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Interchange records 30,000 passengers in 1 day

Ladapo Kolade

For the first time, passenger traffic at the Oshodi Interchange exceeded expectation Thursday September 3 this year, recording 30,000 passengers in one single day.

According to Planet Projects, managers of the facility, the upsurge is attributed to the opening on Monday September 1 this year of the Terminal 1 for inter-city operations, a move that brought many buses formerly using illegal parks around the interchange to move to the terminal to load passengers.

Not less than 450 buses loaded passengers from the terminal on Thursday.

The plan to integrate the inter-city buses has been on the cards since Terminal 3 was opened in June last year for intra-city operations, making it possible for the Lagos Bus Services Company and the Primero Transport Services to pick commuters from the interchange to over 20 destinations across the cities of Lagos State.

But the opening of Terminal 1 required the agreement of the

National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) whose members dominated the inter-city operations and were nursing fears that their vehicles might not meet the conditions for using the terminal.

Terminal managers, Planet Projects, had projected that, to give passengers using the facility qualitative customer experience and set new standards in inter-city commuting, the buses that would pick passengers would be air-conditioned and meet the standards set by the Lagos State Ministry of Transportation. The idea was to avoid cases of vehicles breaking down on the highway thus exposing passengers to the risk of insecurity.

ECHONEWS learnt that the talks were progressing smoothly as the leadership of the NURTW assured that it would procure buses that meet the standards.

However, as it was taking time to tidy the deal, it was agreed to take the first step forward by bringing the buses currently plying inter-city routes into the facility while gradual upgrade of their vehicles to meet the required standards will begin.

According to sources, on August



From left- Managing Director, Planet Projects, Engr. Biodun Otunola, Special Adviser to the Governor on Transportation, Mr. Toyin Fayinka and Managing Director, Ibile Holdings, Mr. Anokomowo

31, this year, the chairman of the NURTW, Lagos State, Comrade Musiliu Akinsanya, popularly known as MC Oluomo, contacted the management of Planet Projects that the Union was set for the operations and has directed buses plying the inter-city routes from Oshodi and environs to load at the terminal on the first day of September, this year.

It was indeed a carnival of sorts as buses hooting and revving besieged terminal 1 as early as 6am on Tuesday in compliance with the directive of the Union.

In what is clearly a new dimension to their operations, passengers now have to queue at the ticket counters of their destinations to pay for their trips

before they are allocated to the buses on the basis of turn by turn.

The event, which was hosted by the managing director of Planet Projects, Engr. Biodun Otunola, was attended by the Special Adviser to the Lagos State Governor on Transportation, Mr. Oluwatoyin Fayinka, the managing director of the state's investment company, Ibile Holdings, Mr. Abiodun Amokomowo, the representative of the NURTW chairman, Comrade John Owolabi and a former Commissioner for Information & Strategy, Mr. Kehinde Bamigbetan.

Emphasising the company's commitment to first class

service, Engr. Otunola said the project was built by Nigerians for Nigerians without any foreign labour and shows that the country has the personnel that can deliver globally competitive projects.

"We are resolutely committed to providing first class passenger comfort in this terminal. We are determined to make this place a reference point and tourist arena. We are assuring every passenger of premium safety. We are not going to scale down the comfort and security of anyone who patronises our terminals," he said.

Commending the project, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Transportation described the interchange as the first of its

kind in Nigeria, adding that 21 ticketing booths exist at the inter-city terminal to destinations across Nigeria are perfectly structured.

Fayinka commended the contractor and facility manager, Planet Projects for delivering a world class and iconic project.

Stating the position of the state's investment company, managing director, Amokomowo said Ibile Holdings would continue to develop the state's competitive advantages of the state to make the state livable for all residents.

Also speaking at the event, Bamigbetan, who is also the publisher of ECHONEWS, the community newspaper that covers Oshodi-Isolo local government area, praised the Lagos State government for providing a huge asset that will provide jobs for thousands of residents and change the aesthetics of the landscape.

Planet Projects has announced in January that the interchange which was operating only terminal 3 for intra-city operations had carried no fewer than 1.6million passengers in the first 250 days.

It expects 50,000 passengers per day when the three terminals are in full operations.

APC to hold fresh ward, local govt congresses

Barring last minute hitches, the next convention of the All Progressives Congress will start with congresses at the ward level in October and terminate with the national convention in February.

Although the details were still sketchy as at press time, insider sources said the aim is to position all the structures of the party ahead of the 2023 federal elections to ensure unity and harmony of the rank and file.

The current ward and local government helmsmen of the party were put in place in

May, 2018 for a four year tenure that was to end in 2022. However, the dissolution of the National Working Committee by the National Executive Committee of the party and establishment of a caretaker committee chaired by Governor Mai Amala Bunu of Yobe State on June 24 this year has put the party on a fresh start.

In Lagos, the stage may be set for hiccups as claimants to the leadership of the party make efforts to wrestle control.

In 2017, the Broom, a group opposed to the ruling caucus

in Lagos began to mobilise party members and leaders with the sole aim of taking over the party in Lagos.

Meeting every fortnight at various hotels, the groups sealed a deal with the then national leadership of the party, led by Chief John Odigie-Oyegun to return all its candidates for executive positions at ward and local government levels.

This was meant to prepare the grounds for the take-over of the state apparatus and set the stage for the gubernatorial primaries to favour its candidates.

The plan however leaked to the dominant caucus in Lagos and led to the successful campaign for the untimely exit of the former party chairman. Last minute efforts by persons loyal to Odigie-Oyegun to work out a ceasefire with the Lagos caucus failed as the

caucus worked with Comrade Adams Oshiomhole to replace Odigie-Oyegun.

Nevertheless, the Broom caucus organised parallel primaries based on the 20 local governments and 245 wards during the party primaries in May 2018 and elected Fouad Oki, a party chieftain as its chairman.

Since then, Oki has appeared on television and various talk shows insisting that he was elected the chairman.

However, the successful counter-offensive to stop the Broom group produced the elections in the 377 wards, 20 local governments and 37 local council development areas by the party leadership in Lagos recording a more popular-democratic and grassroots primaries that elected the current ward and local government executives and the state executive

committee chaired by the state's former Commissioner for Home Affairs, Alhaji Tunde Balogun.

The national secretariat swore in Balogun as the elected chairman of the party in Lagos State.

A more interesting replay of the match seems to be building up in Lagos as the Broom caucus gets set to contest the primaries against the ruling apparatus of power in the state again.

Party leaders loyal to the ruling organ in Lagos are returning to base to perfect strategies ahead of the contest that may come from the Broom group in the hope that it will be defeated again.

Conflict resolution committees are being set up to ensure that the unity among groups and allies is so tight that no ward will be conceded.

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Isolo LCDA begins assessment of primary schools

By Damilola Kushimo

From today, heads of primary schools in Isolo LCDA will receive officials of the LCDA directed to assess how prepared the schools are for resumption. The directive was given by the chairman, Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye (Shammeh). The Chairman, who spoke through the Supervisory Councillor for Education, Hon. Bello Buhari, explained that

the visitation is compulsory to ensure that the schools are in better condition and that the needed facilities are put in place for the safety of the pupils.

The Lagos State Government has ordered that all secondary and primary schools be reopened for academic activities across the state on Monday, September 14, 2020. According to Olaleye, the council would fumigate all the primary schools in the council

area again the next week.

It recalled that the council had earlier thoroughly fumigated all schools and public places during the lockdown, the council boss disclosed that there are plans to fumigate the schools again before the pupils resume next week.

He also said that the council would collaborate with the Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) to make sure all necessary facilities are provided in the

schools ahead of the resumption.

He said: "We'll be visiting the premises of all public primary schools in the locality and put in place what are needed to ensure the safety of the pupils. By the grace of God, we are going to liaise with SUBEB and synergize efforts with the Board so that all that needs to be done from their end are in place."

"About the fumigation of the schools, we've done it several

times and we are still going to do it again. We will cut the grasses and ensure the premises are cleaned. The school buses will be in good shape hopefully before the end of this week."

The Local Government Education Authority (LGEA) also stated that it has contacted that Board to make sure all precautionary measures are put in place to ensure maximum safety of the pupils.



Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye

I'm recontesting to raise standard of councillorship - Kenya

By Damilola Kushimo

A councillorship aspirant at Alagbeji Ward, Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Mr. Nosiru Fowosere popularly known as Kenya, has said that he is contesting for the post to raise the standard of legislation.

According to him, it is when the legislation is standard that the residents could enjoy the dividends of democracy.

Fowosere, a two time aspirant, said his exposure and understanding of grassroots politics made him decide to contest again to be opportune to restructure the grassroots through modern informed legislation.

He stressed that the basis of his aspiration is to ensure that residents of his Ward enjoy dividends of democracy and to contribute his quota towards the formulation of people-oriented bylaws for the benefits of residents in the local council at large.

His words: "This is my third time of aspiring. I had to step down

for a friend in the last election who eventually lost to the incumbent councillor during primaries. Over the years, my aspiration is driven by my desire to raise the standard of legislation at the grassroots and judiciously use my office to facilitate significant developments to my ward.

"Our former councillor, Hon. Doyin Pikuda made us proud because he performed wonderfully well. The incumbent councillor is trying



Nosiru Fowosere a.k.a Kenya

his best but I plan to do things differently and ensure dividends of democracy are spread to the nooks and crannies of Alagbeji Ward by God's grace."

As international flights resume in the country, cab operators attached to hotels in Ajao Estate have expressed optimism over their business.

They complained that their transportation business had been grounded as the airports were shot down since March 23 in a bid to contain the spread of coronavirus.

Some of the taxi drivers at Ibis Royale Car Park, Ajao Estate, who spoke to ECHONEWS said the situation has affected their living and their families as they could not make ends meet during

Cab drivers hopeful as int'l flights resume

the lockdown.

One of the drivers, Mr. Muiyiwa Jackson, who claimed to have been in the business since 1998, explained that the business has never experienced such setback before, saying he barely got a passenger in two weeks during the lockdown period.

He noted that there was no significant difference in the business even when the local airport was opened.

"Covid-19 pandemic affected our business a lot in a way that during that lockdown I hardly carry a

passenger in two weeks. It was an experience I've never had since I began operating here in 1998. On a normal day, I did go on two to three trips and make at least N5,000 but, in the wake of the lockdown, I barely went on a trip in two weeks. I come here every day from Abule Egba because that's where I reside.

"I must confess that during the pandemic, I learnt how to subsist. It was the little savings I had that my family lived on. Since domestic flights began operation on July 8, there has not been a

change in our business. We hope that the international flights will turn things around for good because we believe many people from across the world will visit the country and our services will be highly needed either to convey them from the airport or take them around."

Another driver, Mr. Afolayan Otunba, said: "It hasn't been so easy since the pandemic began. I come from Akute every day and I must get N2,000 fuel in my car on daily basis regardless of how the day's business is.

ISOILAJ seeks partnership with police to tackle child abuse

By Damilola Kushimo

The Chairman of Community Child Protection Committees from Isolo, Ilesamaja and Ajao Estate with the codename ISOILAJ, High Chief Mufutau Ekundayo has called for partnership with the police in tackling child abuse in the community.

He made the appeal during a 2-day training at the SOS Children's Village, Isolo, organised for its 33 members on ways of handling child abuse related cases in the community.

The chairman, the Akogun of Isolo Kingdom, said though the community has low record of child abuse, it is necessary to prevent the menace.

He noted that the police have been up and doing in taming such vices, adding that the body is ready to work with the police to eradicate child abuse and other social vices in Isolo council area.

He informed that the body would invite the Area Commander to enlighten the parents on how best to groom their children in the modern age.

Ekundayo commended SOS Children's Village for facilitating the training and was full of praises to Taiwo Akinlami Academy who he said, had done well in arming ISOILAJ members with the needed knowledge to prevent child abuse.

Road users treat us with contempt, street sweepers complain

By Damilola Kushimo

Street sweepers across major roads in Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) have complained about the road users' attitude to them.

According to them, some road users disregard them and treat them with contempt while many motorists and okada riders almost hit them on the roads.

One of the street sweepers around Pako Axis, Mrs. Olabisi Saidi, lamented that

motorcyclists and okada riders often disregard their road signs indicating that they were working on a particular portion of the road.

She explained that another challenge they deal with in the axis comes from cart pushers who always dump wastes on the road sides and drains, making their efforts amount to nothing.

She said: "Some of our challenges in this area are that road users, the Okada riders particularly disregard our road

signs and look down on us when we complain. We are extra careful when working on the roadsides to avoid sorry situations. The cart pushers compound our challenge as they always mess up the roadsides and drains after we would have cleared them up but, we don't have choice than to do the work again. We hope the LAWMA taskforce or police can be stationed in this area to arrest them. The PSP operators are trying, they work hand-in-hand

with us."

The sweepers along Osolo Way have similarly complaints.

They emphasised the need for the government to make their payment steady and put in place an effective health care programme to encourage them discharge their duties religiously. "Our challenges here are just that the PSP operators only clear the heap of wastes at Aiye Bus Stop and leave out the rest along the road. We want them to do a thorough operation here so as to

complement our efforts.

"We want the government to pay our salary on time and possibly increase it. We are trying, we ensure we give our best to the community and make sure the roads are clean. We hope government can encourage us by increasing our money, supplying us with more equipment that will enhance our work and also give priority to our health by setting up health care scheme for waste managers in the state."

Int'l Footballers who started their career from Oshodi-Isolo LGA

By Saheed Afolabi

Grassroots football clubs in Oshodi-Isolo have produced world class talents who have attained international placements.

These players started their career from the grassroots but hard work, perseverance and luck made them achieve their dreams of securing a professional contract in top flight league clubs across the world. Some of them are:

RASHEED ADEYANJU: He is 25 years old and currently plays for Cambodia top League side, Tiffany Army FC, where he is presently the vice captain. Adeyanju started his career with Diadem Stallions formerly known as Ysdrion FC.

He is 1.80cm in height and weighs 75kg. He has a nomadic career playing for different teams which include Saint George FC in Ethiopia and Magusa Turk Gucu in Cyprus before sealing a short deal with Sealife FC in Maldives. After the expiration of his contract, he moved to Aswan FC

in Egypt before returning to the Cambodia league to play for Naga World FC, Build Bright United before settling down at Tiffany Army FC.

Adeyanju's achievement include President Cup runner up in 2014 in Cambodia, Sponsor Fulsal Cup runner up in 2014 and 3rd place in Melfone Cambodia league in 2016.

He is skilled in offensive technique, having ability to shoot the ball with both legs, good concentration with or without the ball, good positioning skill and an eye for goal.

IFEANYI IFEANYI made his move to Europe through Unstoppable Sport Foundation and aided by his grassroots club Golden Stars FC of Ejigbo. He is a midfield maestro, great passer of the ball and a dead ball specialist.

Ifeanyi got into the national scene when he played for the Flying Eagles in the FIFA U20 world cup in 2015 before graduating to the senior national team which is the Super Eagles and has been capped six times by the national

team.

He made his first big move to MFMC and Akwa United. He had a short spell at Algerian side ES Setif before moving to Uzbekistan premier league top side, Mash'al Mubarek.

JIMOH ISMAHEEL is a winger, a good dribbler and very good at taking on defenders.

Ismaheel played for Unstoppable

FC in Oshodi-Isolo where he was nurtured to become a super star and he currently plies his trade with Rovers FC in the Mauritius professional league.

KEHINDE ADEYEMI: He plays as a central defender and also can fill in at right back. He weighs 70kg and he is 5ft 8inches in height. He uses both legs very well.



Emmanuel Peter



Jimoh Ismaheel

Residents clamour for indoor games competitions

By Saheed Afolabi

Residents of Oshodi-Isolo are clamouring for competitions to be organised for lovers of indoor games at the grassroots.

Indoor games were originally invented to help people enjoy themselves in the confines of their homes and to pass time, however, they have become international games.

Indoor games are categorised into two types - the card games and board games which involves physical movement of objects.

Despite gaining national and

international place in the sport competition, the games have not been recognised by the sport sponsors at the grassroots.

This has made the lovers of the game to call on the local governments in Oshodi-Isolo and other sports stakeholders to start organising competitions for indoor games players.

One of the indoor game lovers, **Habeeb Balogun**, said competition in indoor games is another way of engaging the youths, adding that it would also promote sportsmanship in the community.

He said: "Indoor games promote

unity among residents. I am appealing to sports loving people at the grassroots to organise indoor games competition because organising the competitions requires little fund compared to other sports and it is free from violence because of the few people involved."

Another lover of indoor games, **Gafar Akinlade**, who operates a laundry services at Jakande Estate, Ejigbo, urged the government to create more awareness about indoor games by organising competition.

"The local governments are

doing their best in promoting sports at the grassroots but they should also beam their search light on indoor games which are becoming generally accepted at the international level. I love the checkers (also known as draft), but we play it for fun with no prize attached to it.

"If competitions are organised for checkers today, new talents will be discovered in the game and it will make it more competitive. It is high time we believed that indoor games are also as important as the outdoor games which are popular among the people," Akinlade said.

News

Electrocution: Deadlock as IKEDC, Family row over N50m compensation

Still grieving over the loss of their loved one, the family of Taiwo Akinlusi, the goalkeeper who was electrocuted to death by exposed electrical wire belonging to the Ikeja Electricity Distribution Company, IKEDC returned home dejected last week.

Their grouse: IKEDC seemed to be recanting its pledge to compensate the children and wife of the victim.

Witness account obtained by Echone news reported that both parties met Tuesday to discuss the compensation. The chairman of the Community Development Committee, Ejigbo, Comrade

Jellili Atiku led the family's team and Engr Obasanya led the IKEDC team.

The family was asked by the IKEDC to re-present their expectation.

Replying, the family said it proposed N50 million to be set up as annuity for the education of the children to the highest level possible and not necessarily as immediate cash.

The IKEDC team replied that the money was too much and upbraided the family to "have conscience" adding that the amount the company had done in similar cases in the past was N1.5million.

The CDC chairman replied that the amount would be inadequate to cater for the education of the children left behind and encouraged the company to

come up with a more considerate offer.

But the IKEDC team did not budge.

Sensing that the meeting was

moving towards a deadlock, Comrade Atiku reduced the demand from N50 million to N25 million and repeated that the company could set it up as

annuity for the children to draw from as they grow older.

With both parties unable to reach a consensus, the meeting reached a deadlock.

Ejigbo HOA's late husband for burial Thursday

Thongs of sympathisers have been grieving with the head of administration, Ejigbo Local Council Development Area, Mrs. **Iyabo Ogunyemi** since she lost her husband, **Prince Simon Olukayode Ogunyemi** on Thursday September 3, this year.

According to sources close to the family, a wake-keep will be held

on Wednesday September 9 while burial service holds on Thursday September 10, this year.

The chairman of Ejigbo LCDA, **Hon. Monsuru Bello (Obe)** led the leadership of the LCDA on a condolence visit to the bereaved family on Friday.

In his condolence message, Obe prayed for the repose of the soul

of the departed man of great agility and candour, urging the HOA to take solace in God.

"It is very painful to lose one's life's partner, counsellor, confidant and lover at any time. But we cannot query God because he gives and takes away. At times like this, we fall back on our faith in God to take us through such unexpected event. May his soul rest in perfect

peace."

Also sending a condolence message, former Commissioner for Information and Strategy in Lagos State, **Mr. Kehinde Bamigbetan** urged the HOA to accept the will of God who knows best.

He thanked God for the exemplary life of the departed husband and father.

Ariyoh decries incessant motor parts theft, charges CDAs on security bylaw compliance

By Edith Igbokwe

Following the increase in the cases of motor parts stealing especially vehicle brain boxes complained by the residents of Oshodi-Isolo local government area as reported by ECHONEWS last week, the council chairman, **Hon. Bolaji Muse-Ariyoh**, has disclosed that the menace has continued to thrive due to

noncompliance with the bylaw on security promulgated by the local government last year by the Community Development Association.

According to Ariyoh, who expressed grievance over the incessant theft in the council area, the bylaw mandated the CDAs to employ security personnel, who must be screened by the committee of security experts set up by the

CDC and the local government to man their communities.

Ariyoh, who spoke at a meeting with all CDA chairmen through the Secretary to the local government, **Hon. Taoheed Abiola**, expressed disappointment over the lackadaisical attitude of some CDAs on the security bylaw.

He charged the CDAs to comply with the law by setting up security guards in their various

communities before the end of this month.

"It is appalling that up till now, some CDAs have not conformed with the local government security bylaw which empowers each CDA to employ security men to be screened by committee of security experts set up by the CDC and the local government.

"Please we need to act fast to put a stop to incessant stealing of

brain boxes and batteries of cars which are made possible through lack of night guards in our community," he charged.

The legal officer of the local government, **Barr. Kareem** therefore implored the CDAs to take full advantage of the security bylaw to complement the efforts of the local government authority in ensuring safety of life and property.

He assured the community

representatives of government's assistance to prosecute any defaulter or group of people who might refuse to conform with the directive of the CDA.

The CDA chairmen hen promised to visit the three zones of Oshodi-Isolo LG (Oshodi, Mafoluku and Shogunle) this week to further enlighten the CDA members and encourage them to quickly do the needful as regards the security bylaw.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dear dad, Ever since we were young, we've been hearing endless beautiful and amazing stories about you. Today, that legend from the stories turns 80! Ready to conquer more adventures.

Your warm personality and amazing humor are what has made all of these family gather-up an event to remember! Like the sage to a castle, you are the backbone of the family, and for that, we thank you for teaching us the essence of life.

You always have been, and always will be the parental figure of everyone around you. Your endless wisdom and great intellect can guide us through the darkest of paths, into the light.

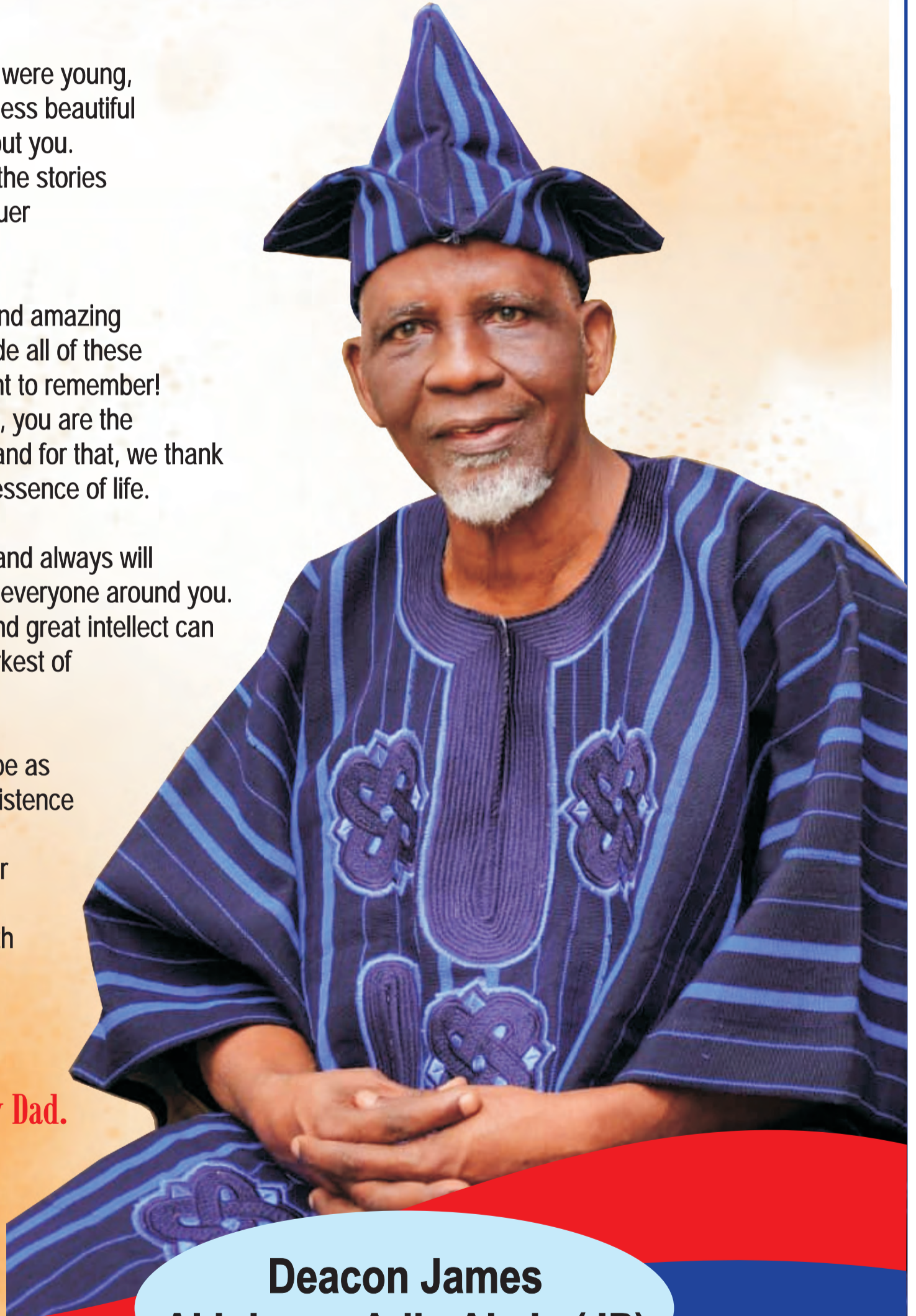
May your 80th birthday be as unforgettable as your existence has been to our lives. We celebrate yet another year of receiving the gift of life! May it be filled with happiness and joy, laughter and love!

**Happy 80th Birthday Dad.
We love you.**

Signed

Engr Olubiyi Akala
For the family

**Deacon James
Akinbayo Adio Akala (JP)**



Youth group declares for Obe's campaign for second term

A group of youths loyal to the incumbent chairman of Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Monsuru Bello (Obe), has created a group called Obe Progressives Team (OPT), to work for the realisation of his second term in office.

The team coordinator, Hon. Agabi-Anofiu Aleshinloye, a former councillor representing Ilamoshe Ward and Chief Whip of Ejigbo LCDA Legislative Arm, who spoke to ECHONEWS extensively about the team, said it was created to promote the interest of the LCDA and the good works and legacy of the local council chairman.

Aleshinloye, who is the Secretary of All Progressives Congress (APC), Ilamoshe Ward, stated that with the way the chairman operates, he deserves to run the affairs of the

council area once more to perfect the development of the community.

"It is an independent group created by a team of professionals in Ejigbo Local Council Development Area to promote the interest of the LCDA and that of the good works and legacy of our indefatigable, competent and ever versatile Chairman (Hon. Monsurudeen Oloyede Bello).

"The group stands to promote the good works of the Mayor of Ejigbo Local Council Development Area, Hon. Monsuru Oloyede Bello Obe; to project the technical expertise, leadership prowess and administrative acumen of the chairman towards his re-election as the Chairman of Ejigbo LCDA; to canvass electorate within the confines of Ejigbo LCDA and bring to their notice and or remind them of all



the projects as promised and timely delivered by the council chairman. It is also to recruit, harness and unite talented men, women, old and young

irrespective of class, creed, religion and ethnic background as a vanguard to champion and advance the core interest of Hon. Monsuru Bello Obe for re-

election as the Chairman of Ejigbo LCDA in 2021."

He emphasised: "The team remains a dynamic, resourceful and pragmatic campaign group

to further the interest of our LCDA Chairman in order to continue the good works he is doing in our Local Council Development Area.

We remain committed to the spirit of continuity and progressive actions and decisions that are putting Ejigbo on the threshold of Greatness.

Asked how the group is planning to help Obe win the election right from the party primary, Aleshinloye said: "To promote peace and progress amongst leaders, elders before, during and after the re-election bid, to embark on House to House and solidarity efforts towards his re-election as the Chairman of Ejigbo LCDA in 2021 and gather, receive, collect, collate and disseminate campaign materials at every nook and cranny of Ejigbo towards his re-election."

Govt, DPO order commercial transporters to vacate Jakande Gate

By Abolaji Adebayo

As an effort to proffer solution to the congestion of Jakande Gate caused by commercial transporters, the authority of Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) and the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Ejigbo Police Station, CSP Olabisi Okuwobi have ordered the transporters to stay off the place to ease residents movement.

The residents of Low Cost Estate, Jakande, Ejigbo have been complaining that the transporters always blocked the estate entrance,

obstructing their movement to and fro at the gate.

In an engagement with the leadership of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), Motorcycle Operators' Association of Lagos State (MOALS) and Tricycle Operators and Owners Association of Nigeria (TOOAN), the police boss said she received a distress call from the office of the Commissioner of Police (CP), mandating her to clear that axis for easy access of vehicles and pedestrians.

She noted that the activities of the transporters were causing menace within the axis of

Jakande Gate and its environs.

The council Chairman, Hon. Monsuru Bello (Obe) said the council would put in place a mesh wire fence along the walkway to prevent roadside hawkers from obstructing the vehicular movements.

He further promised to build kerb to curb the illegal U-turn by the drivers and the okada riders into Jakande estate.

During a meeting involving the council management, the police, the LASTMA personnel and the leaders of NURTW, MOALS and TOOAN to agree on a lasting solution to the complaints of the populace, Comr. Joseph Ogundiran

(Orobo), who represented MOALS (okada riders), said the association would compel its members plying in and out of Jakande Estate to abide by the laid down rules, promising that none of its members would go against the traffic laws.

Comr. Olayemi Kazeem, who is in charge of (Korope) mini bus, accepted the option given by the DPO and the council authority to make a stand with chain barricades to guide the bus from blocking the free flow of traffic and ensure buses move into church street before their passengers disembark.

The DPO urged the leader of TOOAN, Taofeek Alaka

(Eleru), to take full control of his members driving tricycles (marwa) and make sure they make use of the space allotted to them.

The leader of market men and women on furniture Avenue Lane, Mr. Olatunbosun Owonikoko, was charged by

the Supervisor for Environment, Olufemi Ibine Bamam, to make sure his people stay off the road and keep the lane apportioned to them to avoid being removed from the venue if they don't abide by the law.

NYCN facilitates int'l job opportunities for Ejigbo youths

By Abolaji Adebayo

The National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN), Ejigbo branch said it has facilitated international job opportunities for the youths in the local council area.

According to the group's coordinator,

Comr. Akintunde Akinyele, the job opportunities came up during a programme organised by the NYCN recently where the facilitators presented the opportunity of getting employment opportunities for the youths who are Doctors, nurses, musicians and anyone in any form of entertainment.

Akinleye said the opportunities are for the youths in Ejigbo only, urging any qualified one to contact the Youth Council on

how to apply for the jobs.

He also commended the Ejigbo Council leader, Hon. Lanrewaju Akinbowale, for sponsoring Saliu Adetoshin getting CAC registration certificate for his Fumigation company.

The NYCN coordinator said the council leader has empowered the beneficiary as he could now get any government's grant or loan with the CAC certificate, adding that the certificate would give his business more recognition and financial opportunities to grow.

He therefore appreciated the council chairman and other political leaders in Ejigbo who have been supporting the youths as he solicited further support and empowerment of the youths.

Come to our aid on security, community begs DPO

By Abolaji Adebayo

The residents of Taiwo/Fayemi community in Ejigbo

Local Council Development Area (LCDA) have appealed to the council chairman, Hon. Monsuru Bello (Obe) and the Divisional Police Officer of Ejigbo Police Division, CSP Olabisi Okuwobi to improve the the security surveillance of the community, claiming that hoodlums have taken over the

streets.

According to the residents, the hoodlums now operate in the day light, robbing people of their properties.

Speaking to ECHONEWS on the issue, the Community Development Association chairman, Mr. Olajide

Makinde, complained about the high rate at which the hoodlums terrorise the community.

According to him, apart from robbery, some boys have also invaded the community,

smoking Indian hems without restriction.

He said their behaviour has become a major menace to the community as they pose danger to their children and the entire residents.

"The boys are the major problems now, smoking and stealing within the neighbourhood. These boys smoked India hemp freely during the day not to talk of night. They are becoming a great menace to the residents and if they are not

checked earlier, they may wreck irreparable havoc on the community.

"Street trading is becoming another major headache in our community. The issue also has to be curtailed by the local government."

"The police can help by ensuring they patrol the community often to show presence and use force to arrest those hoodlums. If they do this, the hoodlums will reduce as those who may want to join them would be forced to desist.

2021: MC Oluomo endorses Oloyede for chairmanship

By Abolaji Adebayo

The Lagos State Chairman of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), Alhaji Musiliu Akinsanya popularly known as MC Oluomo has declared his support for Otunba Kehinde Almaroof Oloyede, one of the aspirants contesting for the position of Chairman in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government under the platform of the All Progressives Congress (APC) next year.

Akinsanya, who is also an APC chieftain in Oshodi, stated this during the commissioning of the new Solar powered Borehole Water Project at Salami Street, Afariogun Ward.

The borehole is one of the projects facilitated by the Senator representing Lagos West Senatorial District,



MC Oluomo and Hon. Kehinde Oloyede

Senator Solomon Adeola in Lagos State is expected to Electoral Commission Oshodi-Isolo Constituency. end next year July and the (LASIEC) is expected to

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elections to replace them before the time.

While declaring his support for Oloyede, Akinsanya said he (Oloyede) is a son of the soil who would put a smile on the faces of the residents, saying he could be contacted to be directed to do what the people want.

Akinsanya assured the residents that Oloyede would do exactly what they want, saying he knows their needs having been part of the community.

According to him, the aspirant is ready to do everything possible to rehabilitate roads, create employment opportunities for the residents and empower women, youths and artisans so as to reduce the unemployment rate in the council area.

He said: "Almaroof Oloyede is accessible and approachable. If

he emerges as chairman of the council, he will operate an open door policy and programmes that would improve the living conditions of the residents.

"He would implement policies and programmes that would make Oshodi a conducive and peaceful environment. He would make clearing of drainage a priority. Rehabilitation and construction of schools would also receive a face lift."

He therefore canvassed support for Oloyede to emerge the flag bearer of APC during the party's primary in the next local government elections.

CDC submits projects to state govt for execution in LGA

The Community Development Committee (CDC), Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area (LGA), disclosed that it has submitted three projects to the state government for execution in the council area.

According to the CDC secretary, Hon. Saheed Animashaun, the projects which include renovation of Shogunle health center, repair of Olaiya Titilayo Street and construction of more classroom blocks in Afolabi primary school were approved by the local government chairman, Hon. Bolaji Muse-Ariyoh before they were submitted.

Animashaun said the move was part of the effort of the CDC to make the residents of the local council area benefit from the state government, saying if approved, the projects would be standard ones.

He further disclosed that the CDC has also set up an Electricity Committee headed by the Special Assistant (SA) to the council chairman on Community Matters, Hon. Ade Mccarthy to take care of the power issue and address the people's challenge with electricity.

He enjoined any community which has electricity challenges to contact the committee for immediate action.

He said the CDC would soon inaugurate other committees to spearhead other matters concerning the residents in their various communities.

Oshodi-Isolo LG suspends gas station, gives conditions for operation in community

By Abolaji Adebayo

Oshodi-Isolo Local Government (LG) has ordered a gas station located at Oluyeye Dosumu community to stop its operation until it obtains all the necessary documents from the government and other concerned agencies. The suspension of the gas station's operation was ordered

based on the 'save our soul' letter submitted by the Community Development Association (CDA) to the local government on the impending danger that could emanate from such operation in the community.

During a meeting among the local government, the community and the management of the business

outlet, the local government chairman, Hon. Bolaji Muse-Ariyoh, who was represented by the Secretary to the local government (SLG), Hon. Taoheed Abiola, said his government is committed to the security of lives and properties in the local government area and would not compromise anything that could affect the safety of the people.

The CDA chairman, Elder Adeboye emphasized that the lives of the residents would be in danger if proper safety measures were not put in place. Meanwhile, the CEO of the gas station, Mr. Kazeem Shiitu appealed to the community for understanding as he explained his efforts in getting insurance for buildings beside his gas station, informing that the

process of getting certification from relevant agencies was ongoing.

He added that he had purchased a machine that would automatically detect any gas leakage which could cause havoc.

He claimed that he was conscious of people's safety in the community, saying he would ensure his workers comply with the best of safety regulations.

After much deliberations and contributions from the three parties, the local government ordered that as a matter of urgency, the gas station should stop all activities including sales of gas or otherwise until all papers of approval were ready and obtained from all the relevant agencies to confirm compliance with standard regulations.

It was unanimously agreed that the gas station should submit copies of certifications from DPR, safety commission, LASEPA and Lagos state government to the office of the secretary to local government.

The local government authority also asked the gas station to expedite action to ensure that the buildings next to it by left, right and back are properly insured, charging it to work more with the community and sensitise the residents on precautionary steps to avert disaster.

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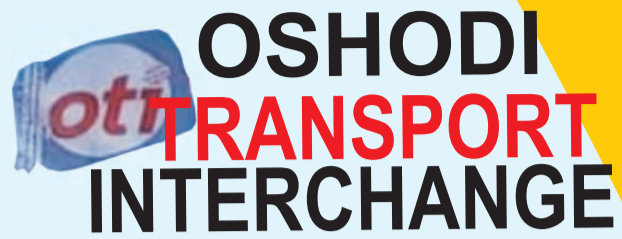
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