste bills of a single room. This means occupants of single rooms will pay N400 per month for their waste instead of the N450 the operators had fixed in a recent review of their charges. ECHONEWS learnt that the new agreement will hold till December this year indicating that the charge may be reviewed in January next year to enable the managers cope

with the rising cost of operations. Both agreed to monitor the cost of diesel and maintenance of trucks used to operate the service and resume talks if the cost continues to soar. However, the CDC Chairman, Alhaji Adisa Olawoyin, who noted the plight of the PSP operators due to the high cost of running the company,

pleaded with the PSPs to also consider the poor masses whose incomes have not increased despite the hard economy of the country. Meanwhile, Oriyomi told ECHONEWS that the N50 reduction from the bill will greatly affect the PSP operators in Oshodi, claiming that they do not enjoy government's subsidy on waste

management as others despite the increase in diesel from N255 to N265 per litre in the last two months. He reiterated that the stability of the economy can't be guaranteed by anyone, adding that the operators have been suffering a hard time as a result of constant price increase of operational costs. "If the economy improves and

diesel price falls from N265 to N240 per litre, we can maintain the same N400 charge per room monthly but if it goes up more than that, it won't work out that way, we won't be able to sustain the N400 charge." He charged the community leaders to be mindful of the agreement that the charge will go up again in January 2022 if prices continue to increase.

Why I rejoined Pa Olabintan's group - Animashaun

By Edith Igbokwe

After separating from the group for quite a long time, the acting Chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Oshodi-Isolo LGA, Hon. Saheed Animashaun has returned to the Justice Forum group led by Pa Joseph Olabintan. Prior to the disbandment of all caucuses in APC by the party leadership across Lagos State, one of the caucuses in Oshodi-Isolo LGA, Justice Forum, split into two due to leadership tussle. Pa Olabintan led the mainstream group while the late Alhaja Modupeola Ariyoh led the other group. However, Animashaun said he has come back to be identified with the mainstream, saying there is a need for him to be seen as one of the members of the group. "I am fully back to the mainstream of Oshodi Justice Forum led by Pa Olabintan. As

the group slogan says, "Justice shall prevail". With my coming back, justice shall prevail and henceforth, I have decided to remain with the mainstream."

Animashaun was received by the group at a well-attended meeting of the leaders and members of the group at the residence of PA Olabintan.

Pa Olabintan, while accepting Animashaun back into the fold, described him as "a child who has wandered out of his pathway but later recognised to trace his way back to the root he belongs."

The Lagos State Chairman of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), Alhaji Musiliu Akinsaya who was present at the gathering expressed his joy over the step taken by Animashaun, asking him (Animashaun) whether he has totally left his former group.

Responding, Animashaun assured the group leaders and members that he was fully back and would abide by its rules and regulations.



Animashaun announcing his return to Justice forum main stream at Pa Olabintan's residence

Superintendent urges corps members to fall in line with new LNSC boss

By Edith Igbokwe

The Corps Superintendent (CS) of the Lagos State Neighborhood Safety Corps (LNSC), Oshodi-Isolo LGA, Jubril Adeniji, has urged the corps members to demonstrate discipline and commitment to duty to support the new general manager of the corps, Prince Ifalade Oyekan. Speaking after the new general manager met the corps superintendents of the 20 local governments and 37 Local Council Development Areas, Adeniji disclosed to ECHONEWS that the new GM is a disciplined, hardworking and accommodating person who is ready to assist any hardworking officer to attain a higher level in their career, adding that he has the qualities to advance the job. Born on the 1st Day of March, 1970 at the popular Idungaran Palace in the heart of the historical City of Lagos, he started his academic sojourn at the renowned Ireti Primary

School, Ikoyi, Lagos before proceeding to Ayaki Secondary School, Okerimi-Oro, Kwara State where he obtained the West African Examination Council Exams Ordinary Level Certificate in 1988.

He was at the Kwara State Polytechnic where he bagged a Diploma in Law in 1991 and to further his latitude, he proceeded to the Lagos State University and graduated with the LL. B Degree in Law and was called to the Bar after the mandatory one year at the Law School, Bwari, Abuja in 2001

Ifalade was at the prestigious Middlesex University, London in 2005 for a Post Graduate Course in Law and his voracious thirst for knowledge found him on the streets of the University again in 2008 when he bagged a Masters of Law LL. M from the same Middlesex University.

Prince Oyekan cut his professional teeth with the Administration and Legal Department of Adeniyi Adebayo Law Firm in 1991, before

teaming up with Fouad Oki and Associates as a Consultant in Community Job creation.

During his mandatory one year National Youth Service Corp he was engaged by Boppfad Nigeria Limited as a Properties Agent in the Properties Department, and upon the conclusion of his service to his fatherland he was immediately engaged by Rouq & Co as a Property Counsel. The quintessential Prince gave a

good account of himself everywhere he had the opportunity to put his foot, often living behind giant steps.

He, therefore, charged officers to buckle up and work to the expectation of the general manager.

The CS told his officers that the new general manager loves exceptional performance and that he is expecting much from them.



The new LNSC GM, prince Ifalade Oyekan addressing the 57 CS officers

Community lauds extension of road repairs to Charity service lane

By Edith Igbokwe

The extension of the rehabilitation of the Oshodi-Apapa Expressway to the service lane at Charity bus stop has elicited the praise of the residents as the community development association thanked the government for the project.

The Chairman of Isokan Community Development Association (CDA), Charity Oshodi, Mr. Kazeem Fawole said this will give free movement and access to vehicles and other road users.

He expressed his joy over the work, noting that traffic jam

has gradually been reduced in the axis as the reconstruction work progresses.

He said when completed, the reconstruction of the road will also reduce the dust that is affecting the health of the residents.

He, however, appealed to the motorists to strictly adhere to the road diversion signs and tape barricade along Afariogun Junction, Under Charity pedestrian bridge to avoid obstruction of ongoing road reconstruction exercise. "The motorists need to comply with the diversion signs and follow alternative routes to their destinations to give the development work the support needed for the job to be accomplished," he said.



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