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By Kunle Awosiyan

leven out of 13 women t hat contested for the chairmanship seats in the last Lagos council election won, making it 15.8 per cent of the local government leadership positions.

Among the women some of whom are returning for a second term are Princess Olayemi Animashaun (Epe); Princess Bolanle Bada (Ikosi-Ketu); Mrs. Motunrayo Gbadebo (ljede); Mrs. Oluwakemi Alabi (Iru-Victoria); Aminat Oluwakemi Alabi, Hon. Oluyemisi Rosiji (Ojokoro); Hon. Opeyemi Akindele (Mosan-Okunola); Princess Adetoro Adeyanju (Eti-Osa); Mrs. Abubakar (Agboyi-Ketu); Princess Muhibat Rufai (Ojo); Mrs. Bukola Adedeji Omope (Bariga); and Hon. Idowu Senbanjo (Apapa).

Data obtained by Echonews shows that the 15.8 per cent across the 57 Local



Bolanle Bade, Ikosi-Isheri



Princess Olayemi Animashaun, Epe



Motunrayo Gbadebo, Ijede



Iru-Victoria Island



Oluyemi Rosiji, Ojokoro



Opeyemi Akindele, Mosan Okunola

Development had seats at that state, the forum allocated inclusivity. Areas significantly The data also Findings showed multiple wards to a small fraction of higher than the shows that out of that the women contest for elective positions nationalthe average, where councillorship record this Lagos also stood below their only about 3.7% seats across the significant out by facilitating demographic of LG chair roles 57 councils, 41 increase greater female share and nationwide are are women. filled by women. Even though, it report by Female progressives primaries: 35% gender from the previous state deliberately 124 women Assembly inclusion target 2021 – 2025 took significant tickets to contest Representation is a sharp total of 377 seats. nomination fees female seats): 3 women

i s level.

about four years the total persons with offered fee

Government and ago when about councillorship disabilities. reported.

falls short of the Councillors Forum Congress in the The APC granted N a t i o n a l under Nigeria's tenure, 41 female steps during its for council (as of 2023) affirmative action councillors were primaries by positions, Elections) shows guidelines, there in office out of a reducing including 11 Senate (109 improvement This represents for women, chairmanship with compared to about 10.6% of youth, and candidates, and representation.

reductions to Local Council three women positions in the The party also s u p p o r t

women to Women hold only 3 7 7 were able to elective positions. in Nigeria well because the participation international According to a ruling All during party benchmarks for gender parity.

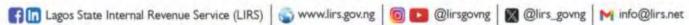






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House Representatives (360 seats) with 15 $w \circ m e n$, approximately 4.2% of total membership. In total (469 seats) representing 18 women at 3.8% of legislative seats overall.

Across 1,534 executive and legislative positions at federal and state levels (including president, governor, legislators, and their deputies), only 72 were filled by women, amounting to 4.7 per cent.

This includes seven female deputy governors and 65 women serving as legislators federally or in state assemblies.

In the State Houses of Assembly, out of 990 elected seats across 36 states, only 48 women won, representing 4.8 per cent.

The aggregate elective offices, shows that women constituted less than 5% of all elective positions at federal and state levels as of the 2023 elections, despite making up nearly half of Nigeria's population and accounting for almost 51% of registered voters

Nigeria ranks 178th out of 182 countries in the 2025 Global Gender Gap Report



Adetoro Adeyanju, Eti -Osa



Adetola Abubakar, Agboyi-Ketu



Princess Muhibat Rufai, Ojo

for political empowerment, with particularly low representation in parliament and ministerial roles (8.8% female ministers, dropping from 17.6% in 2024)

In July 2024, a constitutional amendment proposing reserved seats for women (74 federal and 108 state legislature reserved seats, plus statutory 35% gender clause) passed second reading, leaving implementation pending by December 2025.

Despite robust advocacy and legal frameworks urging at least 35% female representation, Nigeria remains far from achieving gender-inclusive governance in its elective bodies. Concerted reforms, including implementing the reserved seats bill and enforcing

affirmative action



Bukola Adedeji Omope, Bariga

are urgently needed for progress.

Reacting to the new data, a women's advocacy group has praised Lagos State's achievement in the 2025 local government elections, calling it a "milestone for gender inclusion in grassroots politics".

The Conference of Female Council Chairpersons in Lagos joined in commending the achievement, highlighting that women from various professional and

grassroots backgrounds engaged deeply in the electoral process, promoting inclusive governance and community-driven development.

Also reacting to the development the President League of Women Voters of Nigeria (NILOWV), Hon. Irene Awunah Ikyegh said the gains send a strong message that inclusion of women at the grassroots is key to more inclusive governance



Hon. Idowu Sebanjo, Apapa

statewide.

Calling for constitutional reform and gender equity in governance, Ikyegh said that Nigerian women are done being sidelined. "We are tired of being used as vote banks." Ikyegh called on women to rally behind one another at every election. "When women run, women must vote for them. We can't win if we don't support each other," she said. To Hon. Jumoke Okoya-Thomas the Lagos APC women

leader, Lagos gave Nigeria its first female Deputy Governor, first female Senator, and first female Speaker. Just in the last election, 11 women ran for LGA Chairmanship positions!"

She praised Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu as a "true HeForShe ally," and stressed that the goal is broader than female leadership but about leading everyone with competence and no gender bias.

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LSFVCB Partners Plotweaver To Launch Innovative Youth Storytelling Competition



Lagos State Film stated. Thursday.

aged 13 to 20, this e n r i c h e d for storytelling and

Film and Video inspire a love for the holiday season The Project Lead, Censors Board storytelling, for children rather Lagos Youth (LSFVCB) has offering a platform than playing at Storytelling partnered with for young home. Plotweaver, a individuals to Her words, "The Oteme Oyo, said fore front unleash their Lagos State Film that plot weavers technology imagination and and Video Censors are the technical company, to share their Boardis dedicated story checkers to launch an Artificial distinctive to promoting and evaluate the Intelligence (AI) narratives. Through regulating the film stories submitted to in novative this collaboration, and video sector ensure that they Storytelling LSFVCB seeks to to ensure the are culturally Competition for cultivate authentic quality content for relevant and ages between 13 - artistic expression audiences while commercially This initiative was adolescents, developmental "This competition is team of LASPA parking of vehicles made known by empowering them initiatives within the an opportunity to issued a 24-hour in the State has the Executive to convey their sector. Sorytelling is showcase Artificial ultimatum to started. Secretary/CEO creativity," she a means of Intelligence as a owners of the

and Video Censors Mrs. Agbaminoja cultural heritage technology". Board (LSFVCB), highlighted the and building a Mr Ojo Olumuyiwa Mrs. Adebukola transformative thriving socio- Johnson, Agbaminoja, impact of economic Partnership Officer during a press storytelling on creative economy at Plotweaver, conference held in young lives, for the state". Ikeja, Lagos, on encouraging all Agbaminoja competition is a "The competition is take part in the concept by platform that will designed to competition and Plotweaver is not only preserve nurture and showcase their designed to our cultural harness the talents. She urged empower young heritage but build creative talents of p a r e n t s , storytellers by the creative Lagos State's youth guardians, providing leaders who will through the art of educators, and innovative tools, take Nigerian storytelling. students to such as Artificial stories from Lagos Targeting students engage in this Intelligence (AI), to the World".

he Lagos State initiative aims to opportunity during content creation.

Competition, Mr preserving the rich positive

said, "The eligible youth to stated that the transformative

Indiscriminate Parking: LASPA Begins Enforcement Within Secretariat

Parking Authority the State Parking indiscriminate vehicles towed parking within the away. State Secretariat, Recall that the forms of traffic Olabode Agoro, congestion.

signages.

observed that State. some vehicle LASPA, therefore, officials of the State residents to comply Government, but with the State have their offices Parking Regulations around the State by imbibing a Secretariat in model parking Alausa, usually culture which make use of the includes: obeying Secretariat for parking signs and parking, thereby avoiding traffic overstretching the obstruction, noting facility.

The Lagos State vehicles violating (LASPA), on Regulations to Monday, started either evacuate the enforcement of them or have their

Alausa, as part of Lagos State Head efforts to rid it of all of Service, Mr. during the July The Monitoring and Monthly Walk for Enforcement Team Fitness Exercise, of LASPA stormed organised by the the Secretariat and Office of the Head issued removal of Service enjoined notices on vehicles LASPA to start the wrongly parked on enforcement of the kerbs, indiscriminate walkways, double parking within the parking and areas State Secretariat in with the No parking Ikeja and the Old Secretariat before The State Parking extending it to Authority also other parts of the

owners who are not urged all Lagos that enforcement a m o n g supporting human viable, saying that The enforcement on indiscriminate



LASRRA, SCSF Host Second Edition of Gift Presentation To Pupils

he Lagos State Residents Registration Agency (LASRRA), in collaboration with the Seed Care & Support Foundation, has hosted the second edition of its Gift Presentation Ceremony for pupils from low-fee private schools who emerged as lucky winners in a recently conducted raffle draw.

The event, which took

place on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, at the LASRRA Board Room, is part of ongoing efforts by the agency to encourage inclusive participation in residents' registration and promote civic engagement among all demographic groups, especially children in underserved communities. Speaking at the event, the General Manager of LASRRA, Mrs. Bilikiss Adebiyi-Abiola expressed delight at the growing

She emphasised that capturing young residents is vital for effective planning, ensuring inclusive governance and equitable distribution of public services. A

initiative, which is

aimed at incentivising

early registration of

children in the Lagos

State Residents

Registration

database.



good example is the possible." She noted that the Abdul, who was initiative. raffle draw was part of represented by the T partnership.

than a gift Childbehind".

an awareness Director in the Office, Founder/Executive partnerships to drive

paying schools should in the queue to key in Mandatory Health The acting Director- be encouraged to and get registered. Insurance Scheme. General, Mr. Aderemi participate in this She reiterated that

campaign to Mrs. Evelyn Ibukun Director of the non-awareness and promote registration P e I e m o governmental inclusion. among Lagos acknowledged the organisation that Mrs. Onlyitan residents, including synergy and cares for low-fee reiterated the school-age children, innovation between private schools, SEED Foundation's resolve and commended the LASRRA and Seed Care & Support to continue Seed Care and Care & Support Foundation, Mrs. supporting Support Foundation Foundation, which Olanrewaju Oniyitan, educational and for their unwavering speaks volumes of in her goodwill welfare initiatives that Lagos State's inclusive message, expressed e n h a n c e "This initiative is more vision to "Leave No her delight at the opportunities for success of the children in presentation," she "The value of this initiative, stating that it disadvantaged said, "It is a bridge that healthy competition is reflects the agency's communities. He c o n n e c t s measured by the commitment to described the raffle underserved tangible and touching lives through draw and gift communities to the intangible benefits in novative presentation as a broader benefits of being extended to community creative means of government planning the participating partnerships. motivating pupils and and support. We are schools, such as Speaking further, she raising awareness grateful for our encouragement and stated that 7,699 about identity c o n t i n u e d recognition, healthy residents, including management and partnership with the competition, parents, staff and access to social Seed Care & Support commitment to pupils, have been benefits through Foundation, whose support education captured in the first registration. unwavering support and data inclusivity", and second phases of "We are not just

the two partners are e using strategic

and shared vision she said. Abdul stated the exercise, and collecting numbers. have made this that more low-fee many schools are still. We are strengthening

identity, services that Lagos State has to offer and enforcing trust between government and underserved communities". LASRRA/SEED Care & Support are here to scale up registration, and with great opportunities, parents will get succour. She then implores other low-fee private schools to embrace this initiative, as LASRRA is using these schools as the centre of contact.

The event was attended by school representatives, parents, LASRRA officials, and pupils who won in the raffle draw were presented with various gift items, ranging from school bags, a launch box and other items that would aid their learning.

LASRRA remains committed to ensuring that no resident is left behind in the ongoing will continue to foster partnerships that e m p o w e r communities across the state. It also remains committed to ensuring that every Lagos resident is registered and recognised, especially children whose data is essential for future educational, health, and social planning.

RHI: 260 Beneficiaries Get Support Grants, Farming Starters Packs

women, youths and students to embrace agriculture as a sustainable means of livelihood, the First Lady of Lagos State and State Coordinator for the Renewed Hope Initiative, Dr. (Mrs.) Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu has launched the 2025 Lagos Chapter of the Renewed Hope Initiative - Agricultural Support Programme (RHI-ASP) for residents across Lagos State.

Dr. Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu addressina beneficiaries of the 2025 edition of the RHI Agricultural Support Programme at the Lagos House, Ikeja, noted that this initiative was birthed by the visionary leadership of the First Lady of Nigeria and Chairman, Renewed Hope Initiative, Sen. Oluremi Tinubu (CON), is poised to further boost the nation's food security, thereby encouraging women, youths and the younger gardening.

The First Lady of Lagos the state. State explained that the RHI-ASP Initiative announced the comprises four core enrollment of over 120 project components, students into the

to encourage Agricultural Support Program (WASP), Youth Agricultural Support Program (YASP), Every Home A Garden (EHAG) and the Young Farmers Club (YFC).

She informed that the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, in partnership with the Renewed Hope Initiative, has supported each State with a sum of N60,000,000 (Sixty Million Naira).

Giving a breakdown of the distribution process, the First Lady explained that 200 beneficiaries under the Women and Youth Agricultural Support Programmes were each awarded

200,000 grants along with essential farming inputs to improve their productivity.

Meanwhile, 60 participants under the Every Home A Garden initiative received

100,000 to support backyard farming activities. Beneficiaries, she said, were selected through an online generation to registration process embrace home covering the three senatorial districts of

Dr. Sanwo-Olu also

(YFC 2.0), with five students each drawn from both junior and senior secondary schools across the six educational districts of the state. These students have been provided with complete farming kits, including seeds of tomatoes, peppers, and assorted vegetables.

State concluded her remarks significant efforts of the First Lady of Nigeria and Chairman, Renewed Hope Initiative, Sen. Oluremi Tinubu (CON), through the RHI-ASP, in encouraging home farming across numerous homes in the Nation which will ultimately bring muchneeded relief to many Nigerians, promoting agricultural development and food security.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Chairman, Office of the First Lady, Lagos State Farmers Committee, Mr. Ayo Afuwape opined that the First Lady of Nigeria and the First Lady of Lagos State have been consistent in their belief

s part of efforts which include Women second phase of the that agriculture Young Farmers Club remains an enduring solution to some socioeconomic challenges, adding that several success stories and thriving businesses have emanated from previous edition of the programme.

> It is worth noting that beneficiaries began receiving their 200,000 and 100,000

credit alerts through their various bank The First Lady of Lagos accounts during the event, an immediate by testament to the appreciating the programme's transparent and efficient disbursement system.

> The 2025 RHI-ASP Lagos also had the attendance of the Wife of the Deputy Governor, Mrs. Oluremi Hamzat; Commissioner for Agriculture and Food System, Mrs. Abisola Olusanya; Commissioner for Basic and Secondary Education, Mr. Jamiu Alli-Balogun; Commissioner for Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, Mrs. Cecelia Dada; Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Mr. Gbenga Omotoso; Permanent Secretaries of various ministries and other top government functionaries.

7th National Council on AIDS: Lagos To Chart **New Course For HIV** Response

announced its readiness dwindling donor to chart a new course resources. for HIV response in "The 7th National Nigeria as it prepares to Council on AIDS host the 7th National presents a unique Council on AIDS amid opportunity for Lagos dwindling partner and the entire country support.

Folakemi Animashaun, to take place from August 5th to 7th at the Landmark Event Centre, Victoria Island.

explained that the Animashaunsaid. National Council on The CEO noted the AIDS, a pivotal event challenges of convened in competing health collaboration with the priorities and dwindling National Agency for the donor support, asserting Control of AIDS (NACA), that the 7th National will bring together key Council on AIDS stakeholders in Nigeria's presents a crucial HIV response opportunity for Lagos architecture to and Nigeria to assess deliberate on strategies, foster innovative strategies, stronger partnerships, review national and adopt sustainable, progress, and set the people-centred agenda for a more approaches to end the resilient and integrated HIV epidemic. HIV response.

The event, themed Governor of Lagos "Advancing National State, Mr. Babajide HIV Sustainability Sanwo-Olu, for his Agenda in the Unwavering Changing Global Policy commitment to the on Aid," is timely and successful organisation strategic, emphasising of the event and his the need for exceptional visionary stakeholders to leadership, which sets proactively respond to Lagos as a benchmark evolving global health for public health priorities while innovation in the maintaining the country. momentum of the She highlighted the national HIV response.

from across the 36 states HIV epidemic. AIDS in the country.

significance of the She assured that the 7th that Lagos is not only AIDS will set the stage for prepared to host the arenewed commitment

he Lagos state
Government, control of Hiv una, menta
through the Lagos particularly in an era
marked by competing he Lagos State the management and Agency (LSACA), has health priorities and

to recalibrate our A statement signed by strategies, foster the Chief Executive stronger partnerships, Officer of LSACA, Dr. and adopt more sustainable, peopledisclosed that the 7th centred approaches to National Council on ending the HIV AIDS (NCA) is scheduled epidemic. As the epicentre of innovation and development in Nigeria, Lagos is proud to lead these critical Dr. Animashaun further conversations," Dr.

She commended the

significant role the Dr. Animashaun outlined Governor plays in several key initiatives mobilising resources and planned for the support for health gathering, which will initiatives, which are convene stakeholders crucial in addressing the

of the Federation and While calling on all the FCT to exchange Nigerians to join in the best practices, present management and research findings, and control of HIV in the align efforts towards State, Animashaun effective management stressed that everyone and control of HIV and has a role to play in creating a healthier and Speaking on the more equitable society. event, the CEO affirmed National Council on Council but is to eradicating HIV and committed to AIDS and improving the leveraging the platform lives of those infected to chart a new course in and affected across the nation.



Lagos Commissioner Applauds Year 2025 UBE/Placment Test

Conduct

agos State Commissio ner for Basic and Secondary Education, Mr. Jamiu Tolani Alli-Balogun, has Ministry and commended the State's Examinations Examinations Board for the effective strategy in conducting the 2025 Universal a s i c Examination (UBE) Placement Test. The Test, which took place in 592 centres across the State. was written by 210,465 pupils from Government and approved private primary schools.

During monitoring visit to various examination which uses centres, including Local Authority Primary Schools at Amukoko, Ajegunle/Ojo Road Schools, Mosafejo, Alaba Primary Schools (I & II), the Commissioner observed the

distribution of test materials and the conduct of the Test. Accompanied by officials from the Lagos State Board (LSEB), Alli-Balogun expressed satisfaction with the smooth execution of the examination. In an interview

with the newsmen, the Commissioner reaffirmed the State Government's commitment to providing quality and accessible education to all. a He emphasised t h e that Placement Test, Continuous Assessment Scores (CAS) and Optical Mark Recognition (OMR) sheets, ensures a fair and objective evaluation of pupils' cognitive abilities.

Alli-Balogun

importance of the Placement Test in facilitating the transition of primary six pupils to government junior secondary schools. He stressed that the Test is a crucial step in capturing both in-school and

children who wish to continue their education, aligning with Governor Babajide Sanwo-0 I u ' s administration's "Leave No Child Behind" principle.

emphasised the significance of education and urged parents and guardians to enrol their children in school. He reminded them of the Child Rights Law, which protects every child's right to

that Education is free at the primary and junior secondary levels in Lagos State.

Parents who fail to enrol their children in school may face fines or court judgments, he warned.



Education District II Undertakes Facility Tour To Schools

n a continued effort to promote quality education and maintain a safe, conducive learning environment across Lagos State public schools, the Supervising Tutor-General/Permane nt Secretary (TG/PS) of **Education District** II, Mr. Olusegun Osinaike, embarked on an extensive monitoring and facility assessment tour of six schools within the District during the week.

The monitoring exercise forms part of a broader initiative aimed at

evaluating infrastructure, assessing teaching and learning processes, and identifying areas requiring urgent government intervention. It reflects the State Government's commitment to strategic improvements in the education sector.

Speaking during the visits, Mr. Osinaike reaffirmed the Lagos State Government's dedication to transforming public education through regular supervision and systematic infrastructural upgrades."

"Our responsibility as a District goes beyond supervision; we are custodians of standards. We must ensure our schools are not only centres of academic excellence but also safe, functional, and inspiring spaces for learning. We owe our students nothing less," He said.

Throughout the visits, the TG/PS engaged with school principals, teaching and non-teaching staff, as well as students. He inspected key facilities, including classroom blocks, laboratories, hostels, kitchens, and sanitary

infrastructure, while taking note of areas needing prompt attention. He praised the school leaders and staff for their commitment and encouraged them to maintain high standards in academics and discipline.

Mr. Osinaike emphasised that functional school environments are the bedrock of societal progress and reiterated that the monitoring exercise offered an opportunity for direct engagement and support.

"These visits represent our unwavering commitment to

quality assurance and align with the THEMES Plus Agenda of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu's administration, particularly in the area of Education and Technology," he added.

School principals expressed deep appreciation for the TG/PS's visit, describing it as timely and motivating. They noted that such direct interactions reflect a responsive and supportive leadership and significantly boost staff morale. They further pledged their continued commitment to excellence in line with the values of the Lagos State

e d u c a t i o n system.

Schools visited during the week included Eva Adelaja Girls' Junior and Senior Secondary Schools, Bariga; Ansar-ud-Deen Junior and Senior Grammar Schools, Imota, and Lagos State Girls' Junior and Senior Model Colleges, Agunfoye.

The exercise underscores Education District II's dedication to upholding high educational standards and fostering environments where students can thrive academically and socially.



Lagos Trains Field Officers on Data Collection

n a strategic move to deepen datadriven governance and improve service delivery across Lagos State, the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget (MEPB) has organised a one-day training programme for field officers responsible for conducting perception surveys and impact assessments.

The training, held on Monday in Ikeja i n collaboration with Lagos Traffic Radio, the Office of the Chief of Staff, and the Lagos State Consumer Protection Agency (LASCOPA), had in attendance coordinators, supervisors, and enumerators from across the state. They are officers tasked with gathering critical data that will influence government policies and development initiatives.

The training focused on three key areas: assessing public perception of Traffic Radio's outreach and



effectiveness, g a thering security-related feedback through the Office of the Chief of Staff, and evaluating the impact of consumer protection initiatives led by LASCOPA.

The surveys are designed to capture the lived experiences of Lagosians, providing the government with credible insights to refine its strategies and enhance public services.

In her keynote address, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning and

Budget (MEPB), Mrs. Olayinka Ojo, who was represented by the Director of Economic Intelligence Unit, Mr. Alao Akinkunmi, emphasised the importance of collaboration and professionalism in the data collection process.

process.
She described field officers as the "first and most critical link in the data value chain," noting that their accuracy and dedication directly influence the effectiveness of planning and resource allocation in Lagos State.

"Your dedication, accuracy and professionalism in

the field have a direct impact on how effectively the government can plan, allocate resources and evaluate the results of its programmes," she stated.

The Permanent Secretary reiterated the Ministry's commitment to evidence-based planning, in alignment with Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu's THEMES Plus development agenda, which prioritises sectors such a s education, health, transportation, environment,

and security.

She also commended the planning team, technical partners, and facilitators for their dedication and expertise in organising the programme. She expressed confidence that the training would lead to stronger data systems and improved governance outcomes.

Earlier in his welcome address, the Director, Lagos Bureau of Statistics (LBS), Mr. Oseni-Ope Temitayo, emphasised the importance of the training and the critical role of data collectors in shaping public

service delivery in Lagos State.

He urged participants to approach the exercise with professionalism and integrity, reminding them that the data collected will be carefully documented, harmonised, and used to inform policy decisions at the highest level.

Participants expressed deep appreciation for the training, noting that it was impactful and timely. Many called for periodic refresher training to maintain momentum and ensure continued professional development.

Lagos Will Continue To Nurture Platforms for Civic Engagement

-Commissioner

he Lagos State Government on Saturday restated its commitment to continually nurturing platforms that encourage civic participation, y o u t h empowerment, and climate consciousness in Lagos State.

Commissioner for the Environment and Water Resources, Mr. Tokunbo Wahab made this known during the Lagos Has Talent competition -Climate Edition, Grand Finale event, saying it is a celebration of innovation. creativity, and youth-led climate advocacy.

Commissioner, who was represented by the Special Adviser on Environment, Engr. Olakunle Rotimi-Akodu stated that the present administration is committed to creating a Lagos that is not only smart and resilient but also inclusive, creative, and prepared for the future.

He added that the event was a p o w e r f u l testament to what can be achieved when government, development partners, and passionate youths work together towards a common goal.

She explained that the journey of Lagos Has Talent began in 2023 and was driven by the vision to amplify young voices in the climate space. It gained significant visibility in February 2024 with the unveiling of social media personality Maryam Apaokagi, popularly known as Taooma, as the Youth Influencer for Climate Youth Engagement.

He added that Taooma's involvement brought authenticity and reach, especially among younger audiences, saying this was followed by the launch of a compelling climate awareness

skit, which premiered at the 10th Lagos State International Climate Change Summit, further strengthening the environmental message using relatable storytelling.

" A s government, Lagos remains deeply committed to addressing climate change through our Lagos Climate Action Plan, as well as the Lagos State Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan (LCARP). We are implementing practical solutions in areas such as waste management, climate adaptation, drainage infrastructure, sustainability, and flood management,"

he said.

He emphasised that the government, beyond policies and infrastructure, recognised that the heartbeat of sustainability lies in people, especially the youth.

He said the grand finale is not just the culmination of the competition, it is the amplification of purpose and proof that young Lagosians are not only aware of climate issues, but also ready to be part of the solution using music, poetry, storytelling, and technology to communicate the urgency of climate action in their voices and through their unique lenses.

His words, "To the top five finalists, I congratulate you heartily.

You have risen through a rigorous selection process, and today, you stand ambassadors of creativity, climate awareness, and resilience. Whether you walk away with a prize or not, always remember: your voice matters, your creativity counts. and your journey has only just begun."

W a h a b commended the incredible partners that made the

initiative a reality, saying Lagos Has Talent is a flagship youth engagement initiative under the Climate A c t i o n Implementation Programme of C 4 O Cities, supported by UK International Development.

He added that the initiative has also been championed internally by the dedicated officers of the Climate Change and Environmental Planning Department of the Ministry.

The highlight of the event featured the various categories of awards being presented to the winners, with the 1st place winner going home with a cash prize of N5 million and a plaque. The first runner-up won a prize of N2 million and a plague, while the 2nd runner-up won a cash prize of N1 million and a plaque.

The 4th and 5th placed winners won a consolation prize of N500,000 each, courtesy of the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources at the event, which was attended by top government functionaries.



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Man Faces Court Trial For Stabbing Neighbour Over Dog Meat



Mmedimo gu, has been court over accusations of in Badagry. Badagry, Lagos. assault and attempted the neighborhood.

suspect, murder, was said to The alleged E b u k a have committed the offender pleaded offences following not guilty of the an altercation which charges. arraigned in happened on 28th, The Badagry July, in Sawmill area Magistrate court,

neighbour over court that the g r a n t e d dead dog meat in accused stabbed Mmediogwu bail in the victim, one the sum of Mmedimogwu, Antony Ugwu, with N750,000 with 36, who is facing a broken bottle and two sureties in like charges of inflicted bodily sum. bordering on injuries on him, The matter was causing unrest in adjourned till

where the matter stabbing his The Police told the was arraigned,

August 14.

Court Fixes October 14 To Hear Lagos Community Kingship Tuscle

he Ikorodu Magistrate Court has fixed October 14 to hear the long standing legal tussle on the rightful individual to become the monarch in lgbogbo community in Ikorodu area of Lagos.

Justice lyabo Akinkugbe fixed the date following the jostle to the throne which has lingered in court since 2015 after listening to submissions from legal counsels representing individuals jostling for the throne in the area who challenged

the selection and appointment of the reigning traditional ruler in the community.

The claimants: Oyindamola, Olusanya, Karimotu and Razaq, all bearing Osho-Ojuba a s surname disclosed that the regulations of the Obas and Chief's Law were not followed in appointing the ruling monarch.

Τ h complainants filed a suit against the Lagos State Government, the Attorney General n Commissioner of

Justice, Lawal Pedro, SAN, the Commissioner for Local Government and Chieftaincy Affairs, alongside the Executive Secretary of Igbogbo/Baiyeku LCDA and the

Odofin of Igbogbo, Tajudeen Odofin. The counsel to the claimants who also filled a suit against bordering on others who fraud and theft, include: Ganiu Omotayo, Nasirudeen Oyekande and Kolawole Jubril earlier told the court that an injunction was granted on April 16, 2016 restraining the nomination of a new Oba in the community.

arraigned a 39-year-old businesswoman, Olaide Abiola, in court as suspect over a fraudulent business transaction amounting to N4.5 million.

The security agency, during a proceeding at the Igbosere Magistrate Court, disclosed that Abiola, who is facing a four count charge fraudulently obtained the sum of N1.8 million from o n e Omoshalewa Adeyemi and another N2,750,000 from another complainant, Omoshalewa Arikawe sometime in May 2024 and January 2025 at Ikorodu area of

he Police Police Arraign Businesswoman Over N4.5M Fraud



the state under a false pretence of supplying them soft drinks.

The Prosecutor, sureties in like Cyriacus Osuji, held that the defendant failed to act on her promise and absconded with the funds, thus, contravening the regulations of Sections 287 and 312 of the Lagos State Criminal Law, 2015.

Following the accused's non guilty plea, the Presiding revisited in court Magistrate, on August 22.

Gbajumo Ayoku, granted her a bail in sum of N1 million with two sum.

Ayoku ordered that the sureties must be gainfully employed and must show evidence of tax payment to the state government with proven means of identification and residential addresses.

The matter will be



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Hunpe Charges Newly Inaugurated Councilors To Be Cooperative In

Governance

By Saheed Afolabi

hairman of Badagry LG, Babatunde Hunpe has urged the newly inaugurated Councilors to be cooperative in governance and makes their selves accessible to residents in tackling community needs. The ceremony. marked by cultural dances, masquerade displays, and enthusiastic gatherings of party faithful and community members, signaled the formal commencement of legislative activities under Hunpe's administration.

Hunpe expressed profound gratitude to God for t h e opportunity to lead and for witnessing what he described as an epochmaking event. He pledged unwavering commitment to democratic leadership and grassroots

development.

"I am profoundly grateful that it has pleased God Almighty to entrust into my hands this sacred opportunity to inaugurate the 8th Legislative Council," he said.

Τ h responsibility is one that I do not take for granted, understanding fully the weight of democratic leadership and the expectations of our people."

He congratulated the newly elected councillors representing the

ten wards of Badagry Local Government, urging them to be accessible, innovative, and cooperative in their approach to governance. He reminded them that their mandate is a sacred trust from the people.

"This responsibility requires you to be accessible to 0 U constituents, to understand their needs, and to advocate tirelessly for projects and policies that will improve their quality of life."

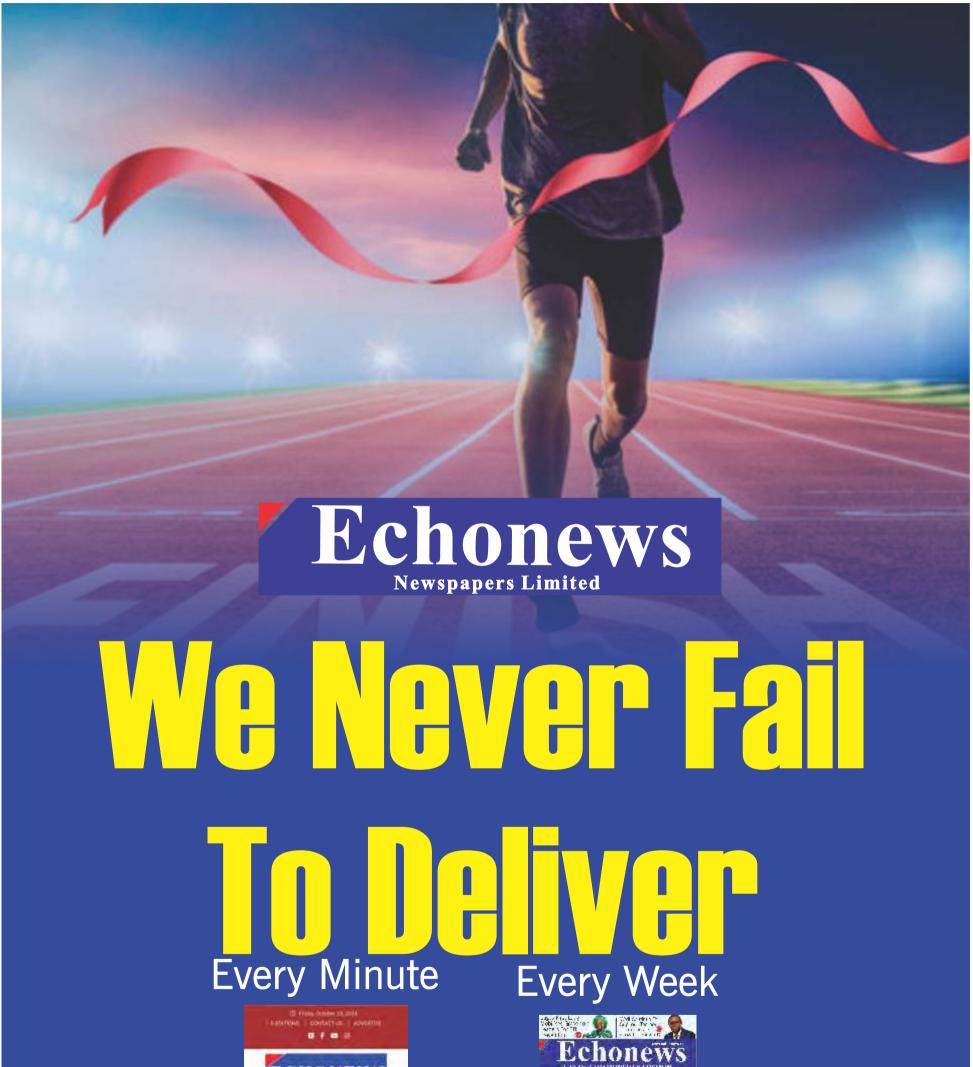
emphasized the t h i importance of collaboration between the executive and legislative arms to deliver impactful governance. He pledged that his administration would surpass the achievements of his predecessor and set new benchmarks in governance.

"It is through collaborative effort between our two a r m s government that we can achieve the transformative development that Badagry deserves. I express my sincere hope and

H u n p e firm belief that administration will remembered as the best that Badagry has ever witnessed."

> Leadership of the 8th Legislative Council was immediately constituted, with Asokere Mautin (Ward A – Jegba) elected as Leader of the House. Pedekun Mathew (Ward E - Vetho) emerged as Deputy Leader, while David Samson (Ward G Ajido) was named Majority Leader and Hunton George (Ward H – Yafin) became Chief Whip.







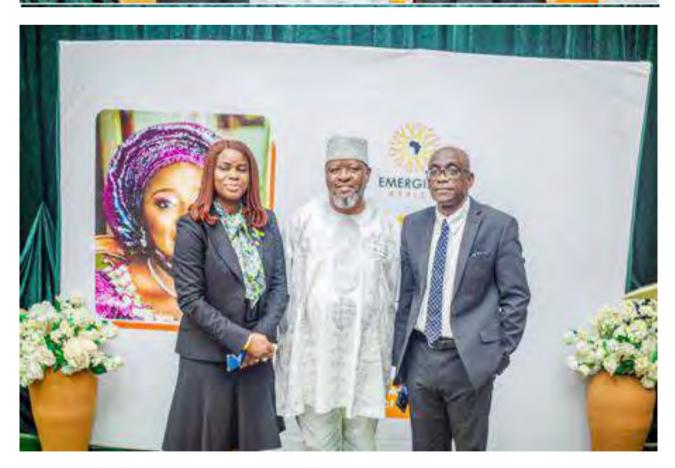


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Cancer Care: NanaFatimah Amele Bamigbetan Oncology Foundation gnites New Hope Saheed Afolabi accountability, and uncovertains transformate





n a heartfelt emotional tribute to the late Fatimah Bamigbetan, the NanaFatimah Amele Bamigbetan

Oncology Foundation has been launched, heralding a transformative era in Nigeria's fight against cancer.

Mrs. Felicia Sonubi, Managing Director of **Emerging Africa** Trustees Limited, described the foundation as a radiant beacon of

hope. She pledged unwavering commitment to safeguarding its assets while ensuring transparency,

accountability, and uncover

emphasized the fight against foundation's cancer," Fatiregun mission to drive a f fi r m e d, meaningful research and innovation, focusing on accurate data and contextually relevant solutions to address Nigeria's cancer care challenges.

"This foundation will bridge the gap between hope and cure," she declared, promising relief for those navigating the constraints of Dr. Omolara

cancer treatment. Fatiregun, Chairman of the Board of Trustees and an oncology specialist, hailed the launch as a "new dawn" in oncology, born research, from a deep resolve to revolutionize cancer treatment. She envisions the foundation as a catalyst for groundbreaking research and enhanced care, empowering medical

"We aim to equip practitioners to

professionals

through sustained

academic and

institutional

support.

transformative S o n u b i discoveries in the underscoring the foundation's role in improving the lives chemotherapy patients.

> The foundation's founder, Kehinde Bamigbetan, shared a deeply personal motivation, stating that the initiative keeps his late wife's legacy alive through impactful contributions to Nigeria's healthcare landscape.

He revealed that the foundation will prioritize funding medical practitioners to conduct vital generating critical insights to advance cancer treatment nationwide.

With a bold vision and unwavering dedication, the NanaFatimah A m e l e Bamigbetan Oncology Foundation stands poised to redefine cancer care, offering hope, innovation. and a lasting legacy of change.

Jakande Launches Security Taskforce

By Saheed Afolabi



determined effort to tackle the pressing issue of insecurity in Odi-Olowo/Ojuwoye, Seyi Jakande, the Chairman of the

n a bold and LCDA, has established a security task force dedicated to the protection of lives and property in the community. Ajala convened a

pivotal gathering with the Peace and Security Committee of the LCDA, bringing together leaders from various security agencies

to tackle insecurity in OdiOlowo Ojuwoye LCDA. h i c h stakeholders reaffirmed their commitment to work hand-inhand to combat insecurity and protect the community. Ajala constituted

a joint taskforce team that consists of

representatives from Mushin Police Division, Ilupeju Police Division, Alakara Police Division, the Department of State Security, Lagos Neighborhood Safety Corps, Odi-Transportation and Environmental Corps (OTEC), the Hunter Group of Nigeria, and the Vigilante Group, all united in the mission to restore peace and security. This initiative

directly responds to the urgent security challenges faced at the Ogunmokun Street flyover bridge.

Jakande led the 22member Joint Taskforce, joined by the Council's Chief Security Officer, Azeez Mustapha, to the location.

He has articulated clear a n d determined mandates for this task force, aimed at swiftly addressing the security concerns in the area.

Some suspects have been reportedly apprehended and taken into custody.

Mushin LG Boss Backs Security Agencies

By Saheed Afolabi

Tunbosun Aruwe insecurity, I want has urged security everyone here to agencies to arrest warn their and prosecute the children that enablers of anybody arrested insecurity and thuggery in the community.

In a meeting with security chiefs, Aruwe emphasized that his administration will bring solutions to the insecurity ravaging Mushin and its environs.

He however issues a stern warning to residents that any culprit caught or arrested constituting violence won't be accorded any chance of forgiveness but will face the full wrath of the law.

The council chairman further instructed the Community Development Association (CDA) to report any suspected movements and they should be wary of their

environment.

"This new ushin LG government will chairma find lasting solutions to this

found constituting a threat to the peace in Mushin will not be spared or given a second chance, and don't say we voted for them and now they are arresting our children.

"If we provide the solution now and you don't abide by the peace process and you choose to cause trouble and fear in the community, we will show you where you are to be.

"Our CDA should not allow anyone whose house has been sold or parents packed out of the community to live around aimlessly because these

boys have nothing at stake in the community and are liable to cause trouble by recruiting gangs to terrorise the community, and run away, so our CDA should take note of that."



Balogun Decries Deteriorating Condition of Oore Ofe Primary

School

Kehinde Adeleye

Chairman of Egbe Idimu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Prince Idris B a I o g u n , visibly distressed expressed deep dissatisfaction during a working visit to Oore Ofe Nursery and Primary School situated along Hon. Balogun did Egbe Liasu Road

The visit, part of his ongoing tour of educational facilities across the LCDA, was aimed

at assessing the state o f infrastructure in public schools. However, what he encountered at Oore Ofe left much to be desired. The Chairman noted the dilapidated condition of school all points to years of neglect.

not hide his disappointment. Speaking with members of the school



management and accompanying council officials, he described the condition of the school as unacceptable and

a threat to the future of pupils in the area.

"It is disheartening to see our children learning in such an environment. This

is not what we promised our people," he said. "No child deserves to be taught in a place that lacks basic safety and comfort. We must act swiftly."

He reiterated his

administration's dedication to overhauling the education sector within the LCDA, stressing that no meaningful development can take place without investment in foundational learning structures. Residents and parents present during the visit welcomed the Chairman's stance and urged the council to follow through on the promise to improve learning environments.

Council Chairman Tasks Councillors On Effective Democrac By Felix Kuyinu

Chairman of Epe Local Government Area of Lagos State, u r a h S Animashaun, has urged the newly elected councillors in the area to offer democratic dividends to the residents in the area.

Animashaun gave the imploration while swearing in the councilors at the council's headquarters stressing the importance in driving the council's vision of growth and inclusivity.

The Chairman urged them to approach their roles with dedication, commitment, transparency, n accountability,

and to see their devoid of positions as a call to service, not an opportunity.

The chairman said, "I want to remind you all to bear in mind that upholding the rule of law is key to democracy, and work assiduously with unwavering commitment to building a more virile local government

acrimony or rancour towards building a better future for all citizens of the council area.

"You are now an integral part of h administration, and the people of Epe expect nothing less than your best efforts to ensure progress in all sectors..

"Together, we must prioritise initiatives that will improve the standard of living for our people and justify the confidence reposed in you.

"You all know that our leader and mentor, Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, embodies visionary leadership with unrelenting dedication and commitment to the well-being of the masses.

"To whom much is given, more is expected; therefore, whatever you do, ensure it is in the best interest of our people and promotion of good governance, particularly at the grassroots, and you can be assured of my continued support at all times."

Kasunmu Charges Ikeja Lawmakers Collaboration

hortly after attending Ikeja LGA, Hon. Akeem Dauda, h and his Vice inauguration of Chairman, Hon. Ojodu LCDA, the Abisola Omisore, Deputy Majority as they officially Leader of the assumed office.

Lagos State House

of Assembly, Hon.

Adedamola

Richard Kasunmu

(ARK), made his

way to Ikeja LGA

to witness the

swearing-in of

newly elected

councillors and

the formal

inauguration of the new legislative

council.

Commending the peaceful and orderly transition in Ikeja, Hon. Kasunmu praised the political leaders in the area for their unity and commitment to

discipline. He described the smooth handover as a reflection of strong leadership and political maturity.

He also gave special recognition to the Member of the House of Representatives representing Ikeja Federal Constituency, Hon. James Abiodun Faleke, for his

unwavering dedication to grassroots governance and consistent leadership. Kasunmu added that t h e president is pleased with the outcome and the prevailing political stability in Ikeja.

During the program, Hon. Kasunmu addressed and

corrected a few procedural lapses he observed, offering guidance to the new leadership of the legislative council to ensure a strong start.

The event was well attended by key political figures including the Party Chairman and leader, Alhaji Adebowale. Adekunle Dally- Comrade Tayo Adeokun; Hon. Aderinola, W a h a b Comrade Sadeeq Owokoniran; Engr. Kehinde Akinola; Engr. Abiodun Taiwo; Lady Modupe Olaiya;

Kehinde Adeleye

Apostle Olowoporoku; and other notable leaders such as immediate past council leader Hon. Ayo Adenuga, former legislative leaders Hon. Edward Aragbonfoh and Hon. Toro Adeleke, and party faithful from all six wards of Ikeja were also present.

At the ceremony, Hon. Kasunmu congratulated Hon. Rasheed Ogunseye on his unanimous election as Leader of the Ikeja Legislative Council, as well as Hon. Shakeerat Jinadu, the only female councillor, who was named Deputy Leader. He urged the new lawmakers to work closely and harmoniously with the executive arm in the interest of community development.

He also extended i congratulations to the newly swornin Chairman of





BBNaija 10: Isabella in Tears After Kayikunmi Tries to Grope Her





ig Brother Season 10 housemate,

Isabella, was reduced to tears on Wednesday night as she

opened up about her emotional struggle involving fellow housemate,

Kayikunmi. In a heartfelt conversation with Thelma

Lawson, Isabella revealed that her budding relationship with Kayikunmi hit a wall after he confessed to having feelings for another housemate.

According to her, the two were on the verge of becoming intimate when he made the unexpected revelation.

"We were almost at that point — he nearly fingered me," Isabella said. "Then he told me

he's attracted to both me and someone else, and still wants to talk to her. I told him he can't be here and there." She added that what upset her the most was how quickly things escalated between them, considering the male housemates had only arrived on Sunday.

"It's just Day 3, and he already wanted to finger me, "she lamented.

Iyabo Ojo Urges Mothers to Break Negative Family Patterns Kehinde Adeleye

ollywood actress Iyabo Ojo has delivered a heartfelt message to mothers, encouraging them to rise above harmful generational patterns and create a nurturing, positive atmosphere for their children.

Speaking at her daughter Priscilla's baby shower over the weekend in Canada, Iyabo highlighted the importance of intentional



parenting and the power of positive declarations.

She advised that past mothers not to negative accept the belief experiences or

affect their children, urging them instead to embrace faith and affirmations to break destructive cycles.

The actress them of their emphasized the blessings. need to let go of emotional burdens and ancestral limitations, explaining that parents must be willing to make sacrifices and shield their children from inherited struggles.

"Sometimes, you must sacrifice a lot for your children," she said. "Whatever decisions I made to

family history must get to this point—good or bad—my children should not bear that burden. I will never deprive

> She added, "When mothers carry pain and pass it on to their children, they unknowingly block blessings. Ancestral curses can't be broken if you're still leading with them. To break them, you must stop and end them."

DJ Cuppy: "I Don't Know How to Boil Rice Without Calling My Mum!"

Kehinde Adeleye

igerian disc jockey and music personality, Florence Otedola, popularly known as DJ Cuppy, has sparked an online buzz after revealing that despite being 32 and highly accomplished, she still calls her mother for help with basic cooking tasks.

Cuppy, who is the daughter of Nigerian billionaire and philanthropist Femi Otedola, made the lighthearted confession in a



post shared on her X (formerly Twitter) account on Wednesday. In the post, she wrote:

"Making it big... but still calling my mum to ask how long to boil rice."

The candid statement, though humorous, struck a chord with many followers, reflecting the relatable reality that success in

career or wealth doesn't necessarily translate to mastery in domestic life. It also highlighted the close bond she shares with her mother, Nana

Otedola, who she continues to rely on for everyday advice.

While some fans found the post amusing and relatable, others offered playful criticism. A few joked that such a public admission might scare off potential suitors or feed into stereotypes about women and domestic expectations. Others, however, praised her honesty and downto-earth nature despite her elite background.

"She's just like the rest of us!" one user commented, while another said, "This is why your bride price will be high humility and wisdom."

DJ Cuppy has often been open about her personal struggles, insecurities, and quirks despite her fame and privilege, which has endeared her to many fans. From openly discussing her journey through graduate school at Oxford to her challenges with a n d love relationships, she continues to show that being real is part of her brand.

"Another Baby? Not on My List!" — Sophia Momodu Kehinde Adeleye

Sophia Momodu has made it clear that having another child is not most beautiful something she's currently considering.

The mother of singer Davido's first daughter, Imade Adeleke, shared

ashion responding to a entrepreneur fan on Snapchat. The fan had praised Imade, calling her "the girl ever," and went on to ask if Sophia was planning to have another child.

In her response, Sophia explained this while that growing her

family isn't part of her plans at the moment. She stressed that having attractive children isn't a valid reason to continue having more.

"Having another baby is not on my list of priorities," she replied. "Certainly not just because I make beautiful babies.



Nanahfatimah Amele Bamigbetan Oncology Foundation Launched

in Lagos

... Targets Cancer Research, Scholarships

for Oncology Students



Nanahfatima h Amele Bamigbetan Oncology Foundation was officially launched on Monday at the Lagos State College of Medicine, Ikeja, with a mission to combat the growing burden of cancer in Nigeria through research, education, and policy engagement.

The foundation, collaborations established in memory of the late wife of former Lagos State Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Hon. Kehinde Bamigbetan, aims to provide support for oncology students, fund groundbreaking cancer research, and foster

between scientists and policymakers.

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Omolara Fatiregun, a renowned clinical oncologist, unveiled the foundation, describing it as a vital platform to bridge the gap between medical science and policy formulation in the fight against foundation, cancer.

bring policymakers the initiative and and scientists together. This vision is a call to action," Fatiregun stated. "We urge donors and institutions to invest in this initiative to transform the oncology landscape in Nigeria."

foundation will the event, Hon. partner with top academic Bamigbetan institutions both disclosed that locally and the foundation internationally to has secured an provide scholarships and fund research for medical students, particularly in the field of oncology.

Dr. Fatiregun emphasized that with adequate investment, cancer treatment in Nigeria could soon rely more on medication and advanced therapies rather than surgery, which remains method today.

Director of Africa Bamigbetan added Trustees, the donors to research and knowledge.

company has put in place a board of trustees and financial the foundation.

Kehinde initial N10 million to kickstart its operations. He appealed to wellmeaning individuals, corporate organisations, and government bodies to support the project.

" One way to fight this disease is by investing in research and

building knowledge base, the dominant and that's what this foundation is set to Managing do," he said.

Emerging that he had taken time to put the right managers of the structure in place and ensure Mrs. Felicia competent "There is a need to Sonubi praised individuals were available to drive urged more the foundation's

mission effectively. support cancer The event's emotional highlight was the screening of She said the a montage celebrating the life and legacy of the late Nanafatimah Amele Bamigbetan. management Among dignitaries plan to sustain were the Provost, Nigerian Institute of She added that the Speaking during Journalism, Mr. Gbenga Adefaye, General Manager. Lagos Traffic Radio, Mr. Tayo Akanle, former Ambassador to Cuba, Sen Segun Bamigbetan-Baju, Mr. Leye Fadipe, Regional Director, United Bank of Africa, Managing Director, Techtrust, Mr. Meka Adesina, Dr. Bola Awosika and president, Nigerian Chapter of the Association of Political Consultants-Africa, Temitope

Lakisokun.

Residents Protest Renaming llaje Road as Sunny Ade Road

esidents of Ilaje Road n the Bariga area of Lagos have taken to the streets in protest over the recent decision by the Bariga Local Council Development Area (LCDA) to rename the road in honour of music icon King Sunny Ade.

h demonstration, which took place on Wednesday, drew a large number of locals who described the move as a disrespect to their heritage and an attempt to erase their cultural identity. The name change was reportedly approved by the former LCDA chairman, David Kolade Alabi, shortly before leaving office, despite earlier objections from the community. During the protest, the traditional leader of Ilaje and

Bariga, High Chief Kayode Ayetiwa, revealed that the newly sworn in LCDA chairperson, Bukola Adedeji, had contacted him before the protest. She appealed for calm a n d promised to reverse the decision. However, residents went ahead with the protest and also submitted a formal petition to the council.

Ayetiwa emphasized that Ilaje Road has existed since 1948 and holds deep historical and cultural significance for the people.

"We will not allow the name and legacy of Ilaje Road to be wiped out, regardless of the status of the person the road is being renamed after," he declared.

In their protest letter, residents described the former

chairman's action as unconstitutional and said it was carried out without input from local councillors.

Raphael Irowanu, President General of Egbe Omo Ilaje, expressed concern over what he described as a recurring pattern of marginalisation. He pointed out that the Ilaje community in Lagos is about four million strong, with firm ancestral ties to Yoruba heritage.

According to him, the renaming of Kehinde Adeleye

the road, coupled with ongoing demolitions affecting their community, suggests an effort to displace and silence the Ilaje people.

He warned that ignoring their concerns could have political consequences for AIIt h e Progressives Congress (APC) in the 2027 general elections.

Although he acknowledged that King Sunny Ade, like the llaje people, is from Ondo State, Irowanu argued that the renaming would only deepen division instead of promoting unity. Protesters carried placards demanding the return of the road's original name, insisting that Ilaje Road is a vital part of their history and must r e m a i n unchanged.





Let's Work Together for Progress, Olasoju Tells Isolo Lawmakers



e chamber. Olasoju Adebayo, and symbolic has urged the moment, he noted newly inaugurated that the new legislative council legislative session to work in unity signals a renewed with the executive commitment to arm in order to inclusive drive meaningful governance and development sustainable across the progress for the community.

Olasoju gave this While expressing charge during the appreciation to of ficial the outgoing proclamation of the councillors for 6th Legislative their selfless Council and the service, the swearing-in of chairman seven newly encouraged the elected councillors new legislators to at the legislative prioritize a shared

Chairman of Describing the Isolo LCDA, event as a solemn

people of Isolo.

vision, maintain a cordial relationship with the executive, and place the needs of their constituents above personal or political interests. He reaffirmed his administration's dedication to transparency, accountability, and impactful governance, emphasizing that lasting progress can only be achieved when both arms of government function as equal partners.

Following the

proclamation and oath-taking, the council elected its principal officers. Hon. Oni Yusuf, representing Apena Ward, emerged as the Council Leader, while Hon. Idris Babatunde Amusa, councillor for Akinbaiye Ward, was chosen as the Deputy Leader. Hon. Nofisat Shobayo-Lawal from Ilasamaja Ward was named Majority Leader, and Hon. Adeolu Ikugbayigbe,

Ajose from Okota while Hon. Kehinde Ajala of Ishagatedo/Ire-Akari Ward took the position of Deputy Chief duties diligently. Whip.

ceremony was witnessed by key personalities including the Council Manager, Mrs. Mojisola Ogabi; APC Chairman in Isolo LCDA, Bello; party leader, Otunba Jide Oni: former party chairman, Alhaji Wahab Raji; and immediate past principal officers. Hon. Kanayo Osondu and Hon. Yusuf Agbabiaka, among others. Shortly after the event, the newly sworn-in councillors paid

a courtesy visit to

representing the Apex Leader of Ajao Estate the council, Otunba Ward, became Henry Oladele the Chief Whip. Ajomale, to thank Hon. Jamiu him for his unwavering support Ward was and mentorship. elected Deputy Ajomale, a former Majority Leader, Lagos APC State Chairman, congratulated the new lawmakers and urged them to discharge their

He encouraged The inauguration them to maintain a harmonious working relationship with the executive and to always prioritize the interests of their constituents.

He commended the councillors for Barrister Gani conducting a seamless election of principal officers, attributing the peaceful outcome to their political maturity.

> Ajomale also praised Chairman Olasoju for respecting the independence of the legislative process and concluded by wishing the newly inaugurated council a successful and impactful tenure.

Babatunde Appointed Chief of Staff in Orile Agege LCDA

Kehinde Adeleye

r. Tijani Olufemi Babatund e has officially assumed the role of Chief of Staff in Orile Agege Local C o u n c i I Development Area (LCDA), following his appointment by the newly sworn-in Chairman, Hon. Idowu Akinola Abiodun.

His appointment, announced during a high-level meeting with the Vice Chairman and management team at the council secretariat, marks the first major administrative

Adeleye move by Hon. Akinola since r. Tijani taking office.

The Chairman emphasized that the appointment reflects a commitment to revamping local governance and building a proactive administrative structure.

Tijani, a respected educationist with n o t a b l e experience in p u b l i c engagement and c i v i c enlightenment, was a key figure d u r i n g t h e campaign that brought Hon. Akinola to office. His dedication

the council for



and strategic leadership during that period earned h i m w i d e admiration.

Hon. Akinola described the appointment as both a recognition of loyalty and a strategic step

toward progress.

"This isn't just a reward — it's a responsibility. Mr. Tijani exemplifies the leadership, vision, and community-focused spirit we need to move Orile Agege forward,"

he said.

Tijani, known for his integrity and people-centered a p p r o a c h, expressed deep appreciation and p l e d g e d t o uphold the office with diligence.

"I am honored by

this opportunity and fully committed to working with the team to deliver i m p a c t f u l governance to our constituents," he said.

He also vowed to strengthen interdepartmental coordination and act as a bridge between the Chairman's office and council operations.

The appointment has been well received among stakeholders, signaling a focused and purposeful start to the new administration's agenda in Orile Agege LCDA.

Abiodun Inaugurates Cabinet in Orile Agege

Kehinde Adeleye

he Chairman of Orile Agege Local Council Development Area, Hon. Akinola Idowu Abiodun, has officially declared the inauguration of the 6th Legislative House of the council during a solemn and significant ceremony held at the council secretariat.

The event marked the formal swearing-in of the newly elected councillors who will serve as the legislative arm of

the new term. In his remarks, the chairman congratulated the councillors and urged them to embrace good governance, transparency, accountability in fulfilling their legislative responsibilities. Hon. Akinola emphasized the importance of collaboration between both o f a r m s government. stating, "The success of this administration depends on the unity and dedication of the



executive and legislature. I encourage you to be proactive, people-oriented, and committed to delivering democratic dividends to our constituents."

The new

councillors include: Hon. Adegoke Waheed Lawal – Ward A Hon. Akinbile Olusola Gafaru (Chief Whip) – Ward B

Hon. Balogun Waheed Ajibade (Deputy Leader) - Ward C

Hon. Omotunde A f o I a b i A b d u I k a r e e m (Leader of the House) – Ward D Hon. O I u k o y a Temitope Aminat – Ward E

Hon. Sumonu Ganiyu Olalekan (Majority Leader)
– Ward F

The legislative body pledged to maintain a strong w o r k i n g relationship with the executive to ensure steady progress and development across Orile Agege.

The occasion was graced by citizens, community leaders, party stalwarts, and traditional rulers, all gathered to witness the beginning of a fresh chapter in grassroots governance and representation.

Nigeria Elite Referee, Ekun Emerges 36th LASUSU Sport Director Elect

By Saheed Afolabi

igeria elite professional referee, Folashade Ekun popularly known as 'Standard' has been elected as the 36th Sport Director of Lagos State University Students Union (LASUSU).

Ekun is a 300 level student at LASU studying Human Kinetics Sports and Health Education Unit (HKSHE) from the Faculty of Education.

Ekun was elected as the new Sport Director of LASUSU on Monday,

July 28 unopposed with 3446 votes casted to her name.

She has contributed immensely to the growth of sports in the faculty of education in LASU while she served as the Sports Secretary o f HKSHEdepartment.

Ekun has cemented her name as a top professional football referee in Nigeria where she now ranks as one of the top women referees in the country with numerous honors to her name.



Lagos Sources For Talents Ahead Of National Youth Games



he Lagos State for the 2025 National Sports Commission (LSSC) has commenced its Catch-Them-Young multi-sports trials ahead

Youth Games.

The talent identification programme aims to discover, nurture, and

develop talents who will represent Lagos State not programme. only at the 2025 National Speaking at the venue Youth Games (NYG) in of the trials for track Asaba, Delta State, but and field events, Mr. also a pipeline of Lekan Fatodu,

champions who will represent Lagos State on the national and international stage.

The trials, which commenced a few weeks ago at various sporting facilities across the state, will span multiple athletic disciplines, including track and field events, swimming gymnastics, dead sports, boxing, weightlifting, table tennis, badminton, basketball, football, chess, ayo and other sports. Young athletes aged 9-14 years from various parts of the state are participating in the

Director General of the Lagos State Sports Commission, emphasised the strategic importance of early talent identification in building a sustainable sports ecosystem.

"The 'Catch-Them-Young' programme represents our commitment to discovering and nurturing raw talent from the grassroots level.

"We believe that every child in Lagos State has the potential to become a world champion, and through this comprehensive trial system, we are creating pathways for young athletes to transform their dreams into reality. This initiative will not only prepare us for the 2025 National Youth Games but will establish a legacy programme that will continuously feed our

sports development pipeline for years to come."

Fatodu further revealed that the commission is exploring partnerships with international sports development organisations to provide additional exposure and training opportunities for exceptional athletes emerging from the trials.

The Commission's efforts include training camps and a strong emphasis on adhering strictly to age eligibility rules. The focus remains on strategic areas where Lagos has consistently demonstrated strength, while also exploring new potentials across all disciplines.

