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By Kunle Awosiyan

study, ""Fake Drugs: A Survey of Healthcare Providers in Lagos State"" has identified the proliferation of fake drugs in circulation as the bane healthcare delivery in the state.

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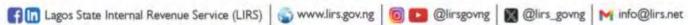






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TESCOM Pledges Continuous Support To NUT

he Lagos State Teaching Service Commission has expressed its determination to continually support the Lagos Branch of the Nigeria Union of Teachers in its bid to strengthen the quality of education in the state.

Chairman of the Commission, Mrs. Victoria Mopelola Peregrino gave the assurance at a meeting with the newly inaugurated executives of the Nigeria Union of Teachers, Lagos branch, who were on a thank-you visit to commend and appreciate the Commission for its support, collaboration, and synergy in advancing the teaching profession and the welfare of teachers in the state.

Congratulating the new executives of the union on their recently concluded election, Mrs. Peregrino tasked the new executives to continue in their strides, which has brought cordial and harmonious relationships between TESCOM and NUT, free from unnecessary controversies.

While encouraging the Union to continually strive for excellence, she expressed appreciation for their commitment and dedication in addressing current challenges in the education sector, assuring that lasting solutions would soon be achieved.

Mrs. Peregrino emphasised the importance of continuous teachers' development, effective communication, and the adoption of technology in modern education. She advised teachers who are members of the union to be confident, courageous, and proactive, while also highlighting the need for regular meetings among school principals, knowledge sharing from capacitybuilding programs, and strong mentoring initiatives.

She urged the union to accommodate newly recruited teachers, stressing that patience and empathy are needed as members navigate personal challenges. She reminded the Union of the Counselling Unit in the Teachers' Welfare

Department, which provides support for staff and non-teaching staff.

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Also speaking at the event, Commissioner III, representing Epe Division on the board of TESCOM, Dr. Segun Agbaje commended the harmonious relationship existing between TESCOM and NUT. He assured the Union that his office and that of other board members, as well as that of the Permanent Secretary, open, are approachable, and committed to listening and resolving issues collaboratively.

In the same vein, Commissioner IV representing Badagry Division on the Board of TESCOM, Mrs. Abimbola Idowu expressed joy at the visit, reiterating that the Commission is steadfast in protecting teachers. She advised the NUT leadership to sensitise their members against age falsification and support them financially, noting that financial embarrassment remains a major concern among teachers.

The Permanent

Secretary of the Commission, Mrs. Adebopo Oyekan-Ismahi, praised both the TESCOM Chairman and the NUT Chairman, Comrade Hassan Akintoye, for their outstanding leadership.

She applauded Comrade Akintoye for his first tenure achievements and encouraged him and his new team to do even more in their second term.

In his remarks, the NUT Chairman, Comrade Hassan Akintoye, who introduced his new executive members, highlighted the team's sensitivity to gender balance.

He commended TESCOM for its opendoor policy, peaceful relationship, and consistent support for teachers' welfare, noting that issues that arise occasionally are always resolved amicably without crisis. The high point of the visit was the presentation of an award to TESCOM in recognition of its outstanding contributions, collaboration, synergy, and dedication to teachers' welfare.

Lagos Announces N8.561m T-fare For 2026 Hajj, Fixes N5.7m For Umrah

he Lagos State Muslim Pilgrims Welfare Board has a n n o u n c e d N8,561,013.67k as the fare to be paid by intending pilgrims for the 2026 Holy pilgrimage exercise in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, through the State.

The Board Secretary, Mr. AbdulHakeem Ajomagberin, in a statement issued over the weekend, stating that the fare was in line with t h e announcement on general Hajj fares for 2026 season by the Chairman/CEO, National Haji Commission of Nigeria (NAHCON) Prof. Abdullahi Sale Usman, on Saturday.

Prof. Sale had a n n o u n c e d N8,561,013,67 for states in the Southern zone of Nigeria. While those in the Maiduguri Yola Zone (Yobe, Borno, Adamawa, and Taraba) will pay N8,118,33.67k, other Northern States are expected to pay N8,244,813.67k, respectively.

Ajomagberin, who affirmed that the announcement has cleared the apprehension surrounding the actual fare to be charged for the 2026 spiritual exercise, added that the announcement also gives intending pilgrims and stakeholders ample time to plan ahead for the exercise.

The Lagos Muslim Board's scribe enjoined intending pilgrims, especially those that had made part-payment, to try as much as possible to complete the fare on or before the new deadline of December 31, 2025 as announced by the CEO of

NAHCON while those yet to make any commitment are urged to begin payment without further delay.

He stressed that in order to make payment for the Hajj exercise seamless for its intending pilgrims, the State would accept the payment in three instalments, through bank draft raised from any commercial bank, in favour of 'Lagos State Muslim Pilgrims Welfare Board'.

Speaking on the 2026 Ramadan Umrah, Ajomagberin emphasised that the State is also making progress on its plans towards a successful Umrah during the last 10 days of Ramadan

He stated that N5.7 million has been fixed for the lowest amongst the packages available for intending Umrah pilgrims both in Makkah and Madinah. He added that the packages and benefits therein depend on affordability and a matter of choice.

He, however, promised that, as usual, the State would provide a comfortable atmosphere for the intending pilgrims to perform and achieve convenient and fulfilling Hajj and Umrah exercises in the Holy land.

Recall that Lagos had earlier announced N8.5 million as initial deposit and set October 8, 2025 as deadline for payment. With t h e announcement of actual Hajj fares and December 31, 2025, as a new deadline by NAHCON, the stage is now set for intending pilgrims and the stakeholders to do the needful, going forward.



DSVA Engages Traditional Rulers In Commemoration of Domestic, Sexual Violence Awareness Month

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LSCPWB Highlights Significant Strides in Enhancing Pilgrimage Services

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(LSCPWB) has made local government and virtual vigils, positioned to As one observer enhancing development area foster a sense of pilgrimage services tourism officers. This community and for Christians in Lagos strategic approach shared purpose State under the has helped foster within the Board.

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Christian Pilgrims Welfare Board looks bright under its current leadership. Dr. Okudero's strategic approach and wealth of experience have positioned the Board for greater success in promoting pilgrimage services in Lagos".





Only Defence Buildings Are Exempted From State Permits-Omotosho

Government has restated the need for compliance with physical planning and urban development laws and regulations to ensure an orderly and safe built environment in the State.

Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Mr. 'Gbenga Omotoso, reaffirmed this on Arise Television's breakfast program, 'The Morning Show', where he said that "States have absolute right to grant permits and approvals over any building, except buildings for defence or those to be used for national edifices. But whether the land belongs to the Federal Government or not, intending developers from the Lagos State Government, because the 1992 law is domesticated in Lagos State"

Omotoso made the statement in response to public debate about the right of the State Government to enforce development laws in the Trade Fair complex, which is a federal government property, following the removal of illegal buildings and structures built on road setbacks and drainage channels at the popular Trade Fair Complex.

The State government reiterated its resolve to ensure t h e development of the megacity in accordance with the

guiding urban development. The separation of the illegal structures from the complex is in accordance with the laws of the State, and to prevent heavy flooding and environmental degradation arising from high density.

Mr. Omotoso outlined the Government's position on the violation of the physical planning laws, "The 1992 Regional and Urban Planning law states that the Federal Government has powers over security, but that in planning, the State Government has the power to determine what and how it should be built in the State, which was

The Lagos State still have to get a permit rules and regulations consolidated and reinforced by the 2003 Supreme Court judgment.

> On the issue that the complex in question is a Federal Government property and the owners of those buildings got approvals from the Federal Ministry of Housing, the Commissioner lamented that the open lands and spaces around the Trade Fair Complex have been encroached upon illegally, causing environmental degradation.

> Omotoso said that the decision to remove the offending structures was not impromptu; he recalled that the matter had been ongoing since the year 2024. Monitoring and

Enforcement officials of the Ministry of Physical Planning and Urban Development, on inspection of the complex and environs, were manhandled and detained. According to him, it took the intervention of the Area Commander and the Commissioner of Police for the officials to be rescued.

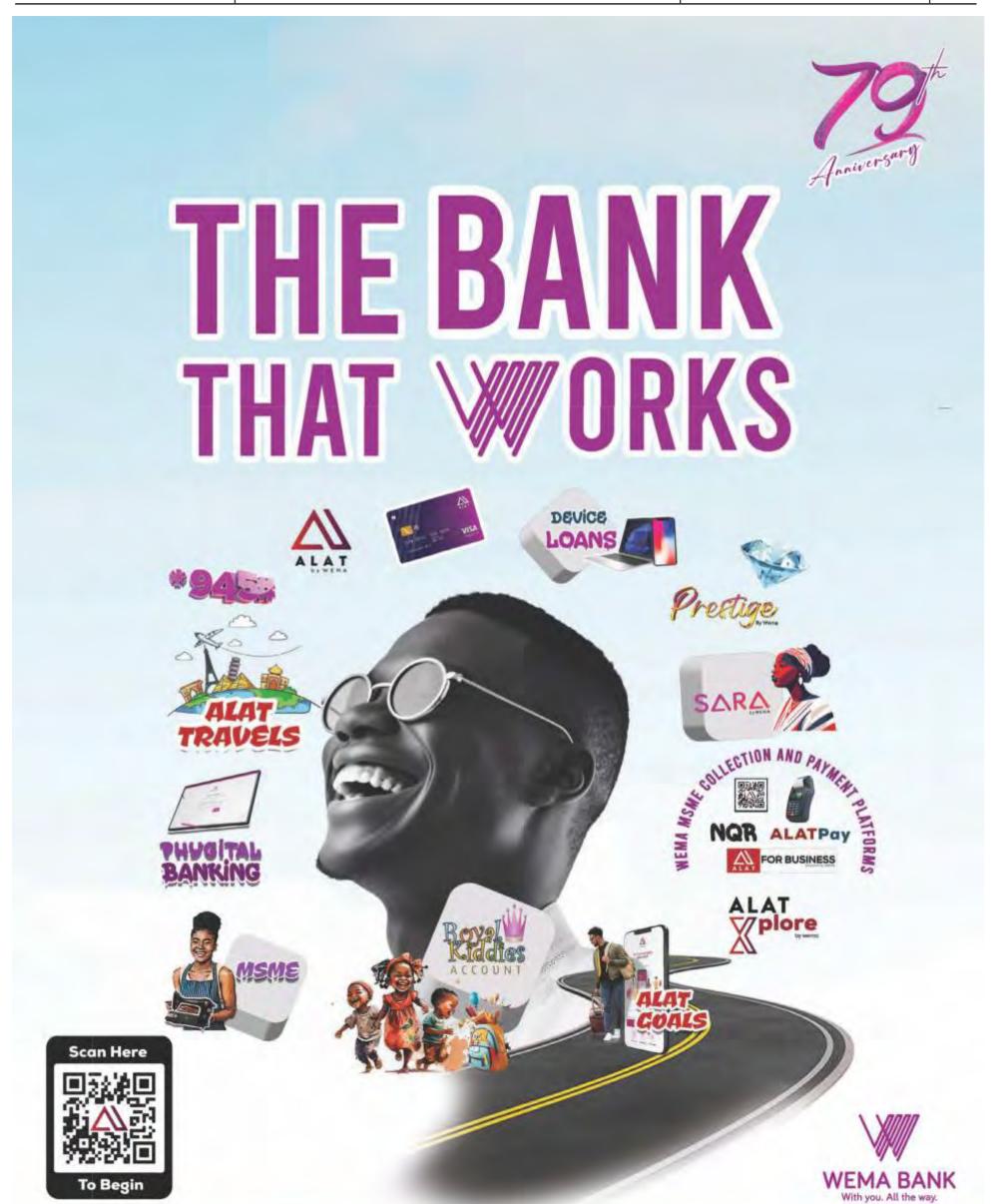
Despite that affront, the government extended an invitation to the stakeholders for a dialogue on the development and to find a common ground, but they declined the invitation, which left the State Executive Council without an option but to enforce the law.

Apart from the meeting that was rejected, the

Lagos State Government, through its Ministry of Physical Planning and Urban Development, provided a period of amnesty to the owners of such buildings to regularise them during the 90-day amnesty period, May 2nd-July 30, 2024, which was later extended to October 31, 2024; and further extended till December 31st, 2024. The Commissioner, therefore, urged residents and prospective developers to get familiar with the Laws and Regulations, and be patient to obtain the certifications before building, to follow due process to be on the right side of the Law.







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Lagos Inaugurates Taskforce On Immunisation, Urges Stakeholders To Embrace Programme

n a bid to prevent diseases among the children in Lagos State, the Deputy Governor, Dr. Kadri Obafemi Hamzat, has emphasised the importance of immunisation, urging parents to vaccinate their children and wards for a healthier future and a disease-free society.

The Deputy Governor, who made this charge at an "Inaugural meeting of the Lagos State Taskforce on Immunisation and Primary Health Care Services", held at the Conference Room, Office of the Deputy Governor, Roundhouse, Alausa, Ikeja, said vaccination remains one of the most effective means of protecting the children in the community.

According to Hamzat, "Vaccination remains one of the most effective and reliable means to protect children from lifethreatening illnesses, ensuring their growth and development in good health."

He added that immunisation is a collective responsibility that will not only secure the well-being of individual families but also contribute to building a healthier future and a disease-free society for Lagos State and Nigeria at large.

The Deputy Governor also charged religious leaders and traditional rulers to collaborate with the state government in sensitising the people on the importance of vaccination and nutrition for their own children, noting that religious houses are always welcome to visit the government for clarification and enlightenment on the different policies put in place.

He noted thus: "Our royal fathers must also help us



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in the community to spread the good news that we have been able to sustain our health conditions because of vaccination." Using COVID-19 as an example, Hamzat said contagious diseases have been eradicated in society because of the immunisation process carried out, and such can be extended to other illnesses.

While emphasising the importance of the inaugural meeting, Hamzat pointed out that it was crucial to include all stakeholders, such as the State Executives, members of the Primary Health Care Board, Traditional Rulers, Local Government Chairmen, Religious leaders, and others, because of the need for everybody to have an understanding of the severity of the challenge.

Similarly, in his address, Chairman, House Committee on Health, Hon. Lawal Aina, charged the Local Government Chairmen in the state to encourage the people in their constituencies to ensure their children and wards embrace the immunisation programme to ensure a disease-free environment.

intensify our efforts to do stakeholders to

our best in encouraging our people to bring their children out for vaccination, as health education is a key responsibility of the chairmen in ensuring the good and well-being of the people," said Lawal. Earlier in his opening remarks, Commissioner for Health, Prof. Akin Abayomi, stated that the primary objective of primary healthcare is to increase the coverage

for immunisation within

the state.

Prof. Abayomi added that human beings are living longer now because the world has advanced technologically to produce effective vaccines that eliminate both infections that cause immediate sickness and diseases that can lead to complications such as liver cirrhosis with hepatitis, cervical cancer

with HPV, and malaria,

which can cause

significant depletion. He noted that to improve the immunisation uptake in Lagos, it is important that the state government works on the aspects that make access to the primary healthcare more attractive to citizens, urging traditional rulers, Local Government "I want to admonish us to Chairmen, and

collaborate with the government to further boost the capacity of the primary healthcare.

"So, we are working diligently on renovating our primary healthcare platform. We know that many of you want to provide infrastructure to the state, and at the moment, we are doing 47 PHCs. So, I will be appealing to you to tag into this medical infrastructure transformation," the Commissioner concluded.

The Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Primary HealthCare Board, Dr. Ibrahim Akinwunmi Mustapha, explained that the establishment of the Taskforce reflects the second 'H' in the THEMES Plus Agenda of the State Government.

commitment to strengthening Primary Health Care (PHC) governance, driving accountability, and ensuring that no one is left behind in accessing lifesaving vaccines and essential health services, adding that the Taskforce has been constituted to provide a high-level platform for coordination, oversight, and problem-solving in the delivery of immunisation and other PHC services.

Housing: Odunuga-Bakare Woos Investors at BRG Developers Summit in Morocco

he Special Adviser to the Lagos State Governor on Housing, Barr. Barakat Odunuga-Bakare, has reiterated the need for bold policy reforms to unlock Nigeria's housing market and close the chronic supply-demand gap that continues to challenge the sector.

Developers Summit 2025, 3.0, ongoing in Morocco, Odunuga-Bakare said the government must shift from being perceived as an obstacle to becoming a true enabler of private sector-led housing delivery.

Delivering her keynote address on the theme, "Government as Enabler or Obstacle? Policy Reforms Needed to Unlock Nigeria's Housing Market Potential," the Special Adviser highlighted critical areas requiring urgent reforms, including the Land Use Act, taxation policies, and incentives for affordable housing.

She noted that the Land Use Act of 1978 has created bottlenecks in land ownership, registration, and titling, delays that raise transaction costs and discourage investors.

Lagos State Information System incentives," she said. digitalise land registries reaffirmed that Lagos and accelerate State remains approvals.

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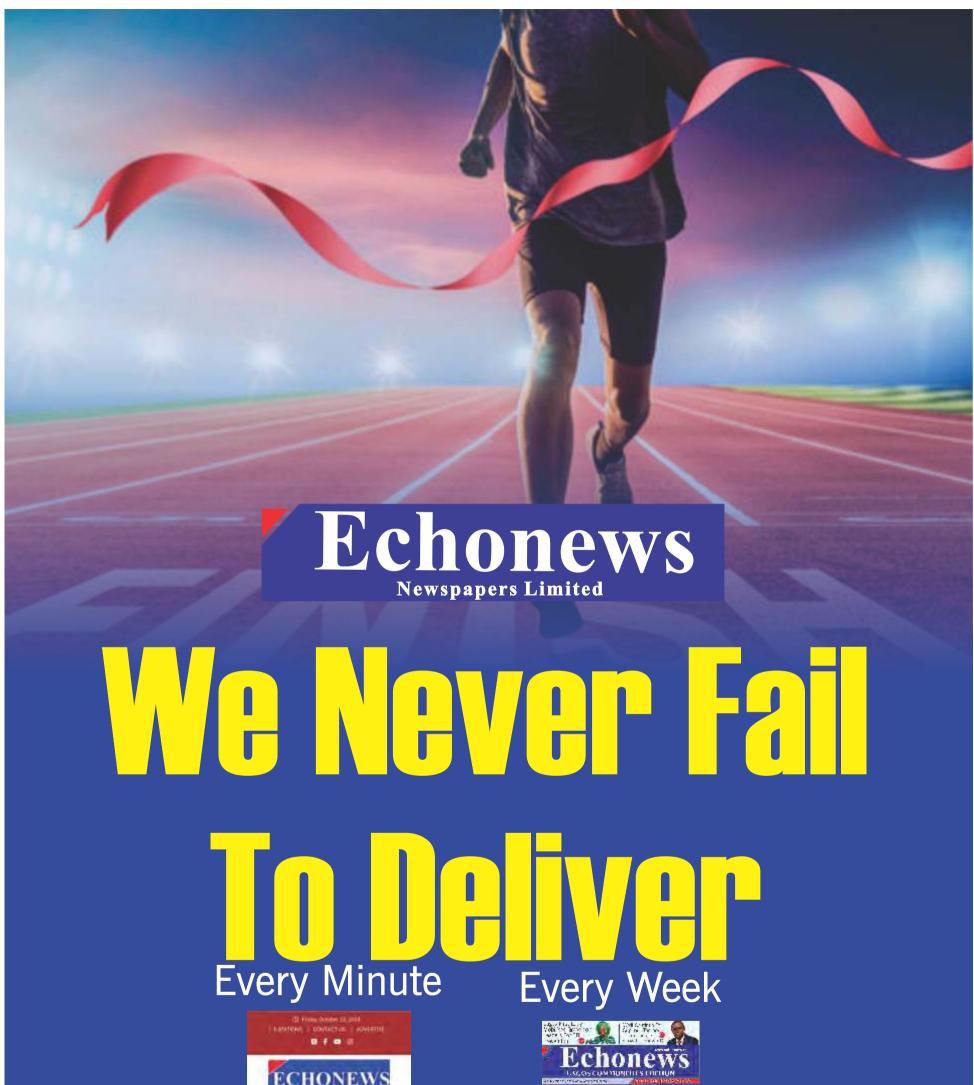
> She disclosed that the State Government is harmonising fees through the Lagos Revenue Portal (LRP) to improve transparency and encourage private investment in affordable housing.

> She further emphasised the importance of Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) in bridging the housing deficit, citing Lagos' initiatives such as LagosHoms and Rentto-Own schemes.

The Special Adviser assured that the government is creating standardised PPP frameworks, promoting local building materials, and implementing subsidy programmes to enhance affordability. "The real estate sector is not just about land and property transactions; it is about creating an enabling environment, shaping She explained that the lives, and building a sustainable future. To Government, under unlock housing Governor Babajide potentials, policies Sanwo-Olu, is must move from addressing these regulatory dominance challenges through to enabling private innovations such as the investment through Lagos State transparent reforms Geographic and workable (LAGIS), designed to Odunuga-Bakare

committed to fostering





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Lagos Trains Over 3, 000 Staff In 2nd, 3rd Quarters of 2025

he Lagos State Governmen t has reaffirmed its commitment to building an agile and smart workforce with the successful completion of more than 20 training programmes in the second and third quarters of 2025.

h programmes, organised by the Ministry of Establishments and Training, benefitted over 3,000 officers across the State's Public Service, cutting across virtually all cadres of officers in various Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs). The focus was on enhancing both job-specific competencies and generic skills that are vital for effective service delivery.

The training sessions addressed diverse and critical areas including Unlocking Liquidity Through Transformational Leadership;



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consolidate the gains already recorded and introduce fresh learning areas that respond to the evolving demands of public service delivery.

The Lagos State Government, through the Ministry of Establishments and Training, restated its commitment to continuous investment in capacity building as a non-negotiable driver of sustainable governance and improved service delivery for all residents of the State.

Tourism: Badagry Chalets Project On Course-Benson-Awoyinka

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" within their tourism, Benson-Awoyinka stated.

Τ Commissioner noted that despite Lagos being richly Awoyinka endowed with explained that natural and cultural attractions, many residents e m a i unaware of tourism, and these treasures. She, therefore, investment encouraged opportunities. residents to "Our focus is explore the shifting to the State and State's rich discover the beaches with hidden gems bustling markets

environment. Highlighting this year's World e Tourism Day celebration at Tarkwa Bay Beach, Bensonthe choice of venue reflects the Ministry's renewed focus on coastal beach-related

and coastal investment growth," she said.

In his remarks, Ambassador U k commended the Lagos State Government for its proactive approach to tourism development, particularly the renewed attention to beach tourism. He described the initiative as a forward-looking step that would further strengthen Lagos' appeal as a coastal tourism hub.

He applauded h Commissioner's visit to Tarkwa Bay Beach and welcomed the ideao f rejuvenating natural attractions for future use.

Uko also expressed readiness to collaborate with the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture to drive sustainable growth in the sector.



Education District II Presents Letters of Appointment To Newly appointed Principals revealed that 46 vacancies arise out of 48 in the first

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candidates quarter of 2026. emerged The newly Governor successful after appointed Babajide a series of principals Sanwo-Olu and rigorous tests, expressed the Chairman, including gratitude to the Teaching computer- Lagos State Service ba's ed Government Commission assessments and Education (TESCOM), Mrs. and oral District II leadership for Peregrino "I want to the opportunity presented congratulate all to serve, letters of of you for pledging to appointment to achieving this justify the new feat. We all confidence principals, went through reposed in them charging them rigorous tests through to uphold the and interviews, dedicated highest and to God be service, standards of the glory, 46 out innovation, and 48 results-driven

appointment of t h e new principals was part of the Lagos Ś t a t e Government's continued efforts to Adeyemi-be given to 24 strengthen Fashola lauded Principals to fill s c h o o l administration and improve the their resilience schools, while quality of teaching and learning across performance candidates will the state's public during the receive their secondary



Garlands for the Guardian of the Mines at 69 return to the Senate in 19



By Kehinde Bamigbetan

oday, 6 October 2025, the Honourable Minister of Solid Minerals Development, Dr.Henry Dele Alake clocks 69. For many in Nigeria, the name conjures memories of his decades as a journalist and public communicator. These days, it represents a new hope for sustainable reform in Nigeria's solid minerals sector and Africa's mining industry.

To understand the minister, you must know his father, Pa Michael Ojo Alake. He graduated in Philosophy from Fourah Bay College, then West Africa's most prestigious university. He later founded and ran the Benevolent High School in Lagos, where indigenes of his home town Ikoro-Ekiti, as well as indigent students, attended free of charge. His sacrifice was not ignored. The Ikoro people gave him the title, Eleyinmi of Ikoro-Ekiti to appreciate his benevolence.

Between 1979 and 1983, Alake Senior was one of the trusted advisers of Governor Lateef Jakande on the formulation of the free education programme, a scheme which scrapped the classroom shift system and built over 500 new schools to accommodate the pupils in one single shift within four years.

Being an educationist, Alake Senior knew the impact of good schools in forming the character of a civilized, confident and progressive child. He put his son in the best schools of the times -Surulere Baptist Primary School, Surulere, Lagos; Christ's School, Ado-Ekiti, Igbobi College, Yaba- and topped it with university education at the University of Lagos, where the minister studied Political

Science and later earned a Master's in Mass Communication. But his exposure was not only academic. His inter-campus, extra-curricular engagements brought him under the influence of Professor Wole Soyinka, further raising his social consciousness and commitment to public good. This pedigree set a high standard in morality, elocution, and public service for the minister. He is still determined to surpass it. His father excelled in education, h e chose communications. As soon as he enrolled in the National Youth Service Corps and was deployed to Ogun State Radio, his hard work and creativity were noticed. The organization entrusted him with tasks of confirmed staffers. His work led to his engagement with Lagos State Radio and a quick elevation to Senior Sub-Editor—one of the fastest

advancements in the organization's history.

The Crusader

As columnist, news manager, and editor, Alake made crusading for good governance the raison d'être of his career. His choice of stories and writings was deliberately crafted to conscientize the readers in the fashion of Paulo Freire's Pedagogy of the Oppressed. This required immense courage under military rule, and he was often the guest of the secret service. At such times, they would find him ready with his toilet bag. At one point, Concord Press of Nigeria, where he worked, was put under lock and key by the junta. But this didn't deter the crusader, whose conviction that journalism must have social relevance made him even more determined to mobilise the people to resist bad governance. To Dele, the words of Frantz Fannon, that "

the future will have no pity for those men, who, possessing the exceptional privilege of being able to speak words of truth to their oppressors but have, instead, taken refuge in an attitude of passivity, of mute indifference, and sometimes, of cold complicity" was a call to be an agent of change.

The annulment of the June 12, 1993 election won freely by the publisher of Concord Press, Bashorun Moshood Kashimawo Abiola thrust him into the epicentre of the strugale for the actualization of this historic exercise of popular sovereignty by the Nigerian people. In that titanic struggle, he met and worked alongside Senator Bola Tinubu, who had given up his plan to be president of the Third Republic Senate to facilitate Abiola's emergence. A comradeship that endures to date was forged in the furnace of that struggle, in Nigeria and exile. Indeed, Tinubu's plan to

return to the Senate in 1998 was diverted to governorship by advisers such as Alake, who believed he had established the progressive profile and financial wizardry to execute Abiola's manifesto, Farewell to Poverty, in Lagos State at a micro-level and later escalate to the national level. When Bola Tinubu became Governor of Lagos State in 1999, Alake became the Lagos State Commissioner for Information & Strategy, a position he held till 2007. In that capacity, he was instrumental in shaping the communications strategy and public image of the Tinubu administration in Lagos. Beyond Lagos, Alake's involvement in national politics deepened. In December 2014, he was appointed Director of Media and Communication for the Buhari Campaign Organisation during the 2015 presidential election. Over the years, he cultivated a reputation as a strategist, tactician, and loyal political confidant PresidentTinubu.



Dr. del Alake

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The Mining Reformer

Only a man like Alake, who has established the mental agility for cracking difficult tasks and a record of standing up to the status quo, could have been assigned the herculean task of cleaning the Augean stable of the solid minerals sector. The risks were real: weak institutions, vested interests in illicit mining, and security challenges—all posed serious headwinds. Without strong followthrough, even wellintended policies can stall. Since his appointment as the Minister of Solid Minerals Development in August 2023, he has led efforts to reform a sector long considered underutilized, fragmented, and rife with regulatory inefficiencies.

Alake hit the ground running by applying the agendasetting theory of journalism. He developed the Seven-Point Agenda for international competitiveness and local industrialization of Nigeria's mining sector through critical research and review of the literature and interviews with stakeholders. He identified the challenges such as insecurity caused by illegal miners and bandits, speculation in licence administration, violations of the Minerals and Mining Act 2007, corporate void caused by the winding down of the Nigerian Mining Corporation, low rates of royalties and administrative fees despite multi-million dollar technological investment and the failure to establish statutory and regulatory bodies such as the Environmental Rehabilitation Fund.. He was very passionate on reversing the export of raw minerals and ensuring that minerals were processed locally to provide jobs and attract higher prices in the international markets.

In 25 months, Alake put no one in doubt that a new



Dr. del Alake

sheriff is in charge in the solid minerals sector. He took many steps. He set up the Mining Marshals to combat illegal mining and banditry, revoked 3,974 titles for failure to pay annual service fee or refusal to mine after obtaining licences, established the private sector-oriented Nigerian Solid Minerals Company and the Environmental Rehabilitation Fund, increased rates of administrative fees and royalties, and revolutionised mining communications. To top it all, advocacy for value addition that he espoused for the first time at the Future Minerals Forum in Riyadh in January 2024, won the hearts of ministers of mining in Africa. To maintain the momentum across the continent, they formed the Africa Minerals Strategy Group and made him the pioneer chairman. A year after, at the 2025 Future

Minerals Forum, they poured encomiums on Alake for branding the one-year old AMSG into a continental colossus!

The results of Alake's reforms in the solid minerals sector form a major component of the achievements of the Renewed Hope Agenda of the administration of President Bola Ahmed linubu. These include an increase in revenue of the Nigerian Mining Cadastral Office from N6billion in 2023 to N12.5 billion in 2024. It has reported N10 billion between January and April, this year. Similarly, for the first time, royalties collected by the Mines Inspectorate department of the Ministry peaked at N6.4 billion as at December, last year.

The advocacy for value addition has stimulated mineral processing and manufacturing projects such as Hasetins \$400 million Rare Earth plant,\$60 million

ASBA lithium processing plant, \$200 million Canmax Lithium plant, \$200 million New Energy Materials Company Lithium plant and new processing projects are in the pipeline. It has encouraged existing plants such as Segilola/Thor, Kursi, Africa Industries Group to scale up operations. The Ministry, through SMDF, its tunding agency, is also planning to invest in the \$1.3billiom alumina and \$96.8million silica processing projects in collaboration with the Africa Finance Corporation.

The establishment of the Mining Marshals has led to the prosecution of over 300 suspected illegal miners by the Mining Marshals, dislodgement of illegal miners from 90 licenced areas and monitoring of 450 locations occupied by illegal miners. With more logistical resources, the enforcement of the mining

laws will surely be intensified. Transparency and accountability in licence administration have been achieved with the upgrade of the Electronic Mining Cadastre system, launch of mining decisions website and the improvement of content on the websites of the Nigerian Geological Survey Agency and the ministry. Today, research for and applications for licences can be initiated 24 hours every day from anywhere on the earth.

Alake has also intervened in human capacity development. His deal with the Australian government, negotiated during the Africa Down Under in September 2023 was executed this year with the training of the first batch of Nigerian geologists in modern exploration practices at the Murdoch university. Locally, over 250 youths have benefitted from workshops on gemology and jewellery making and the Institute of Geosciences continues to produce fresh mining professionals yearly.

What no serious witness of the solid minerals sector won't contest is Alake's sterling achievement in ensuring better compliance with the law. Operators are now more alert to their responsibilities and religious in observing deadlines and the rules of engagement.

With these records, Alake continues the family tradition by devotiny his life to the service of his fatherland. It is a daily grind of hardwork, creativity and persistence that may make him forget that another year has passed and today is his birthday. This article is a gentle reminder for him to take a day off and celebrate God's grace. Happy birthday, sir!

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Four Youths JailedFor Internet Fraud

sentenced to holding yourself out prison over as such on your offences of Facebook cybercrime by a account with intent Lagos court.

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our young fraudulently By Felix Kuyinu men have impersonated one e e n 'Dolly Parton' by to gain advantage I a w for yourself and lawbreakers: thereby Martins Emmanuel, committed an AbeebAsiru, offence contrary to Iremide Owolabi and punishable and Quadri Adio under Section were arraigned by 22(2)(b) of the the Lagos Zonal Cybercrimes Directorate of the (Prohibition, Economic and Prevention, etc)

Commission, EFCC, Another charge at the Federal High reads: "That you, Court in Ikoyi, Lagos M A R T I N S on one-count EMMANUEL, separate charges sometime on the offenders, EFCC bordering on 29m of August, officials, Ibrahim fraudulent 2025 in Lagos, Bukar, Samson impersonation and within the Aguma and Ruth internet related jurisdiction of this Odang reviewed Honorable Court, the facts of the The EFCC told the directly made a case and Presiding Judge, false statement DehindeDipeolu, wherein you held apprehended on name "ROSE August 29, 2025 in a HEATHERS 56" on sting operation at your Tiktok account Mambillah Hotel, knowing same to Ikorodu, Lagos, be false and with following credible intent that the intelligence representation is received by the relied upon for the remanded in a Perezi told the Commission on the purpose of activities of a procuring the syndicate of issuance of suspected internet financial instrument fraudsters to yourself and operating at the t h e r e b y committed an One of the charges offence contrary to reads: "That you, and punishable ABEEB OLAMIDE under Section 22(3) ASIRU (a.k.a Dolly of the Cybercrimes Parton), on or (Prohibition. about 29th August, Prevention etc)



them.

thereafter She also urged the tendered the court to convict defendants them as charged. statements and Justice Dipeolu, mobile devices consequently, recovered from convicted and sentenced

Emmanuel to three months imprisonment, with the option of a fine of N600,000.00 (Six **Hundred Thousand** Naira).

The Judge also convicted and sentenced Asiru to six months imprisonment, with the option of a fine of N2,000,000.00 (Two Million Naira). Both Owolabi and Adio were each sentenced to three months imprisonment, with the option of a fine of N800,000.00 (Eight Hundred Thousand Naira).

Their mobile devices were ordered forfeited to the Federal Government of Nigeria.

that the convicts, yourself out as a white woman by Court Remands 27-Year-Old Man Over Alleged Car Theft

correctional court that the defrauding a company of a car.

arraigned at the court on a threecount charge pretence, and stealing of the car Check Company worth N40 million,

ne Kingsley as told by the Ighodalo prosecutor, has been DonjourPerezi.

defendant allegedly committed the offences on May 22, 2024, at Mercedes Benz approximately 11:30 a.m., within in Ighodalo, was Ikeja in an attempt to fraudulently obtain a 2016 Mercedes-Benz bordering on GLE 400, with conspiracy, registration obtaining by false number BDG 390 HA from Auto

under the false pretext of to repossess the repayment.

added that the accused, instead of making repayment, removed the vehicle's tracker and sold the car for N38 million without the company's consent, despite the original documents being with Auto Check. He mentioned that several attempts by the company

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vehicle failed, The Prosecutor which led to a petition to the police.

Perezi mentioned that the offences contravened Sections 314, 287, and 411 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015. The court granted

the defendant bail in the sum of N10 million with two sureties in like sum and adjourned the case until October 13 for mention.

LCDA Chairperson Charges Spelling Bee Winners to Aim for State Gold Kehinde Adeleye

Chairperson of secretariat. council area to aim contest. for top honours at In the primary Senior Grammar

community. She gave the after competition, held

e at the LCDA was closely

Isolo Local The qualifying Mustapha C o u n c i I round featured Abdullahi of Development Area pupils from 14 Faronbi Primary (LCDA), Mrs. public primary School in second Olajumoke schools and place, while Glory Olasoju, has urged students from Aku of Olokun winners of the several secondary Primary School preliminary stage schools across the secured third. of the 2025 Lagos council, all vying for The secondary State Spelling Bee slots to represent school category Competition in the Isolo at the state saw Selimot Ismaila

the state level, school category, School emerge reminding them Oloyede Bilal of St. champion, that they carry the Paul's Anglican correctly spelling pride of the Primary School the winning word clinched first place "Soigné". Abiodun charge on Tuesday outstanding Adeniran during the council display of spelling Adesope, both of area stage of the skill, courage, and I composure. He

followed by

of Ajao Estate an Oreofe and 0 Comprehensive

Senior High School, level. The council finished second under my and third, husband's respectively.

In her remarks, Mrs. leadership will O I a s o j u continue to commended the prioritize winners for their education as the brilliance but foundation for your reminded them future success," that the journey she said. had only just The Chairperson begun. She also presented encouraged them prizes to the to intensify their winners, charging

Day Governor. "Do not settle for Speaking on less. You have all it behalf of the takes to make us teachers, Mr.

qualitative

preparation them to maintain ahead of the state the spirit of finals and emulate sportsmanship and Isolo's past glory of determination that producing a One- distinguished them in the contest.

Kehinde Ajeigbe of Ajao Estate Senior Grammar School pledged adequate preparation for the state challenge, assuring that Isolo's representatives would be fully equipped for victory.

The event was araced by councillors led by the Deputy Leader, Chief (Hon.) Idris Babatunde Amusa, Princess Balikis Agbabiaka-Odunsi, Mrs. Ganiyat Badmus, and other notable dignitaries.





Sketel Empowers 500 Traders, Supports 2,000 Households in Epe Constituency II

he lawmaker supportof 5,000. representing Epe Constituency II in The event, which the Lagos State House of Assembly, Nigeria's 65th initiative," while Hon. Sylvester Oluwadaunsi Ogunkelu, popularly known as Sketel, has was attended by ratherthan frivolities. once again extended his generosity to his constituents through two-day empowerment programme tagged Party leaders at the Ikosi/Ejinrin LGA "Okowo Sketel."

September 30 and October 1 at the leader Hon. Wasiu representation, Ikosi-Ejinrin Council Secretariat and Mojoda respectively, saw over 500 traders receive 50,000 each to boost their businesses, while more than 2,000 households East Vice Chairman, benefitted from Yeye Olayinka palliatives and cash

coincided with infrastructure Independence anniversary and Hon. Ogunkelu's birthday, political leaders, party faithful, and market men and women across the constituency.

event commended Hon. Ogunkelu's The initiative, held on consistent efforts at giving back. Apex exemplary Odeyemi (Wastab) described him as "a for residents to true voice of Epe Constituency II," urging beneficiaries for their voter's cards to put the financial support to good use. Similarly, APC Lagos

Olusanya, praised the lawmaker's "stomach advising traders to invest the money in their businesses

Other leaders, including APC Eredo Chairman, Mr. Muhammed Agbaraojo, and Chairman, Hon. Ajenifuja Bamidele, lauded Ogunkelu's stressing the need complement his efforts by registering and participating actively governance.

Beneficiaries



expressed joy and challenges. gratitude, describing the gesture as timely Hon. Ogunkelu, in his support in cushioning remarks, reaffirmed the current his commitment to economic

improving the

welfare of his constituents, pledging to do even more in delivering the dividends of democracy.

Cobbler Bags 7yrs Imprisonment For Defilement Öf Minor



sentenced to child. seven-years in The Prosecutor prison over an held that the attempted rape on c o n v i c t , a minor.

arraigned at the sometime in 2021 Special Offences against the eight-Court in Ikeja, year-old airl who Lagos, where the was in basic four Presiding Judg and five years old Abiola Sodaloye, at the time of the found him incident. culpable of the

cobbler crime alongside identified other indictment of as Ismail indecent Adamu has been treatment of at the

attempted the Adamu was rape offence

According to the

victim, her mother had sent her to Adamu, who was the gatekeeper of the neighbouring house, to help them fetch water. Instead, Adamu carried her to his room, removed her pants and his, exposing his nakedness to her, which was considered an indecent act, and laid on her, but there was no penetration.

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The victim further said she was able to escape because she screamed and threatened to report him to her mother. At that point, he freed her. Justice Sodaloye mentioned that the sentence would date back to 30th June 2021, which was the date he was sent to the correctional centre over the incident



Lekki Sites Sealed Over Illegal Dredging, Land Reclamation

Atume, Terfa

he Lagos State Government has intensified its clampdown on unauthorised waterfront development, sealing multiple sites and arresting five suspects over alleged illegal dredging and land reclamation activities along the Lekki corridor.

The enforcement, spearheaded by a ministerial task One of the high- Alebiosu, force, brought together officials from the Ministry of Waterfront Infrastructure Development, Ministry of Physical Planning and

Development, warnings and prior Ministry of shutdowns, the Environment & owners allegedly Water Resources, expanded the site and the Lands far beyond its Bureau.

what authorities 1,200 square described as meters to nearly rampant, 8,000 square unregulated meters through reclamation that i I I e g a I threatens both the reclamation. environment and Commissioner for the integrity of Waterfront Lagos' urban Infrastructure planning Development, framework.

profile targets was denounced the a property on 13A act as Admiralty Way, legendary display Lekki Phase 1, of audacity," which officials vowing that accused of offenders would repeatedly flouting be prosecuted government

n sealings. Despite approved size — Their mission: to halt from an authorised

Dayo Bush

and illegally the Environment acquired land and Drainage could be forfeited S e r v i c e s to the state.

Officials further confirmed that revealed that stop-work orders some dredging had been issued to operations several of the extended as much affected sites long as seven kilometres before the into the lagoon enforcement without permits or action.

Environmental The crackdown concerns.

Permanent primereal estate Secretaries from

departments

Impactalians with Assessments (EIAs). Governor They warned that Babajide Sanwosuch activities Olu's renewed disrupt natural commitment to water flow, safeguarding increase flood risk, Lagos' waterfronts and encourage following the the growth of state's recent informal waterfront Waterfront settlements often Summit. Authorities linked to security say the Lekki shoreline — a

hub — has become a hotspot for speculative land grabs disguised as reclamation projects.

"Lekki is a growth corridor for Lagos, but development m u s tb e sustainable," said Dr. Olumide Oluyinka, Commissioner for Physical Planning. "No investor is above the law, and no project will be allowed to compromise the environment or safety of residents." The five suspects arrested during the operation are expected to face prosecution, while sealed properties will remain under government control pending investigation and validation of permits.

The Lagos State Government has also signalled that this is only the beginning of a wider sweep, promising routine monitoring of waterfront activities to curb illegal dredging across the state.

For now, Lekki's booming waterfront faces a reality check: development will not come at the expense of regulation, safety, or the environment.



Power, Land and Tradition Collide As Oluwo-Onibeju Feud Resurfaces

n the heart of Ibeju-Lekki, a district fast becoming one of Lagos' most prized investment hubs, an old familyversus-monarchy feud h a s resurfaced — this time with higher stakes, deeper resentments, and a battle over land worth billions of naira.

At the centre of the storm is the Oluwo family, custodians of ancestral lands stretching across Bogije, Elesikan, and Igbojiya. Opposing them is the Onibeju of Ibeju-Lekki, Oba Waliu Olasunkanmi, a monarch accused of undermining family rights while asserting royal authority.

On June 25, 2025, the Lagos High Court delivered a landmark ruling in Suit N o : LD/828/2007, affirming the Oluwo family's ownership of vast parcels of land — 74 hectares in Bogije, 50 acres in Elesikan, and 75 acres in Igbojiya.

For the family, led by Nureni Oluwo, the verdict was not just a legal win. It was a validation of an 18-year struggle



a g a i n s t Oluwo, as Baale and intimidation.

But the court with an outsider victory has not a move they translated to describe as a peace on the calculated

Allegation: influence. and Intimidation

flouting the judgment allegedly selling to unsuspecting buyers, supervising illegal constructions, and taken a defensive threatening family stance says, members.

Perhaps most Side" controversially, Oba Waliu they allege the Olasunkanmi has monarch fired back, dethroned their dismissing the kinsman, Tajudeen

encroachment, (local chief) of alleged land grabs, Bogije/Igbojiya and replaced him attempt to break The Oluwothe family's

Encroachment "This is more than land," a family The family accuses spokesperson told the monarch of reporters. "It is about our lineage, our heritage, and our rightful place in portions of the land | | | b e j u - L e k k i 's history."

Interestingly, the monarch who has "Tradition Is On My

accusations as "fabrications and conjecture."

The monarch, who admits he was once part of the family's legal fight, insists that his name was struck off the judgment after Tajudeen's removal as Baale — an act he insists was a traditional disciplinary measure.

According to him, Tajudeen's alleged misconduct left him with no choice but to depose him, a decision well within his royal authority. For peace to return, he says, the family must reinstate his name in the judgment, withdraw their men

from disputed lands, and set up a land-sharing committee.

The lands in question lie at the heart of Lagos' new economic frontier. With the Dangote Refinery, Lekki Free Trade Zone, and other mega-projects nearby, Ibeju-Lekki epicentre of land against the law. speculation. What was once farmland now commands premium prices.

"Land here is not just property," explains a Lagos real estate analyst. "It is power, wealth, and leverage. That is why disputes like this rarely die." Based on the

findings, each side has stated what they want.

The Oluwo family wants Enforcement of the 2025 court ruling, restoration of Tajudeen Oluwo as Baale, and government intervention to stop what they call illegal sales.

The Onibeju wants Recognition as a rightful beneficiary of the judgment, withdrawal of rival claimants from contested sites, and a framework for shared ownership.

The dispute mirrors countless others across Lagos, where ancestral families, traditional rulers, and developers collide over land suddenly transformed into gold mines by urban expansion. Even with legal victories, enforcement often proves elusive when power and has become the tradition weigh

For now, Ibeju-Lekki remains on edge. Court rulings, royal authority, and family heritage are pulling in opposite directions. And beneath it all lies the true battleground: land that represents not just territory, but the future of Lagos' booming economy.

Lekki Port, Customs Strengthen Drive Trade Partnership

Growth

Atume, Terfa

he Lekki Deep Sea Port has renewed its commitment to strengthening Nigeria's maritime competitiveness, pledging closer collaboration with the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) to ensure seamless cargo clearance, efficient trade facilitation, and stronger revenue generation.

At a recent stakeholder roadshow jointly organised by Lekki Port, Lekki Freeport Terminal, and the NCS, Comptroller Mohammed Babandede, Customs Area Controller of the Lagos Free Trade Zone Command, assured operators and investors of Customs' readiness to support the port's operations.

"Our officers are fully trained and equipped to guarantee speedy evacuation of cargo and ensure the port delivers on

efficiency," Babandede said. Laurence Smith, Chief Operating Officer of Lekki Port, described the facility as a "game changer" in Nigeria's maritime sector. According to him, Lekki's o d e r n infrastructure, automated systems, and advanced cargo handling equipment have positioned it as the most efficient seaport in the country.

its promise of

"The roadshow was designed to demonstrate the ease of doing business at Lekki Port and to reassure stakeholders that trade here will meet global standards," Smith explained.

In August 2023, the port commissioned a state-of-the-art Non-Intrusive Inspection System (NIIS) to speed up customs clearance. The dual-energy X-ray scanning facility, now fully operated



by trained Customs personnel, allows for faster detection of contraband while reducing cargo dwell times. Since operations began, Lekki Port has quickly become a major revenue driver for Customs. Between April and December 2023, the Lagos Free Trade Zone Command generated 5.08 billion from the port, with overall contributions from the free zone surpassing targets. The port is also carving out a strong position in transhipment services. Since June 2023, it has handled more than 40,000 TEUs (Twenty-Foot Equivalent Units) for West African destinations,

almost half of which were recorded in the first half of 2025. Analysts say this strengthens Nigeria's foothold in regional trade under the African Continental Free Trade Area Trade Facilitation: (AfCFTA).

gains, stakeholders highlight challenges around importers and tariffs, operational costs, and Revenue Growth: regulatory Efficient systems harmonisation. help Customs Lekki Port boost collections management has and support urged the Nigerian government

Shippers' Council finances. and other Regional regulators to Competitiveness: review tariffs to Lekki Port is reflect the rising positioning Nigeria cost of operations. to compete with Industry watchers Ghana, Côte also warn that d'Ivoire, and Togo delays in Customs as a hub for West processes could Africantrade.

undermine the I n v e s t o r port's competitive Confidence: edge. Continuous Transparent

collaboration processes and between Customs and port operators is therefore seen as sustaining momentum.

This development has the potential to enhance;

Faster clearance Despite these and reduced congestion lower logistics costs for exporters.

modern infrastructure encourage both critical to foreign and domestic investment in the maritime sector.

With Customs' backing and significant investment in automation and infrastructure, Lekki Port is on track to become Nigeria's leading maritime gateway. But sustaining this momentum will require policy alignment, cost efficiency, and continuous partnership between regulators and private operators.

For now, Lekki Port's message to stakeholders is clear: Nigeria's newest seaport is open for business and ready to compete on the global stage.

Temitope Adedeji:Nigeria's Greatness Is Within Reach If Citizens, Leaders Play Their Part Kehinde Adeleye

House of Assembly, strengthen The event Hon. Adewale governance at the attracted a host of Temitope Adedeji, grassroots. has declared that "Nigeria will surely speakers who Nigeria's path to be great, but only if s h a r e d greatness is assured we rise to our if citizens and responsibilities," leaders alike Temitope told the Prof. James e m b r a c e audience, urging patriotism, integrity, Nigerians to and dignity of support reforms labour.

Speaking at the resilience. that will grant

ember of councillors greater optimism, and the Lagos autonomy, saying collaboration in State this would nation-building.

with patience and Nigeria among

Inspired Movement Earlier, convener of nations with public forum in the Inspired Lagos themed Movement, resources but "Without Doubt, Deacon Banjo fragile systems and Nigeria Shall Be Omole, explained warned that Great," Temitope that the theme was neglecting praised President divinely revealed education will Bola Tinubu for to him 11 years ago hinder progress. delivering visible at Ogba traffic Representing the reforms in less than junction. He National two years despite described it as a heavy criticism. He conviction that Agency (NOA) disclosed that the unity in diversity is a State Director, Mrs. Assembly is already strength, not a Patricia working on laws weakness, and emphasized that urged innovation,

leaders and perspectives on Nigeria's future.

Adewunmi Falode of Lagos State University situated "weak states" abundant

Orientation honesty, loyalty,

and integrity must of the Inter-Party be the real drivers Advisory Council of transformation. Speaking for House accused some of Representatives community member Hon. leaders of diverting Benjamin Olabinjo, resources while Olalekan also charging Arogundade citizens not to T i n u b u government with administration's unrealistic early reforms, demands. calling for Hon. Nurudeen

patience. Other panelists House

included: gender balance in strength. governance and Mr. Jide Johnson,

State Chairperson grassroots, not

(IPAC), who applauded the overload

Akinwunmi, former Representatives Engr. Tinuke member, who said Wuraola Owolabi, Nigeria's current board member of reforms are the North Central a I r e a d y Commission, who positioning the advocated country for

commended Registrar of the Tinubu for Nigerian Institute of appointing women Journalism, who into strategic roles. argued that real Mrs. Adenike development Akinade, Lagos begins at the

always from the

Representing the Special Adviser on Works, Hon. Suluka stressed that no nation becomes great by chance, insisting Nigeria has the potential to match global powers if citizens embrace shared responsibility.

The forum, anchored by Abimbola Bello of Lagos State Television and moderated by Sunday Obanubi, ended on a note of optimism. Participants unanimously agreed that Nigeria's greatness is within reach, provided both citizens and leaders commit to their duties.



"You Killed My Sister" -Calls Out Dangote Group Over Kehinde Adeleye

has accused the expenses. Dangote Group of According to her, Otabor.

emotional posts on Ruth's transfer and Instagram, Phyna care from Auchi to alleged that her Irrua. sister's death was "The bills from not only tragic but Auchi down to Irrua the company

ig Brother failed to fulfil Naija reality promises it had star, ljeoma publicly made Otabor, popularly regarding medical known as Phyna, and burial

negligence and Dangote Group insensitivity in the only covered bills handling of matters incurred at Lagoon surrounding the Hospital, Lagos, death and burial of while her family her sister, Ruth was left to bear additional financial In a series of responsibilities for

"calculated and were covered by planned," claiming the family; no refund has been

made," she lamented.

Phyna further claimed that efforts to reach Dangote Group o n September 13, the day of Ruth's burial, were unsuccessful. She alleged that the family was told certain bills had not been cleared, contrary to the company's earlier claims.

The reality star also shared a letter reportedly sent by Dangote Group to her father, requesting him to sign a n acknowledgment



of receipt for burial family rather than expenses. She described the move as an act of insisting that the company ought to have formally engaged her

drafting the letter on its own.

burial, then still by

yourself wrote an acknowledgemen letter impersonating my father and sent it to him to sign," she wrote.

Phyna expressed е е disappointment, alleging that the company's actions were an attempt to control the narrative after the burial, instead of showing her family compassion and respect.

"@dangotegroup As of press time, impersonation, you killed my sister, Dangote Group did massive PR, has not publicly gave the girl's responded to papa money for P h y n a 's allegations.

MUSHIN

Residents Applaud Council Chairmar

On Waste Control

By Saheed Afolabi

Mushin have applauded the council chairman, Mr Tunbosun Aruwe for removal of waste from drainages across the community.

The desilting and evacuation of blocked drainage channels was spread across the local government.

Aruwe involves the clearing accumulated waste and debris from

esidents of carting away of the silt in their areas. drainages.

Residents of the line rainy season.

improve sanitation,

drainage systems, reduce health risks, and followed by proper prevent waterlogging

to restore smooth flow According to the of water along the council, the operation is being carried out in with affected communities environmental and expressed gratitude for safety standards. It also the intervention, the council chairman noting that flooding broader commitment has been a recurring to proactive challenge during the environmental renewal programmes designed They praised the to safeguard lives, council for its timely protect property, and response, highlighting promote a cleaner, that the initiative will healthier Mushin Local Government.





















Rema Named in TIME100 Next 2025 List as Only African Artist

igerian Afrobeats star, Divine Ikubor, popularly known as Rema, has been named in prestigious recognition of the influential rising fields.

The list, unveiled on influence. Tuesday, spotlights science, politics, only African artist to Kidjo wrote. earn the honour, global impact as

Kehinde Adeleye

one of Afrobeats' leading voices.

penned by the 2025 TIME100 legendary Next list, a Beninese singer and multiple Grammy Award world's most winner, Angélique Kidjo, who praised Taylor and rapper stars across diverse Rema's meteoric rise and cultural several others

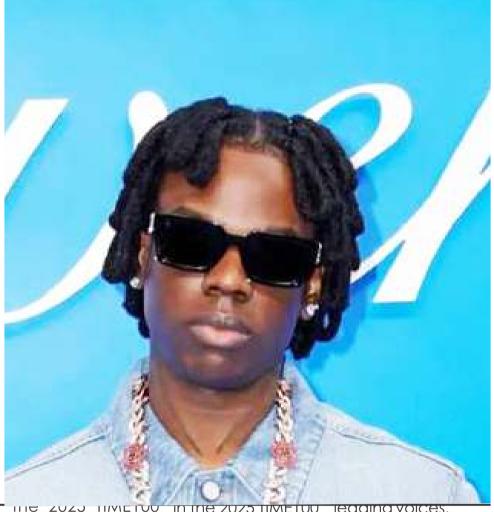
"The young trailblazers from Nigerian superstar music, film, sports, has accomplished Rema further so much: Calm cements his place and philanthropy. Down has joined as a global This year, Rema the billion-streams stands out as the club twice over,"

"Rema is the underscoring his embodiment of the international

success of Afrobeats. Thanks to artists like him, African music is at His profile was the forefront of global culture."

> Other global figures recognised in the 2025 edition include American singer Teyana GloRilla, among shaping the future of their industries.

With this feat, ambassador of Afrobeats, carrying African music to new heights on the international stage.



BBNaja Season 10. Faith Ade will profit Wins Innoson Car Worth N381

Kehinde Adeleye



ig Brother rounds. housemate, Faith Adewale, has clinched one of the season's most after emerging task.

anticipated million. designed to test the housemates' two intense

The highly-valued at 38 Wanni (2024).

achievement.

milestone win.

The Innoson task Naija Season Faith advanced to has become a 0 the final stage traditional highlight alongside fellow of the BBNaija housemates Dede, show, producing Mensan, and Imisi, winners each eventually season. Previous coveted prizes outlasting them to champions include secure victory. His Khafi (2019), Ozo winner of the triumph earned (2020), Pere (2021), Innoson Vehicle him a brand-new Chizzy (2022), Innoson vehicle CeeC (2023), and

For Faith, this marks challenge, held as C I e a r I y his second major part of the show's overwhelmed, victory of the final week Faith expressed season, having activities, was disbelief at his earlier won the SuperKomando "This is my first car," challenge, further endurance, focus, he exclaimed cementing his d joyfully, as other reputation as one determination. It housemates of the standout was divided into celebrated his contestants of BBNaiia Season 10.

Hunpe Urges Women To Embrace Politics



has called on praising her as a women particularly model of discipline, the spouses of local consistency, and out of the shadows service. and actively politics, community governance.

wives, and other andlead." council secretariat, Hunpe emphasized that women's involvement is crucial for bridging the gap between and grassroots

he wife of the communities. She Chairman of drew inspiration Badagry Local from Nigeria's First Government, Mrs. Lady, Senator Oluwatoyin Hunpe Oluremi Tinubu, councillors to step people-centered

"This is not the time participate in to withdraw or stay in the background. development, and Your position as wives of councillors Speaking at an places you at a interactive session unique point of with APC women influence. Use it to leaders, councillors' inspire, mobilize,

f e m a l e The session, part of stakeholders at the ongoing efforts to empower women in local politics, focused on practical ways to amplify female voices. Mrs. Hunpe elected officials encouraged the women to deepen

their community engagements, fully participate in party activities, and advocate for key issues like women's empowerment, environmental sanitation, and skills training. Such involvement, she said, would provide elected leaders with essential feedback from the wards and foster more responsive governance.

She also rallied support for the Babatunde Hunpe е administration's sanitation and beautification initiatives, urging the women to lead campaigns in their

neighborhoods.

"Women remain the natural agents of change at the household and community levels," she said.

"Your leadership in sanitation efforts will reinforce the council's vision of a cleaner, healthier Badagry."

Addressing female councillors directly, Mrs. Hunpe challenged them to champion bylaws, policies, and projects that deliver tangible benefits to their constituencies. She stressed that politics extends beyond holding office it's about demonstrating competence, building networks,

and shaping policies that improve daily lives. By exemplifying discipline, consistency, and courage, she added, women can challenge stereotypes and pave the way for greater female representation in governance.

The event concluded on a poignant note as Mrs. Hunpe paid tribute to the late Vice-Chairman of Badagry West LCDA, Princess Remilekun Nutayi-Ajose, calling her passing significant setback for women's political advancement.

"In her memory, I urge all Badagry women to remain courageous, united, and proactive. Together, let's build an inclusive future where our participation in politics isn't optional it's essential."

The session underscored a growing push in Badagry for gender-inclusive leadership, with participants expressing enthusiasm for turning words into action through upcoming community drives and political engagements.

Hunpe Prioritizes Healthy Environment By Saheed Afolabi plan, which encompasses enhanced



has revealed his earn their living administration there to do so in a focus is to sanitize safe and decent the environment environment." and uphold the The chairman

Badagry's global repercussions. reputation.

a way that disrespect

hairman of guarantees Badagry cleanliness, order, , and beauty while Babatunde Hunpe allowing those who

values of healthy issued a stern living among warning to offenders, Addressing a prohibiting stakeholders on indiscriminate Friday at the waste dumping, Council Chamber, the setup of illegal Hunpe portrayed trading sheds or the roundabout umbrellas on the not just as a vital median, and any traffic intersection defiance of council but as the symbolic or state authorities. heartbeat of the He made it clear historic town. He that behaviors expressed dismay threatening at its degraded security and condition, which peace would face he said tarnishes immediate

"We cannot "This roundabout is continue to look the heartbeat of away while a few our town, and we people deface the must reorganize it in roundabout and

constituted authority. Anyone found violating these rules will face strict sanctions. This administration is committed to order, and we will not compromise on security, cleanliness, and peace."

Echoing the chairman's the cleanup effort. "The government part. If everyone council's action

resolve, Vice keeps to their lane, Chairman, Akeem the roundabout A d e y e m i will become a highlighted the symbol of need for shared cooperation disorder."

Adedoyin Jegede, alone cannot Head of the sustain order here. Environment Drivers, traders, Department and and pedestrians lead sanitarian, must play their detailed the

sanitation protocols, regulated waste management, and a restructured layout for trading zones. She revealed ongoing consultations with transport unions and traders to balance environmental standards with economic viability. The meeting drew representatives from drivers' unions, market traders. and pedestrian groups, who broadly endorsed the initiative while raising concerns about protecting livelihoods and easing traffic congestion. In response, participants accountability in rather than agreed to form a joint working committee to align stakeholder interests and roll t h e o u t reorganization in phases, ensuring minimal disruption.

Lagos Assembly Canvasses Cultural Heritage Reforms

By Felix Kuyinu

the Lagos have advocated for reforms in tourism and cultural heritage to ensure 0 r developments in The call was led by the state.

message to the Chairman of the

Commissioner for Tourism, Arts and Isolo Constituency Tourism, Arts and embers of Culture, Toke Benson-Awoyinka, State disclosed on the House of Assembly need to ensure the enhancement of both initiatives to significantly boost the state's e economy.

Hon. Bonu Committee on trips, while Hon.

represents Oshodi- tourism hub.

Culture, who 01, proposed the stressed during development of an plenary that the iconic landmark theme of this year's similar to Dubai's World Tourism Day, Burj Khalifa, "Our Country, Our recommending a Heritage, "giant edifice such suggesting that as an Eyo statue setting up a tourism integrated with calendar to help restaurants, visitors plan their shopping malls, and other attractions to The Lawmakers, in Solomon, Also contributing, strengthen Lagos' Ladi Ajomale, who position as a global

Idris Balogun Hails Ajumoni Youths, Supports Community Shield Tournament Kehinde Adeleye





LCDA, Hon. Prince Tuesday, October tournament as "a Idris Balogun, has 1, during the 3rd beacon of hope," commended the edition of the the council boss youths of Ajumoni Asiwaju Ajumoni said the initiative community for Community Shield symbolises the fostering unity and at Ajumoni Field, community's development Isheri Olofin, held in determination to through sports, commemoration harness youth assuring them of his of Nigeria's 65th potential while continued backing Independence promoting peace

he Executive fortheirinitiatives. Chairman of Balogun gave the Describing the Egbe-Idimu commendation on

anniversary.

grassroots football

cohesion.

leadership and remarked. legacy of President As

and social this demonstrate that sports remain "I am always a powerful tool for excited whenever unity, peace, and our youths come p o s i t i v e together to engagement," promote the Balogun

Bola Ahmed demonstration of Tinubu. support, the Programmes like Chairman made a financial contribution to boost the community's efforts and ensure the sustainability of the youth-driven

The event attracted residents, sports enthusiasts, and community leaders, who applauded Balogun's gesture, noting that it would inspire more young people to participate actively in communitybuilding activities. Now in its third year, the Asiwaju Ajumoni Community Shield has become a major grassroots sporting event dedicated to engaging youths, discovering new talents, and reinforcing the values of unity, resilience, and leadership within the community.



2027: Akinpelu Johnson Urges Unity In Alimosho APC Kehinde Adeleye



Akinpelu Ibrahim elections. Johnson, has the council area to since

he Chairman embrace unity as emergence as of Alimosho the party prepares council boss, L o c a I for victory in the which brought Government, Hon. 2027 general together party

called on members Johnson made the tendencies. He of the AII appeal during the stressed that only Progressives first major LGA through collective Congress (APC) in meeting of the APC effort could the

members from different h is party consolidate support for

President Bola spirit

urged members to mobilisation.

Ahmed Tinubu and collaboration, deliver more votes assuring them that in the next election his administration would back Reeling out his Wise initiatives that Agenda for the promote party development of strength and Alimosho, Johnson grassroots

work with a new He also charged

members to prioritise the ongoing continuous voter registration (CVR) exercise, promising that adequate logistics would be provided to support their mobilisation drive. According to him, the CVR would play a decisive role in the APC's future success.

The Chairman further highlighted Federal Government interventions, including the disbursement of 75,000 to less privileged Nigerians, as proof of the APC's commitment to improving lives. He equally announced a local empowerment initiative to provide 500 petty traders in Alimosho with 100,000 each as part of his 100-day aaenda.

The meeting, which had party leaders, ward chairmen, and stakeholders in attendance, ended with resounding support for Johnson's vision, with members pledging to strengthen the APC's dominance in Alimosho, Nigeria's most populous local aovernment.

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Rosiji Pledges Improved Staff Welfare at NULGE Visit

(LCDA), Hon. (Barr.) a longside make full use of the Rosiji, administration's delegation, Rosiji Scheme, for commitment to expressed routine medical prioritizing staff appreciation for check-ups. driver productivity.

She made the that a motivated abuse, stressing its pledge on workforce remains long-term health September 29, central to effective risks. She went 2025, during an service delivery. further to official visit by the She revealed that announce plans to President of the her administration establish a gym Nigerian Union of had already center within the

h as executive team.

of champion staff cautioned staff well-being, noting against substance

Local Government increased funding council to

of Oiokoro (NULGE), Comrade staff clinic and fitness and Local Council S e w a n u encouraged wellness, and to Development Area Ogunfowora, employees to provide an additional Oluyemisi Adenike members of his facility, as well as borehole to ensure the Lagos State steady water reiterated her Welcoming the Health Insurance supply at the secretariat.

Earlier in his remarks, NULGE welfare as a key their efforts to The Chairman also President, Comrade Sewanu Ogunfowora, commended Rosiji on her election victory and lauded the cordial working relationship between NULGE and Ojokoro LCDA.

to maintain focus on staff welfare by strengthening health facilities, ensuring the presence of a premises, and adopting in-house revenue management instead of outsourcing collections.

The Council Manager, Mrs. Mojisola Akinola, also praised the visit as an avenue

he Chairman Employees for the council's promote staff He, however, to foster stronger urged the council ties between **NULGE** executives and Ojokoro LCDA. The event was attended by the council chairman, members of the clinic within the legislative arm, management staff, NULGE state executives, and branch chairmen, as well as council workers who applauded the President's interventions and pledged their continued support.







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Tick-Tock Fades: The Death of Clock in Our Homes

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every hour.

tools; they were already scrolling symbols of through WhatsApp punctuality, or Instagram, so discipline, and you just glance up even pride.

changed. From the cross our minds traffic-choked anymore." streets of Ikeja to In Ikola area of consulted.

ot so long At lapja, Mrs. readtime. a a o , Boluwatife a Fabric a I m o s t seller, adjusted the every home had a shiny wristwatch on wall clock ticking her arm but away in the sitting admitted she room. In some hadn't looked at it homes, it was the all day. "I only wear rectangularit because it "gong" clock that matches my outfit," chimed loudly she said with a laugh. "If I want to Other homes know the time, I experience round check my phone. plastic clocks with Even when the bright flowers watch is working decorated the perfectly, my brain walls, wristwatches just goes for the such as Seiko, phone first." Her Casio, or the neighbor beside famous "Aboki" her, Mrs. Fashakin, brands from nodded in Idumota were a agreement. "It's daily essential. They like muscle were more than memory. You're

the populated Agbado Oke-Odo, environs in however, the older Alimosho, aeneration Lagosians confess remembers that even when differently. Mr. Femi own Oderinde, a 48wristwatches or still year-old generator have wall clocks mechanic recalled hanging, their first how his father used instinct is to check the family wall the time on their clock as a phones. Even on teaching tool. "He days when a would say, 'Femi, wristwatch is what time is it when strapped to the the short hand is wrist, it is rarely here?' That was how I learned to

and see the time.

Today, however, That's why wall

things have clocks don't even

That ticking sound, that hourly chime it gave the house life." Looking at his teenage son glued to a phone screen, Femi sighed. "My children don't know that experience. They only know digital time. For them, a clock is just decoration."

The traders and watch repairers who built their livelihood on clocks also feel the shift. At Iyanaipaja Market, once a booming hub for wall clocks and wristwatches, sellers and repairers now complain of poor sales. Yahayah Usman,

who has been selling clocks for more than two decades, sat quietly with a gleeful look. "In the 90s, people bought clocks for weddings, Christmas, and new houses," he explained. "Now, young couples tell me, 'Why buy? Our phones have time.' If not for the older generation, I would have closed this shop."

In Ikeja's Computer Village, Tunde, a phone repairer,



put it bluntly: teacher, insists wall the function of admire you, but to check the time? Na phone sure pass."

But not everywhere in Lagos has abandoned the old ways. In Ikorodu, Miss Though Phones Agbeola Bolanle, a have taken over

trending anymore. important. If you carry one fine "Phones only give wristwatch here, you numbers," she people may said. "When children learn with a clock, they understand time itself. That's why I keep one in every classroom. They must know how to read the hands."

"Clocks are not clocks are still timekeeping, but the wristwatch and wall clock still carry a cultural and emotional weight. As Mr. Femi put it, standing in front of his Ikola rented apartment: "Phones may tell us the time, but clocks taught us its meaning. Maybe that's what this generation is losing."

Mushin's Esepo Shines Again with TKO Victory at Chaos in the Ring

By Daniji Emmanuel

Agbaje, popularly talents. His swift known as Esepo, has footwork and once again done his devastating community proud punches forced the with a sensational referee to halt the victory at the Chaos fight, sealing an in the Ring boxing event held at Onikan Stadium on October Back in Mushin, news 1,2025.

opponent in the Esepo as a symbol of second round with a resilience and pride. decisive technical To them, his victory is knockout (TKO), a more than just sport display that left fans — it's proof that thrilled and Mushin continues to cemented his produce champions

ushin-born reputation as one of boxing star, Nigeria's most Taiwo promising boxing emphatic win.

of the triumph sparked jubilation, Esepo defeated his with residents hailing

who shine on the global stage.

Dedicating the win to his roots, Esepo said: "This victory is for my family and Mushin. That's where I come from, and I'll always make sure the world knows we are fighters, survivors, and champions."

Local sports enthusiasts have described the feat as an inspiration to young people in Mushin, showing that discipline, hard work, and focus can



into reality.

transform dreams Esepo not only sense of pride within

boosted his boxing career but also With this victory, reignited a strong

Mushin, the very place where his fighting journey began.

'Esepo' Delivers Knockout In Dramatic Second-Round Finish quick footwork the world knows we



By Saheed Afolabi

aiwo Agbaje, the rising star from Mushin round. as 'Esepo,' Stadium securing a against his opponent at the high-stakes "Chaos in the Ring" boxing event.

The bout, which drew a packed house of fervent fans, unfolded with blistering intensity. Esepo's relentless barrage of powerful punches and lightningreferee to halt the champions."

waves inspiration and resilience.

In a post-fight interview, the elated boxer dedicated his success to his roots. "This victory is for my family and Mushin," Eseposaid.

always make sure corners.

overwhelmed his are fighters, rival, prompting the survivors, and

fight and award The win marks the emphatic win another milestone just minutes into the in Esepo's burgeoning career, known in the ring Hailing from the propelling him vibrant streets of toward bigger electrified the Mushin, Esepo's opportunities on crowd at Onikan triumph sparked the international o f stage.

technical celebration back For Mushin, it's more knockout victory in home, where than a boxing upset the second round residents hailed it's areminder of the him as a beacon of community's unyielding spirit, reigniting hope and unity among its youth. As Esepo eyes his next challenge, all eyes in Lagos remain on the Mushin mauler who's proving that "That's where I glory often starts in come from, and I'll the toughest

irector General (DG) of the State Sports LSSC Launches Innovative Registration Hub

By Saheed Afolabi

Lagos State Sports Commission (LSSC), Mr Lekan Fatodu has officially inaugurated a dedicated registration point for new athlete intakes at the Teslim Balogun Stadium, Surulere.

Addressing journalists at the event, Fatodu emphasized the commission's commitment to injecting fresh innovation into the talent identification process.

"We're transforming how we engage and empower our future stars," he said.

"This is a pioneering initiative the first of its kind nationwide. By creating a structured

registration system, we're ensuring no athlete remains anonymous, giving them a clear identity and a pathway to success."

Fatodu expressed strong confidence that the program drive meaningful advancements in s p o r t s development, pinpointing key gaps and opportunities for growth. Open to both junior and senior athletes, it



builds on the proven success of earlier efforts with u n d e r - 1 5 competitors, where strong parental involvement played a pivotal role in nurturing

young talent. Underpinning the international commission's opportunities. broader reforms Aspiring athletes and revitalization can now sign up drive, the initiative seamlessly through is tailored to track a user-friendly athletes' progress digital platform or meticulously, by collecting positioning them

for national and

physical forms onsite, ensuring their personal and performance data is captured accurately for ongoing monitoring and support.

Nigeria Budding Youngster, Cavani Shines In Serbia By Saheed Afolabi



promising U19league. form in Serbia.

Beograd has been an influential figure in the team and has shown great commitment with two goals and one assist in seven appearances

agos born, goals his side have Nigeria scored in the Serbia

talent, Taiwo The 18 year old Cavani Rotimi has product of shown great Nakamura Strikers instincts of an from Lagos led emerging prospect Beograd to a vital with his dazzling 4-3 away win at the expense of Grafica. Rotimi who plays Against Grafica, for FK Usce Novi Rotimi scored a brilliant goal while providing an assist to emerge victorious in a four goal thriller.

Usce Novi Beograd are on eight position in the Serbia U19 League while getting with 14 points from 8 involved with the matches.



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