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A study has shown that some men prefer palm wine to beer because of the sexual and health benefits of the former and the side effect of the latter.

Professor Shahidul Islam of UKZN's School of Life Sciences, together with two recently graduated postgraduate students, Ms Rebecca Reddy and Dr Ochuko L Erukainure of the Federal Institute of Industrial Research Oshodi (FIIRO) in Nigeria, show that the consumption of raffia palm wine could guard against complications stemming from type 2 diabetes which affect male sexual organs.

The research, published in the Journal of Food Biochemistry, indicated that a common complication of type 2 diabetes among men was testicular damage, which if left untreated could result in low libido, erectile dysfunction and eventually infertility.

Diabetes mellitus, according to the researchers, is one of the fastest-growing global epidemics, with many developing countries paying a higher price for treatment of the disease.

Raffia palm wine, known as Oguro and Ngwo in the Nigerian Yoruba and Igbo languages respectively, is a natural beverage commonly drunk in West Africa and some parts of Asia which has medicinal and social uses.

The trio's research, undertaken in Islam's laboratory at UKZN and at the FIIRO during the course of Erukainure's PhD research, involved administering palm wine and distilled

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water to two groups of diabetic rats under the strict guidelines and approval of UKZN's Animal Ethics Committee. The results showed that treatment with raffia palm wine resulted in lower blood glucose levels and less evidence of oxidative stress on testicular tissue. They concluded that raffia palm wine has therapeutic potential to protect against erectile dysfunction or impotence in men with type 2 diabetes, giving credence to its use in folkloric medicine.

However some men who spoke to Echonews disagreed with the study as they condemned palm wine because of its sweetness. Mr. Bolaji Thomas who is a regular beer drinker said that he drinks for pleasure not for sexual enhancement and that nothing would make him to take palm wine

instead of beer. "Rubbish study. This professors even have time researching palm wine. Don't they know that palm wine can cause ""Jedijedi, I mean pile.

To another man, Gbadegesin Ojo, who drinks both palm wine and beer. I think palm wine is better because it's a natural liquor but I drink to enjoy myself not for sex.

He explained that palm wine can serve as a natural herb to cure some illness but beer will compound one's problem.

Meanwhile the Chief Medical Officer of Men's health, Dr Earim Chaudry said that there are some scientific evidences to suggest that a moderate amount of alcohol could boost libido in the short term. A low dose of alcohol increases testosterone levels in men, the hormone that increases sexual



desire. However, elsewhere has shown small amounts of alcohol to have no detectable effect on sexual response.

According to him, drinking alcohol is associated with enhanced mood and losing inhibitions; something that could precede sexual activity. While there's scientific evidence

for some of alcohol's psychoactive properties, it's not as effective as you might think.

Alcohol binds to receptors in the brain, increasing dopamine uptake and stimulating nor-adrenaline and endogenous opioids, which make drinkers feel rewarded, enlivened and carefree. However,

it's not necessarily an aphrodisiac — or even a dis-inhibitor. He noted that for starters, drinking too much alcohol can prevent him from getting an erection. This is because drinking alcohol decreases blood flow to the penis and increases angiotensin, a hormone linked to erectile dysfunction.

“Drinking too much alcohol can also cause delayed ejaculation — or prevent you from ejaculating at all,” he said.

Corroborating Professor Shahidul Islam another study, “Suitability of Palm wine as a Multifunctional Beverage” by Ogueri Nwaiwu and Paul C. Chikezie, published in ResearchGate.com shows that fresh palm wine enhances men libido and does not contain too much alcohol like larger beer.

The study looks at palm wine as a drink with many functionalities due to its biochemical and microbiological properties reports on palm wine to highlight the constituents that are associated with

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functional beverages.

Palm wine is a milky white sugary beverage obtained from the sap of different palm tree species.

Many health benefits have been attributed to the drink. It has been reported to have low alcoholic content, contains yeasts, lactic acid, and acetic acid which confers probiotic qualities to the drink. It is believed to contain several beneficial chemicals and it is regarded as an

antioxidant.

Another (?)perspective looks at the biochemical and microbiological reports on palm wine to highlight the constituents that are associated with functional beverages. Based on the constituents of the drink, it may qualify as a multifunctional beverage because several investigators have demonstrated disease risk reduction, improved nutrition and health outcomes in many studies, albeit in

rats rather than humans. The constituents found in functional beverages are present in the drink. However, when assessed under European Union regulations, fermented palm wine (from 3% alcohol) cannot be regarded as a functional beverage because beverages that contain over 1.2% alcohol cannot be approved for any claim on health or nutritional benefit. The fresh sap with much lower alcohol may

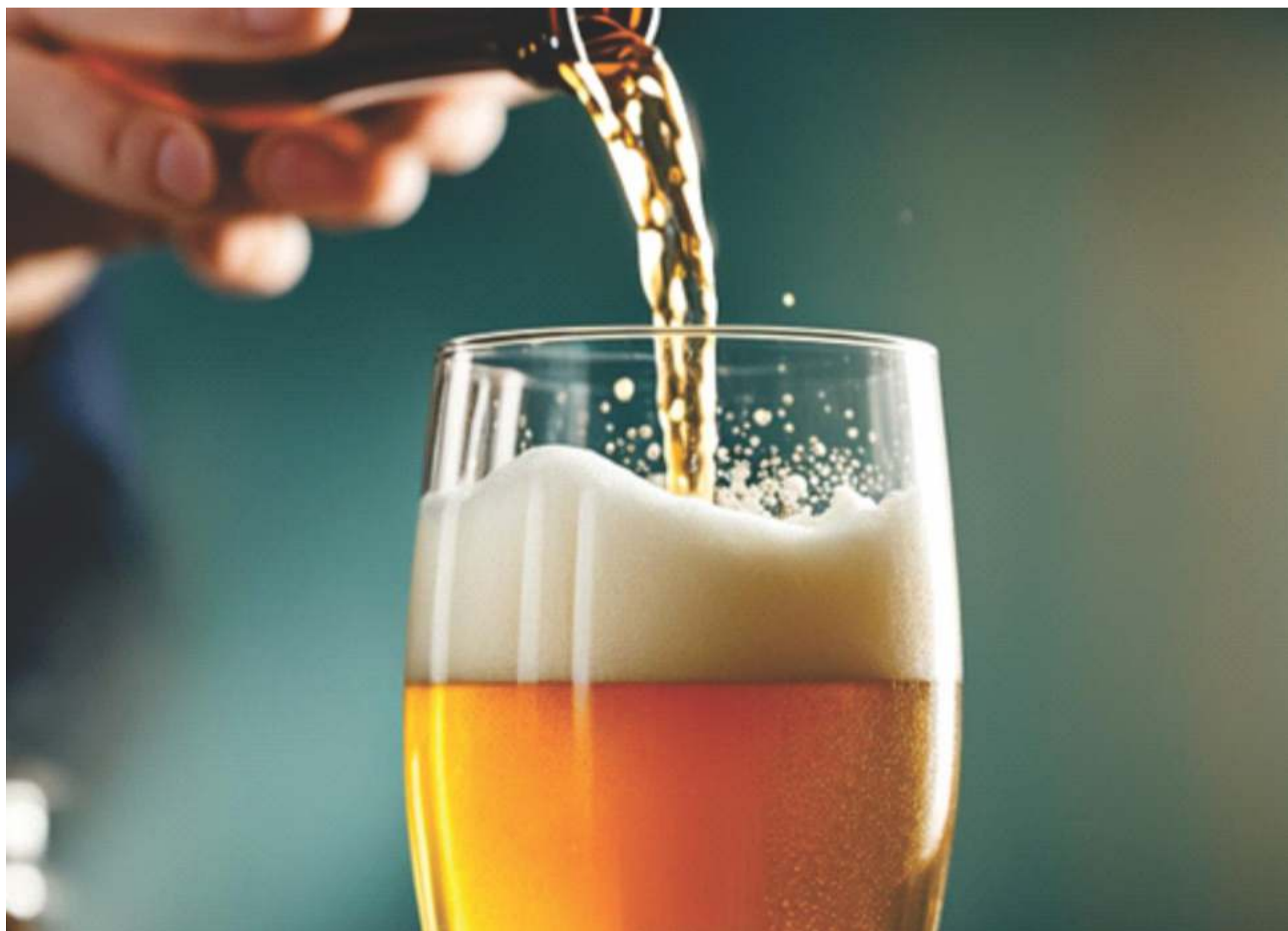
be suitable after it is refined and subjected to scientific examination to determine quantities of the drink that can confer health benefits on humans.

The study shows that the essential elements like magnesium, zinc, and phosphorus, which are normally part of a healthy diet, were found present in palm wine, which enhances men libido.

The study found that that regular

intake of palm wine may not significantly affect body weight nor testis weight, but can gradually distort testicular tissue architecture with abnormally structured cells.

Due to its sugary nature, palm wine may not be suitable for regular consumption by people that are obese or those living with diabetes. The sugar content is highest when the drink is freshly harvested but decreases as fermentation progresses.



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The Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA), in its commitment to ensure that there is improved service delivery from its Service Providers and that access to healthcare services is seamless for all enrollees, has supported ILERA EKO Private Providers with Electronic Medical Record (EMR) software.

The Permanent Secretary of LASHMA, Dr. Emmanuella Zamba, speaking during the handover and demo of the EMR software donated to Lifesource Hospital, Ikorodu, said that the support to private health facilities under the ILERA EKO scheme became necessary to ensure that both the Agency and the Providers are on the same page in the use of technology.

Dr. Zamba said that some of the health facilities without EMR software often experience delays in submitting their claims; since data is important for the sustainability of health insurance, technological support to ILERA EKO health facilities that are yet to be digitised is timely.

The Permanent Secretary noted that with the deployment of the technology, waiting time by Enrollees and consultation period by the Hospitals will be reduced making service provision more efficient. She also added that enrolment into the Health insurance scheme will increase.

Dr. Zamba further

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noted that the EMR software is patient-friendly as Enrollees will have access to their medical records including laboratory tests, can upload their vitals for instance blood pressure via a link, access telemedicine services and can also get the results of their tests through emails among others.

The Permanent Secretary applauded Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu for facilitating the provision of the EMR software to private health facilities under the ILERA EKO scheme, adding that there is no doubt that the technology will go a long way in reducing the bottlenecks associated with the access and provision of healthcare services.

She disclosed that the Agency has about 250 private facilities under the Scheme and the digital technology will be provided for 25 per cent of the private facilities in this first phase.

Dr. Zamba appealed to private facilities under ILERA EKO that do not have EMR software and will not benefit in the first phase of the exercise, that it will soon be their turn. She added that the Agency has taken note of the private Hospitals yet to benefit and very soon, will do the needful.

The Permanent Secretary urged



health facilities in the State which are yet to register with the Agency, not to hesitate to join the Scheme so that they can be part of history when Lagos State attains Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

She commended the Board Chairman, LASHMA, Dr. Adebayo Adedewe, for his support in ensuring that the provision of the EMR software to private Hospitals under ILERA EKO became a reality.

The Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Clinify EMR Technology Services Limited, Engr. Michael Omidele explained that the operations of the EMR commenced right from when ILERA EKO Enrollees visit the Record Desk up till when Enrollees get their drugs and leave the Hospitals.

He added that ILERA EKO Enrollees have been pre-registered on the

digital technology and therefore, with the software, the era of documenting patients' information on paper is gone.

The Founder, who explained that Clinify EMR is the first EMR in Africa that can allow Hospitals to submit their claims directly to Health Maintenance Organisations (HMOs) and the only oncology EMR software, for now, that can be used for cancer patients, added that with the EMR, medical personnel can log onto 20 to 50 various laboratories and Pharmacies that they are working with.

Engr. Omidele said that Hospitals can have access to about 500 different tests on the EMR and can also have templates set up to suit the Hospital. In case, the Hospital has several branches, the EMR software, he said, gives room for multiple link-up.

He also said that the innovation has room for multi-language to be used to ensure that medical personnel have effective communication with their patients, especially those who are not literate. Eng. Omidele commended the Lagos State Government, Board Chairman, LASHMA, Dr. Adebayo Adedewe and Permanent Secretary, LASHMA, Dr. Emmanuella Zamba, for allowing him to serve the State.

The Director of Operations, Lifesource Hospital, Ikorodu, said that as the world is moving with technology, also, Hospitals must embrace technology. She added that the EMR software support from the Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA), will have a great impact on the service delivery of the Hospital as

quick medical attention will be given to ILERA EKO Enrollees and other private patients accessing care in the Hospital.

Mrs. Fadiya said that digital technology will also create ease in the workplace for medical personnel as it will reduce the time spent attending to patients. While appreciating LASHMA for extending the EMR to Lifesource Hospital, she said that ILERA EKO is the future of Health Insurance in Nigeria.

The Medical Doctor, Lifesource Hospital, Dr. Barry James, while attending to the first patient with the software, said that the technology, no doubt, would go a long way as far as patient care and record keeping are concerned. He added that the era of looking for documents or misplaced documents is gone with the technology.

LAWMA Academy Commences July Internship

The Lagos Waste Management Authority (LAWMA), has welcomed new graduate interns to the July edition of its internship programme, aimed at promoting waste management education among the younger generation.

Managing Director and CEO of LAWMA, Dr. Muyiwa Gbadegesin recently on the programme, emphasised the importance of engaging young minds in the business of creating a cleaner, healthier and more sustainable Lagos environment, especially as the state tackles the cholera outbreak.

He said, "Our internship programme is designed to equip the younger generation with the knowledge and skills necessary for effective waste management and environmental preservation. At LAWMA, we believe education is key to achieving our aim of entrenching proper waste management as a lifestyle".

Dr. Gbadegesin noted that the hands-on experience provided by LAWMA would enable the interns to understand the complexities and challenges of waste management operations, adding that the training would help them become environmental stewards, positively influencing others.

"Our interns will be exposed to various aspects of LAWMA's operations, from waste collection and disposal to recycling and public education campaigns. With these, they will gain practical insights and develop innovative solutions to waste management issues", he stated.

The Director of LAWMA Academy, Training and Development, Mrs. Bola Adewunmi, who welcomed the new set of graduate interns, briefed them on the nature of the

four-week programme, which included theoretical lessons, practical sessions, and field visits, for exposure to the fundamentals of waste management and diverse LAWMA operations.

In a related development, the academy has extended its environmental cleanliness education drive to schools in Agege and Ajeromi Ifelodun Local Government Areas, teaching the pupils, basic waste management practices, recycling, fostering a positive relationship with the environment, and the negative impact of banned Styrofoam packs.



The General Manager of the Lagos State Parking Authority (LASPA), Mrs. Adebisi Adelabu has cautioned illegal car park operators in the state, emphasising the hazards associated with their operations and unregulated parking activities.

Adelabu conveyed this warning in a statement released from her office recently, highlighting recent incidents that underscored the risks of using unauthorised parking facilities and unapproved road sections for parking, which not only endanger public safety but also hinder the state's efforts in traffic management. In her words, "Operating or using unregulated car parks poses significant risks to vehicle owners and pedestrians", she added that such facilities often lack oversight and safety measures, making them prone to security breaches

LASPA Issues Stern Warning Against Illegal Car Parking In Lagos

and accidents. Addressing the impact of uncoordinated parking on traffic flow, Adelabu emphasised that converting unapproved road sections into makeshift parking areas is illegal and disrupts traffic patterns, leading to congestion and increasing accident risks.

On unauthorised individuals soliciting parking fees, she stated that Lagos State no longer tolerates such activities. "The involvement of touts or unauthorised individuals in soliciting parking fees is illegal and should be reported immediately", she declared.

While noting that their actions confuse the public and disrupt order, the LASPA Boss reiterated the

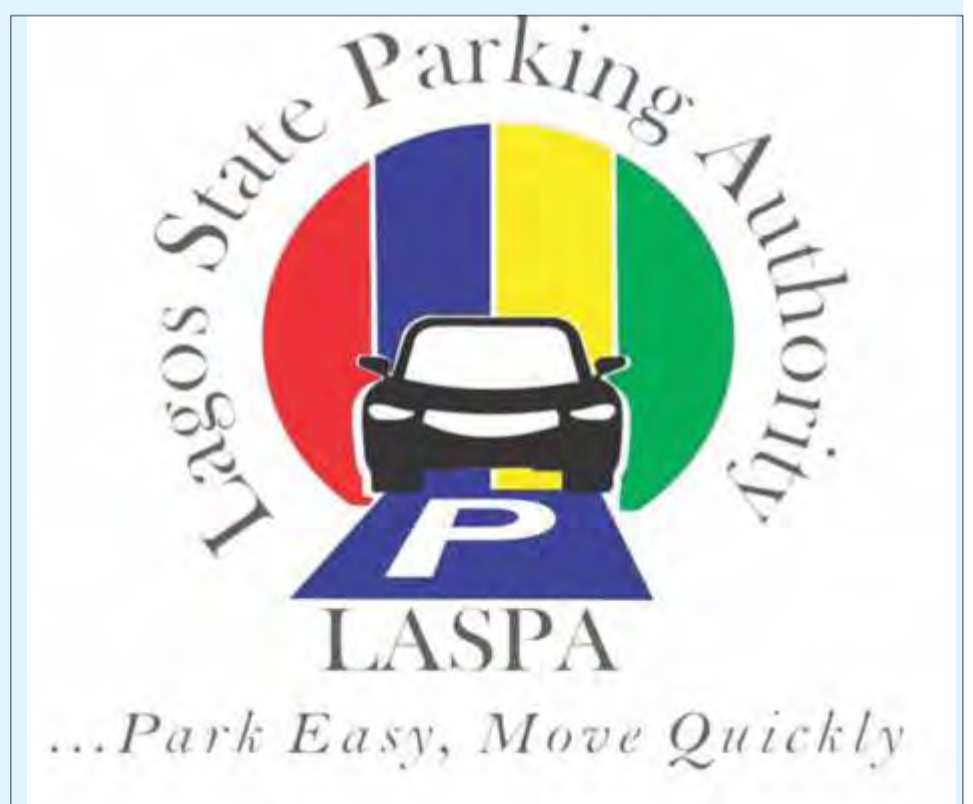
determination of the Agency to eradicate the menace of touting and unauthorised parking activities in Lagos State.

She stressed LASPA's commitment to enforcing parking regulations rigorously and promoting good parking culture, saying "We are

deeply concerned about the risks posed by illegal car park operators and unauthorised parking activities. Our priority is to safeguard public safety and ensure strict compliance with Lagos State Parking Policy".

The General Manager, therefore, urged residents and

visitors to use only approved parking facilities displaying clear regulatory signage, imploring them to report suspicious or illegal parking operations to LASPA via 02012275230, 02012275231, or its website: www.laspa.lg.gov.ng for immediate action.



Taskforce Launches “See Something, Say Something” Campaign

In a bid to stamp out environmental degeneration and sustain the position of Lagos State as a resilient metropolitan city, the Chairman of the Lagos State Taskforce, CSP Adetayo Akerele has launched the “See Something, Say Something” campaign at the Headquarters of the agency.

The campaign programme, which is one of the many lined up programmes of actions to be initiated by the new Chairman, is to serve as a feedback mechanism through which members of the public can reach out to the Agency to report and update the team on happenings and incidents of concern in their vicinity.

Akerele said, “I belong to the school of thought

which states that communication is a two-way thing – the encoder and the decoder. The task of stamping out illegalities such as environmental degradation, black spots, okada riders operating illegally, street trading, driving against traffic (One-Way), causing an obstruction on the Highway, blockage of streets and roads for social events and so on can only be achieved through whistleblowing mechanisms such as this. We can act when we get tip-offs from members of the public through this initiative”.

CSP Akerele, who assumed office recently, further disclosed that he is determined to achieve his setout goals through the collective effort of every stakeholder in the

Metropolis. He urged members of the public, including staff members, to utilise this opportunity to restore sanity across board.

“The internet and social media have made whistle-blowing quite easy these days. You can send messages, pictures or videos of any illegal activities within your area to our social media handles and I can assure you that you will be reached within the shortest possible time. Your identity will remain confidential for safety reasons and we will act upon it once we conclude our investigations”, he added.

The Chairman further addressed personnel of the Agency to carry out their duties with utmost professionalism and

etiquette to avoid being caught in the new wave of reportage.

He said, “There will be no sacred cows in this era therefore I urge you all to carry out your assigned duties with a human face. We are all being watched and if anyone is caught carrying out any illegal activity, he will be sanctioned according to the rule of engagement”.

He submitted that Lagosians can contact the Agency via its social media handles: Twitter: @Taskforce112, Facebook: Lagos State Taskforce, Instagram: @Taskforce112, Email: lagosstatetaskforce@gmail.com or call P h o n e l i n e : 08089705008 for f e e d b a c k s o r whistleblowing.

“I urge all residents to



embrace these channels and inform us of any suspicious or glaring illegality going on around the vicinity and I promise it will be looked into with the required

swiftness. Attaining a safe serene and habitable environment is a collective responsibility”, Akerele concluded.

DSVA Holds "Men Wey Sabi" at Ipaja Community

Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (DSVA) has reiterated its efforts to curb Gender-Based Violence through strategic and behavioural mindset programmes, sensitising and training all relevant stakeholders in the community of Ipaja.

The Executive Secretary of DSVA, Mrs. Titilola Vivour-Adeniyi disclosed during the Agency's awareness programme tagged: "Man Wey Sabi" held recently at Ipaja community, Ipaja, adding that the initiative was designed to address Gender stereotypes in Lagos.

Mrs. Titilola Vivour-Adeniyi, who was represented by the Head, Community Engagement Unit, Mr. Damilare Adewusi added that the

awareness programme was the 7th in the series of "Men wey sabi", declaring that so far, about an estimated one million have been reached through this initiative.

She also revealed that over 4000 fliers were distributed at each of these events to further propagate the message, adding that the primary objective was to spread the message in a spirited manner by challenging stereotypes regarding men's involvement in childcare and the essence of the marriage partnership.

Reiterating the need to collectively take responsibility for woman empowerment, Vivour-Adeniyi enjoined the community leaders and residents of Ipaja community to champion gender equality.

The sensitisation program addressed men's pivotal roles in ending domestic and sexual violence and promoting partnership in marriages.

It also featured a cooking competition sponsored by Power Oil Nigeria Limited to showcase Men's culinary skills.

Mr. Chuks Paul emerged

as the winner and expressed gratitude to the Agency for bringing the initiative to Ipaja community. Other male participants in the

competition were Mr. Adefisioye Segun, Raphael Lawrence, Mr. Issac Zion and Mr. Deji Romiluyi.



Lagos Public Servants Urged To Maintain Proper Hygiene

Lagos State Government has urged public servants to maintain good hygiene to avoid contracting cholera or other water and airborne diseases. The Permanent Secretary, Public Service Office, Mrs. 'Sunkanmi Oyegbola gave the advice at the monthly walk for fitness exercise organised for public servants in the state. According to Oyegbola, the State government is working assiduously on how to ensure a safe environment for residents, adding that the present administration is committed to the well-being of the public servants and Lagosians across the State. She urged the public

servants to always take the constant practice of walking for safer health as a responsibility based on the belief that health is wealth.

Also, Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Health Management Agency, Dr. (Mrs.) Emmanuella Zamba called for improved hygiene at schools, offices and homes. Zamba said it was important for people to seek medical attention in recognised hospitals as soon as a person had the symptoms of the disease, such as fever, vomiting, rapid dehydration, muscle cramps and sometimes collapse.

She said the Ministry of Health, in collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Lagos



State Environmental Protection Agency and the Ministry of Agriculture, is

determined to bolster community sanitation efforts and curb the outbreak.

On the fitness exercise, Zamba said the walk was to create awareness of the need

for regular exercise, stressing that walking was a way of changing lives and encouraging a healthy lifestyle.

The Office of the State Auditor-General (OSAG), has drawn up the timetable schedules for the year 2023 Audit Completion and Exit Meetings, after the conclusion of the statutory audit inspection of accounts and records of the State's Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDA's) and the periodic checks on its Parasatals Organisation for the year ended 31st of December, 2023. The Acting State Auditor-General, Lagos State, Dr. Muiwa John Adetola, in a statewide circular, said the Year 2023 Audit Completion and Exit meeting

Office of State Auditor-General To Commence Exit Meetings On July 15

will commence on 15th July, 2024.

He explained that the Periodic Exit meeting is geared towards enabling MDAs the opportunity to provide evidences in support of their audit reports and responses to the audit observations and issues raised in the audit inspection reports forwarded to the State Auditor-General's Office and to resolve such issues where the need arises.

The Acting State Auditor-General, enjoined all Permanent Secretaries,

Accounting Officers and Chief Executive Officers of MDAs to personally lead their teams to the meeting as no issues would be resolved without the input of concerned Accounting Officers.

Furthermore, he emphasised that all formal representations and related evidence in respect of the audit queries raised in the audit reports should be forwarded in both hard and soft copies to the State Auditor-General's Office on or before the scheduled date.



Lagos Pushes Strategic Projects Despite Heavy Rains

Despite heavy rainfall in the past few weeks, the Lagos State Government has continued to make progress on its infrastructure projects designed to improve the road network and ease traffic problems across the State.

During a fact-finding visit to five strategic projects, the Special Adviser, Office of Infrastructure, Olufemi Daramola and the Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Gbenga Omotoso took pressmen on a tour of ongoing projects including Abiola-Onijemo link bridge and the five-kilometre Ikeja Urban Regeneration Project covering Oduduwa Way, Odudunmu, Sobo Arobiodu and Sasegbon Streets.

The team also visited the Opebi Mende-link Bridge and adjoining roads, Arowojobe Link Bridge in Maryland, Agidi Demurin and Church Street Network and Saint Finbarrs Road (UNILAG to Abule Okuta-Soluyi) Deeper Life Church, both in Kosofe Local Government.

On completion, the Opebi link bridge will ease traffic gridlock and make the travel experience seamless for residents of Ikeja, Maryland and others who travel to Lagos Island and vice-versa on a daily basis. Omotoso said the intention of the government was to roll out infrastructure that would cut the time spent by motorists to and from the airport by creating a shorter route to link Ikorodu Road and the axial roads.

The Commissioner said, "We have been going around since morning and what we have seen is the testimony to the fact

that Gov. Babajide Sanwo-Olu is not resting on his oars. There are so many things that have been completed and so many in the pipeline alike.

"We saw that despite the rains, contractors were at work, it shows that we're forging ahead despite the weather".

Also speaking, Engineer Daramola, Special Adviser, said Mr. Governor directed that despite the weather that slowed down the construction work, contractors must work assiduously to ensure the completion of all projects on schedule.

"This tour is part of our effort to ensure that all our contractors are up and doing. Most of the projects have very commendable progress



and be as it may, the major challenge in time is the issue of the rain. The issue of the weather is very critical, however, I assure you that public works are up and running", he said.

The contractors on each of the sites visited thanked Governor Sanwo-Olu and Special

Adviser for providing the support and resources required to maintain the pace and quality of work on the projects.

Expressing satisfaction with the conduct of youths attached to Julius Berger to acquire practical knowledge on bridge building, the Project Manager, Dymtry

experience has been thrilling.

"I have learnt a lot about piling which is the foundation of building a bridge. It's so refreshing to see things in practice. I appreciate this experience. These iconic projects demonstrate the administration's commitment to delivering world-class infrastructure, driving economic growth, and transforming the State into a hub of innovation and progress", she said.

Arowojobe Link Bridge and Road are 77% completed, St. Finbarrs Road is 70%, Abiola-Onijemo Link Road with Bridge is 80%, Ikeja GRA regeneration project is 89% per cent completed while Opebi-Mende Link Bridge and adjoining roads are 85% per cent completed.

LJLA Fellows Arrive India For International Policy Trip

In a bid to foster international understanding and strengthen economic development strategies, Fellows of the Lateef Jakande Leadership Academy (LJLA) have arrived in India, on a highly anticipated International Policy trip.

During the Trip, Fellows will explore India's democratic governance structure, understanding its evolution and key principles. They will engage with policymakers, officials and scholars to gain firsthand insights into India's governance models. Additionally, the trip will foster cultural understanding through interactions with local communities, institutions, and businesses, establishing networks for potential

collaborations between Nigeria and India.

In order to properly understand the Indian Technology Landscape, they will have Fireside Chats with Indian Business Leaders and Tech Leaders at the Indian Technology Institute (ITI), with discussions on the intersection of Innovation, leadership, governance and economic development.

The LJLA Executive Secretary, Mrs. Ayisat Agbaje-Okunade stated that the policy trip will be a transformative experience for the Fellows, providing

them with a unique opportunity to gain insights from India's economic and governance models.

"The International Policy trip marks a significant milestone in the Academy's mission to cultivate visionary leaders equipped with global perspectives and innovative solutions", she added.

This trip aligns with the #Greater Lagos Agenda of the Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu in creating an enabling environment for future leaders in Lagos State and Nigeria as a whole, through initiatives such as LJLA, which is in line with the



Youths/Inclusion pillar in the T.H.E.M.E.S Plus Agenda, the strategic roadmap for his administration Also accompanying the Fellows, is the Secretary to the State Government, Barr. Abimbola Salu-Hundeyin; Lagos

State Head of Service, Mr. Bode Agoro; Special Adviser, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Olalekan Balogun and the Senior Special Assistant to Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu on New Media, Mr. Jubril Gawat.

Flood Free Lagos: Commissioner Charges EFAG Operatives On Improved Delivery

As the rains intensified, the Lagos State Government over the weekend convened a review meeting with operatives of the Emergency Flood Abatement Gang (EFAG), charging them not to rest on their oars but to target improved service delivery for a flood-free Lagos. Addressing all the operatives who assembled at the Blue Roof Hall, LTV Complex, Agidingbi, Ikeja, Commissioner for the Environment and Water Resources, Mr. Tokunbo Wahab said the State recognises the quantum of work the EFAG operatives are doing to free black spots and prevent flash flooding. He gave a commitment that the State would continue to provide the necessary logistics and support for the officials for the effective discharge of their duties. He said the EFAG team remains the pride of the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources, adding that EFAG was created to intervene in clearing black spots most especially for emergency abatement to ensure free flow of stormwater. While commending the team for a job well done in cleaning up secondary drains and manholes in the 57 Local Government Areas and Local Council Development Areas, Wahab hinted that Governor Babajide

Sanwo-Olu has approved the payment of 13th-month salary for the EFAG team at the end of each year. He explained that considering the risk they are exposed to in the course of their duties, the state government has also put in place an adequate health care system for them through the Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA). "I would like to express my utmost appreciation to the EFAG team, without the team, Lagos will experience flash floods, government will continue to support you with good welfare packages, all I want from you is to continue to work hard for a flood free and sustainable environment because to whom much is given, much is expected", he said. He said the Ministry will continue to give the necessary support needed for them to keep up with the tempo at which they work all the time so that a flood-free Lagos would be achieved. Earlier in his welcome remarks, the Permanent Secretary, Office of Drainage Services, Engr. Mahamood Adegbite noted that Lagos State in recent times had not experienced serious flooding, saying this was as a result of the various measures put in place by the Government and the continuous cleaning of



the drains by the EFAG Team. He urged the team members to continue to put in their best and remain committed to

drainage maintenance to achieve a sustainable cleaner, healthier and safer environment. In response, a member of the EFAG team, the Area

Manager, Surulere, Mr. Bukola Meadows expressed appreciation to the government for always giving the team the necessary support

needed. He promised that the team would remain efficient and effective in sustaining the tempo to achieve a flood-free Lagos.

ASSEMBLY

INSIDE THE LAGOS HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY CORNER - KNOW YOUR LAWMAKER FOCUS (Hon. Ganiyu Sanni, Member representing Kosofe Constituency 01)

Honourable Ganiyu Okanlawon, born on 23, March 1965 is a lawmaker at the 10th Legislative Assembly at the Lagos State House of Assembly. **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND** In 1976, the legislator schooled at St. Agnes

Primary School, Maryland, Lagos to attain his First School Leaving Certificate and from there, he progressed for Secondary School education as a student of Victory High School, in Ikeja, Lagos. In 1982, he was certified with a West African Senior Secondary School Certificate

Examination, WASSCE. He journeyed for tertiary institution education at Yaba College of Technology where he studied Accountancy. He bagged a Higher National Diploma Certificate in 1998, and in 2000, he moved across to the southern part of Nigeria for a Post Graduate Diploma in Management at the University of Calabar. In 2006, he became a student of the Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos to study Business Administration and obtained a Masters' Science, M.SC. **WORK AND POLITICS** Honourable Okanlawon worked with the Lagos State Internal Revenue Service, LIRS and also had a designation at the Lagos State Motor Vehicle Administration

Agency, both from 1991 to 2004. In 2004, he became the Secretary at Kosofe Local Government, a position he held till 2007. Other of his work experiences include being a Director of Admin/Operations at Milton Nelson Consulting Firm from 2012 to 2015. His political journey began in 2015 as he was appointed as the Lagos State Special Adviser on Food Security. He held the post till 2019 after which he became a member at the Lagos House of Assembly. Currently, he is the Chairman House Committee on Education.



Oniba of Iba Land Lauds Youth, Social Development Commissioner

The Commissioner for Youth and Social Development, Mr. Mobolaji Ogunlende has been applauded by the Oniba of Iba land, HRM Oba (Dr.) Sulaiman Adesina Raji for his giant strides in the area of youth empowerment and development in Lagos State.

The commendation was given when the Commissioner in company with some staff of the Ministry and other youths visited the Royal Father at his Palace on Friday.

In his words, "I am happy and want to commend you for the good works that you have been doing for our youths. I do read about your activities on social media. Please, keep up

the good work. Our youths need to be constantly engaged in productive activities that will prepare them for a better future as the leaders of tomorrow. They are our hope. We are ready to support the administration of Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu to make things better for our youths".

In his remarks, Ogunlende said, "Mr. Governor is very passionate about the youths which is the reason Youth Engagement is one of the pillars in the THEMES Plus Agenda. As a Ministry, we are determined to ensure that our youth centres are in a good state. This is the reason we are out to inspect the ones in Badagry division today.



While making plans to build more, we want to put the existing ones in good condition for proper

use". The Commissioner, who had earlier visited the youth centres in Ikorodu, Epe and Lagos Island to

ascertain their ownership of the facilities conditions, informed by maintaining and the people in Iba and putting them to proper Badagry, particularly use to justify the the youths, that they resources expended by must take full the state government.

Ministry of Tourism Is Committed To Preserving Lagos Cultural Heritage-Aregbe

The Lagos State Government has said it will continue to support traditional festivals in the State as a means to promote the cultural heritage of Lagos State. The Special Adviser to the State Governor on

Tourism, Arts and Culture, Mr. Idris Aregbe made this known at the annual Elegba festival in Ikate Kingdom.

The Special Adviser, who was represented by the CEO, Lagos State Council for Arts and Culture, Mr.

Idowu Johnson, revealed that the festival is a vibrant celebration of culture, tradition, and community which has been in existence since the last 15th century commonly within the coastal areas of the

State.

Aregbe stated further that as part of Lagos State's commitments to preserving and promoting cultural heritage, the State Government actively supports the festival with its captivating performances, colourful costumes, and rhythmic music, drawing locals and

visitors alike.

The Special Adviser said, "Whether you're a dance enthusiast or simply curious about the rich cultural tapestry of Lagos, the Elegba festival is a must-attend occasion. The Elegba festival is a vibrant celebration held annually in the Ikate-Elegushi Kingdom, Lagos. Led by the Elegushi of Ikate Land, HRM. Oba Saheed Ademola Elegushi, this event honours cultural heritage and fosters community spirit".

The Festival not only features a blend of cultural and spiritual activities, drawing participants from the seven coastal Awori communities of Ido, Oniru, Ikate-Elegushi, Ojora, Ilashe, Irede and Ilado. It's also a time of joy, dance, and connection, as people from far and wide come together to celebrate their shared traditions.

The community Obas, Chiefs and members, particularly

traditionalists from the riverine areas of the State, gathered in large numbers, showcasing colourful and spontaneous dance and musical performances.

Furthermore, Chief Lateef Aderibigbe Ajose, the Opeluwa Onido of Lagos noted that the final ceremony of the seven-day festival is to promote peaceful co-existence within the coastal community and its environs.

He also averred that the festival also promotes tourism because friends and family from Nigeria and Abroad come together to celebrate the Festival annually.

According to the Ikate chiefs, the festival also serves as a form of reunion for the sons and daughters of Olofin, home and abroad, gathering at the Ikate-Elegushi kingdom Eti-Osa, Lagos.



Two Persons Face Trial For Stealing Power Cable



The Surulere Magistrates' Court has remanded two suspects for allegedly stealing three Coleman Cable Rolls valued at N450,000. The accused: Prince Friday, 31; and Alex Kalu, 34; were arraigned on two-count charge of conspiracy and theft. The prosecutor, Inspector Courage Ekhueorohan, said that the suspects alongside

others not yet apprehended, committed the offences on June 14, at No 35, Dosunmu St, Obele, Surulere, Lagos. Ekhueorohan alleged that the stolen items belonged to a company identified as Megamound Investment Limited. He said that the litigants contravened Sections 180 (a) (i) and 411 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

Magistrate Oluwatoyin Otiotoju, presiding over the case, granted the suspects bail in the sum of N200,000 with two responsible sureties each in like sum. While adjourning the matter till July 12, Otiotoju mandated that the sureties must have their addresses verified by the court.

IKEJA

Faleke Bags Legislative Award From Rotary Club

Kehinde Adeleye

The Member representing Ikeja Federal Constituency at the Green Chamber, Rt. Hon. James Abiodun Faleke has received the Exemplary Legislative Award for his outstanding contributions to public service. Shortly after the commissioning ceremony of the PCRC Building, Ambulance Station, brand new Mikano generator, and the renovation of the main police station at Ojodu Divisional Headquarters Police

Station on Sunday, 30th June, 2024, the Rotary Club of Dideolu Golden recognized and celebrated the service of Engr. Adekunle Olayinka and Rt. Hon. (Dr) James Abiodun Faleke with the Charter President position and Exemplary Legislative Award, respectively. Echonews reports that the Lawmaker is known for notably passing of developmental legislative bills, continuous empowerment of cash grants, and uplifting the hope of the people of Ikeja Federal Constituency, Lagos State, and Nigeria.

The Rotary Club of Dideolu Golden acknowledges Rt. Hon. Faleke's dedication to ensuring the passage of developmental legislative bills has significantly impacted the lives of many, making him a blessing to mankind. His selfless commitment to serving the people and bringing dividends of democracy to his constituents has earned him the respect and admiration of his peers and the general public.

In another Development the Lawmaker was also awarded by a youth



body known as Yakoyo Youth Movement. In his remarks, Rt. Hon. Faleke expressed his heartfelt appreciation to

everyone who joined him in commissioning these projects for the benefit of his constituents. He reiterated his

commitment to continuing to deliver the dividends of democracy to his people, by God's grace.

IJAIYE

Agbado-Oke Odo LCDA Chairman Counsels Residents Against Indiscriminate Waste Disposal

Kehinde Adeleye



The Chairman of Agbado/Oke-Odo LCDA Mr. David Famuyiwa, has emphasized the need to keep the community clean and warned residents against improper waste disposal in water channels. He encouraged residents to patronize LAWMA Private Sector Participants for their waste collection and disposal needs. The Chairman's statement was made during the visit of Lagos State Ministry of

Environment And Water Resources representatives to the Council Secretariat.

Famuyiwa called on the people of Agbado/Oke-Odo to be environmentally conscious and avoid dumping waste in places not designated for such stressing that flood risk is increasing at an alarming rate all over the world, thereby posing threat to people, assets and the environment.

He noted, "disease-carrying organisms tend to spread when

we don't keep our environment clean, and as residents, we need to ensure that our homes and markets are clean. Our drains must be well desilted." He reiterated that his administration will strengthen interventions to ensure a safe and clean environment for all, stressing that anyone who violates the law would be prosecuted as it will no longer be business as usual for violators.

Famuyiwa stated that his administration is dedicated to bringing development and progress to the community. He promised to continue executing drainage projects, citing the

completed drainage project in Abule-Oki as evidence of his administration's efforts in reducing water overflow.

The Chairman pledged his continued support for regulatory agencies in enforcing environmental standards and regulations. He reiterated that his LCDA would support the ministry and its agencies by applying necessary penalties and monitoring, enforcement, and compliance activities to improve environmental sustainability.

Lagos Judiciary Trains Newly Appointed High Court Judges

The Lagos State Judiciary has begun a 7-day induction course for the 13 newly appointed Judges of the High Court of Lagos State at

the Recreation/Training Centre, GRA Ikeja, Lagos.

In his opening address, Hon. Justice Kazeem Olanrewaju Alogba, the Chief Judge of Lagos

State, emphasised the importance of the induction course, stating that the programme was designed to enhance the professional expertise of participants, facilitate

their development of judiciary knowledge and skills, and promote the pursuit of juristic excellence.

The Chief Judge also highlighted that the training is part of a

continuous effort to keep the entire staff of the Lagos State Judiciary updated with current judicial practices. He referenced the #EndSARS protests as an example of the evolving nature of judicial responsibilities in Nigeria, underscoring the necessity for continuous learning and adaptation.

He also advised the newly appointed Judges to maintain humility and seek knowledge through interaction with their colleagues, stressing that they all strive to achieve the same goal.

The Attorney-General of Lagos State and Commissioner for Justice, Mr. Lawal Pedro, SAN, while

congratulating the newly appointed judges, admonished them to uphold their judicial culture and deliver justice with confidence. "Do not forget your culture and remember to deliver justice with confidence in your official duties. I wish you all good luck on the bench", he stated.

The induction training marks the beginning of a rigorous and enlightening journey for the new judges as they prepare to take on their judicial responsibilities with enhanced knowledge, skills and a commitment to justice.



Driver, Other On Trial For Beating Policeman

By Felix Kuyinu

The Magistrates' Court in Badagry is prosecution a driver, Itoro Bassej alongside a truck owner, Samuel Kuzoru, for assaulting a police officer.

The both pleaded not guilty to the charges. Nonetheless, Inspector Ayodele Adeosun, standing as prosecutor, told the court that they both committed the offences on June 22, at about 1.30p.m, at Badagry roundabout on the Lagos-Badagry

Expressway. Adeosun told Magistrate Patrick Adekoimaya that the suspects alongside others not yet arrested severely beat up the policeman identified as ASP Micheal Oladejo, an operative at the Badagry Divisional Police Headquarters. The prosecutor also said that the defendants also assaulted the policeman by removing his beret and shoving him to the ground. He said, "The driver in charge of a Mazda commercial bus with registration number EPE 627 XV drove on the public highway without valid driver's licence.

"Kuzoru, the owner of the commercial bus, also disobeyed Road Traffic law by giving out his bus to Bassej who did not have valid driver's licence. "The offences contravene Sections 174, 168 and 122 of the Criminal Laws of Lagos State, 2015." Magistrate Adekomaiya granted the defendants bail in the sum of N100,000 each and two sureties in like sum. He ordered that at least one of the sureties must be gainfully employed with evidence of payment of tax to the Lagos State Government. The case was adjourned the case till July 15.

Hotel Manager On Trial For Stealing Company's N360,000

By Felix Kuyinu

An hotel worker has been held for court trial on an alleged act of N360,000 theft.

The suspect, Godswill Akpan, was accused of stealing the sum which belong to the hotel owner while being the manager of the firm.

At the Yaba Magistrates' Court, the prosecutor, Haruna Magaji, said that Akpan, 30, arraigned on one count of stealing was given the assignment of overseeing activities at the hotel identified as Swift Guest House, Lagos, and to remit sales of at least N180,000 every week.

However, one Owolabi Daniel - the complainant and hotel owner, claimed that the suspect was unable to remit the registered proceeds of sales for two weeks and absconded.



All efforts by the hotel management to reach the defendant proved futile. He was eventually arrested after a manhunt by the police.

At the court, the prosecutor, Haruna Magaji, disclosed that the suspect committed the alleged offence on April 8, 2024 and contravened Section 287 of the Criminal Laws of Lagos State, Nigeria, 2015

Magaji also said that there are evidences to prove that the defendant received money paid by the hotel customers and made more than the

amount required of him to deliver every week.

The defendant pleaded not guilty.

Thereafter, Magistrate Olatunde Adefope ordered a bail bond of N500,000 to be paid, and two sureties were to be provided.

He ordered that the suspect be returned to the police station for detention until he perfects his bail condition.

Olatunde adjourned the case till July 17, 2024.

Community Leaders Extol Bamigboye's Performance , Submit Security Report

Kehinde Adeleye

The leaders of the Mashewele CDA, Ologongo CDA, and Ewe Agbigbo CDA in the Idi Oro area of Ward J praised Mr. Emmanuel Bamigboye, the Chairman of Mushin Local Government, for his proactive efforts in preparing for the rainy season to prevent flooding, which poses a constant threat to their lives and properties. The community leaders, accompanied by HRM Oba Joseph Okikiola Ikudaisi, Baale of Mashewele Chief John Kupolokun, Alhaji Lateef Alade Tijani, Mr. Muyideen Azeez, and other prominent

members and youths from the three communities, visited the chairman in his office in July.

They thanked him for the effective preventive measures taken to avoid flooding in the Idi Oro area and its surroundings during the rainy season.

They expressed appreciation to the Chairman for his support in the de-silting of the drainage from Agege motor road towards Alamutu Araba. The leaders praised his open-door leadership style and the attention he gave to the community. Through collaboration, the

communities have successfully cleared the drainage of over 18 streets from Olosha to Idi Oro and Akobi crescent as part of their efforts for rapid development.

The communities later went ahead to de-silt some additional adjoining drainage channels, to compliment the chairman's effort.

The drainage channels that connect the entire Idi Oro axis with Akobi crescent to Olumba - Olumba towards Idi Araba carnal were completely cleaned and de-silted to ensure the smooth flow of wastewater. With financial help from Mushin Local Government, the

communities have also started a new round of de-silting at Soremekun street, Abeokuta Street, Martins street, and other streets that link to the Agege motor road water carrier.

During their report submission, community leaders raised concerns about structures blocking drainage channels at the back of Birch Freeman High School, causing issues with waste water flow. They also mentioned problems with scavengers posing security, health, and environmental risks to the community.

The chairman praised

the community leaders for raising funds within the community to support government development initiatives, promising to continue offering financial assistance for their community development.

He advised the leaders to educate their youth on how to interact respectfully with contractors and political figures visiting their community for project implementation or inspection.

During the meeting, Bamigboye discussed plans to revamp Alamutu market into a modern facility with all necessary amenities.

He also mentioned

rehabilitating Bankole street and other surrounding streets to improve the overall appearance of the area.

Additionally, present at the meeting were Vice Chairman Mr. Tunbosun Aruwe, Secretary to the Local Government Mrs. Olubunmi Gbadamosi, Supervisor for Works & Infrastructure Hon. Funmi Peters, Supervisor for Women Affairs & Poverty Alleviation Mrs. Abosede Funmilayo, and leader of the Legislative chamber Olawale Ayegbayo, who joined in for the photo session.



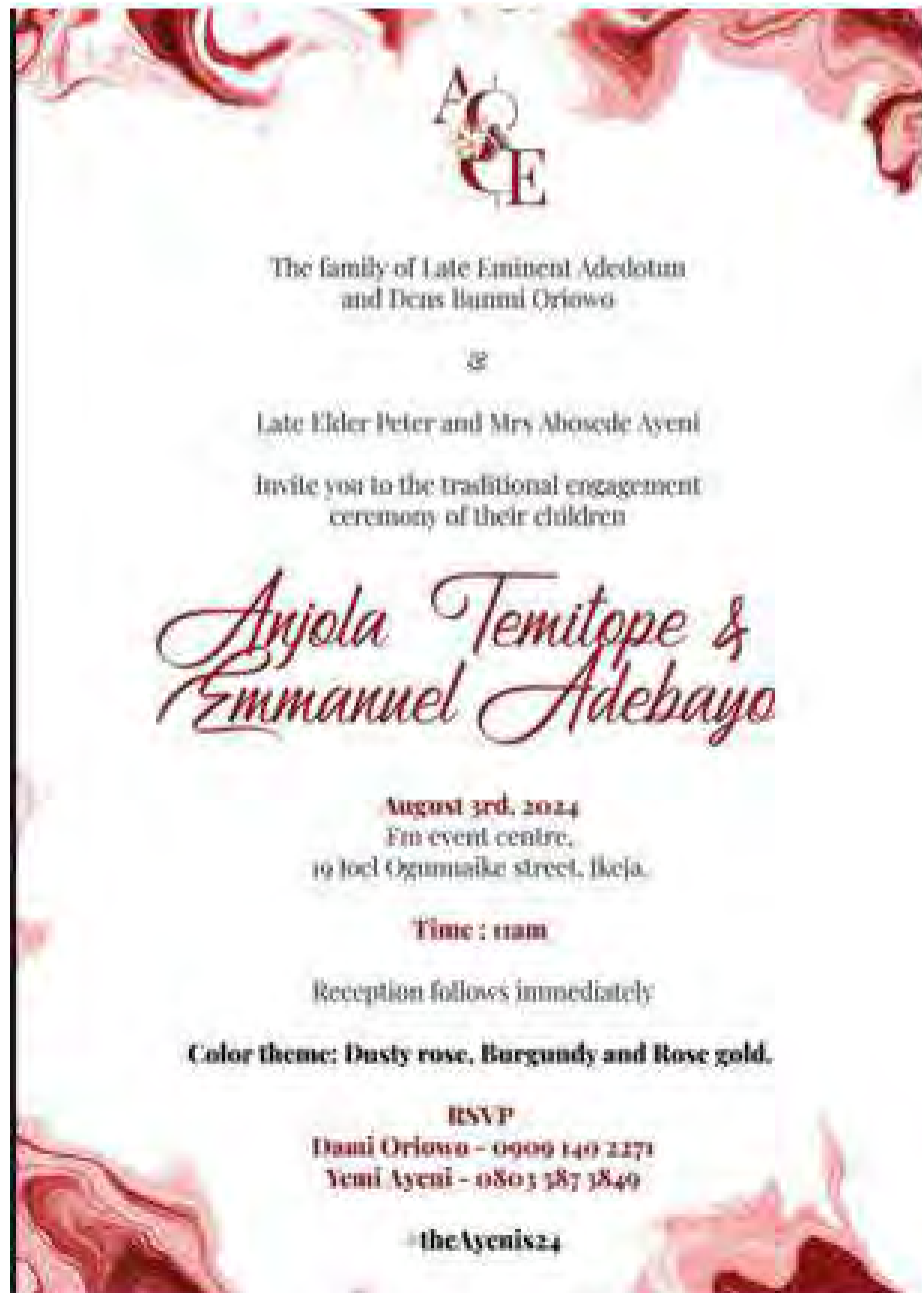
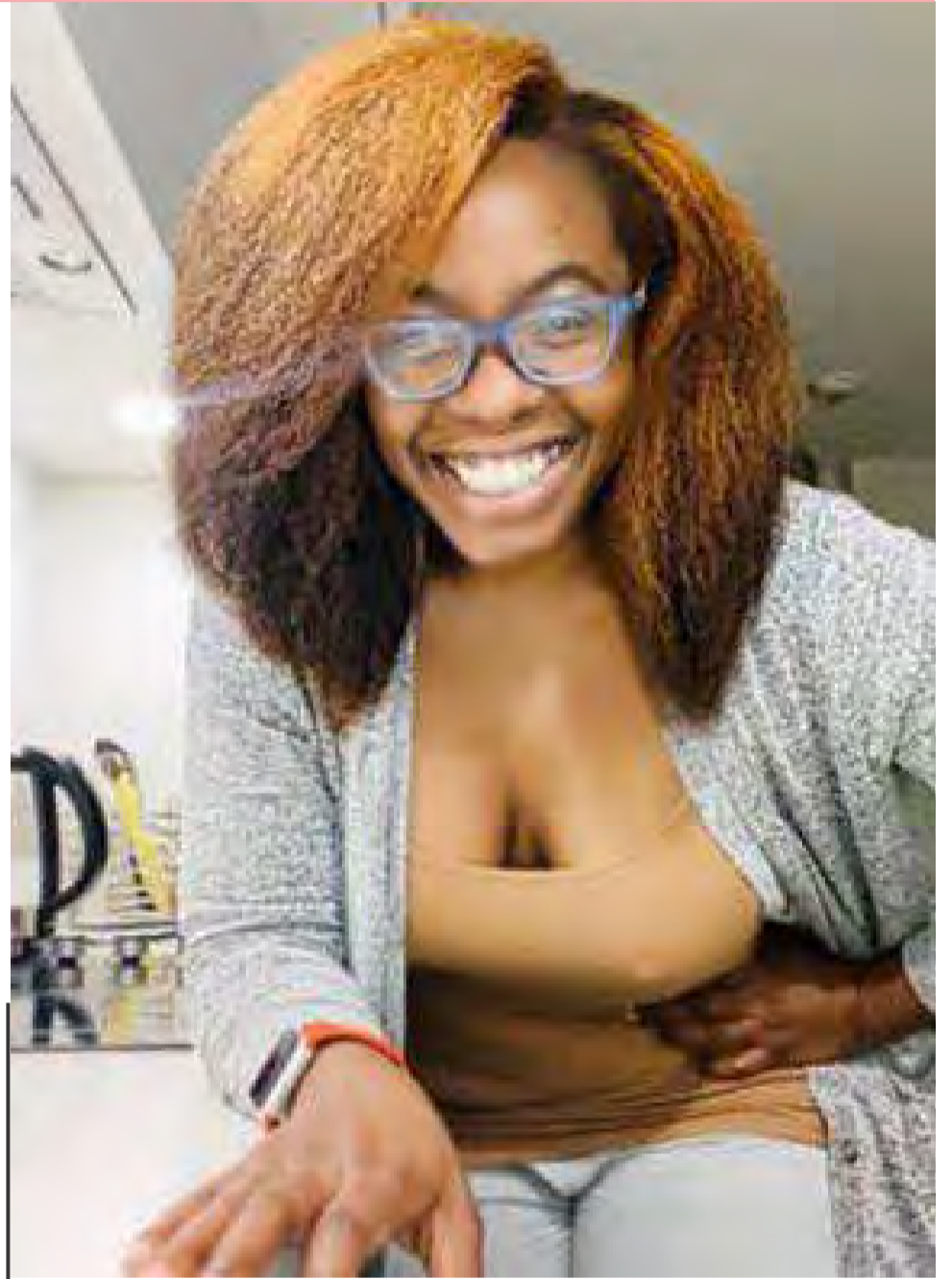
Ladipo Cautions Women Considering Name Changes After Marriage

By Nurudeen AdebayoZ

Media personality Shadé Ladipo has advised women to carefully consider changing their names after marriage, sharing her own perspective on the matter. In a recent Instagram story, Ladipo expressed her satisfaction with not rushing to change her name when she got married. She emphasized the importance of preserving the brand she had built over 20

years and cautioned newly wedded women against making hasty decisions regarding name changes, especially on legal documents. "Do you want to know one thing I'm so happy I didn't rush to do when I was married? Changing my name," Ladipo wrote. "How did I spend over 20 years building the 'Shadé Ladipo' brand to change it overnight to another name? Some people see my father and say,

'Oh, you're Shadé Ladipo's father.' Sis, you worked too hard to build your brand. Don't be too quick to change it, especially on legal documents. Take your time, there's no hurry, I promise you! #TeamHappiness" Ladipo encourages women to value their professional identity and consider the long-term implications of changing their names, advocating for a thoughtful approach to such a significant decision.



Oriowo and Aveni Families Announce Traditional Engagement Ceremony

By Nurudeen Adebayo

The families of the late Eminent Adedotun, Dens Bunmi Oriowo, and the late Elder Peter and Mrs. Abosede Aveni, are delighted to invite friends and loved ones to the traditional

engagement ceremony of their children, Anjola Temitope and Emmanuel Adebayo. The ceremony will take place on August 3, 2024, at the FM Event Centre, located at 19 Joel Ogunnaike Street, Ikeja.

The event is

scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM, with the reception to follow immediately after. Guests are encouraged to embrace the color theme of Dusty Rose, Burgundy, and Rose Gold for the occasion. For more information or to confirm attendance, reach out to Dammi Oriowo at 0909 140 2271 or Yemi Ayeni at 0803 587 3849.

Simi Commends Men Who Freely Express Their Emotion

By Nurudeen Adebayo



In a recent interview on the 90's Baby Show, popular singer Simi discussed the importance of men embracing their emotions and being open about their vulnerabilities. She expressed her admiration for men who allow themselves to cry and show their true feelings. Simi shared that it brings her joy to see men embrace their emotional sides rather than suppress their feelings. She finds it beautiful when men dare to be vulnerable

and authentic, rather than hiding behind a tough facade. "I find it beautiful when men cry because I'm surrounded by many men who feel they have to be macho or strong all the time," Simi said. "When you see men and women going through the same pain, the man often says, 'I have to be strong for my wife or kids.' I think that's okay, but I don't think strength means not being vulnerable or crying." She continued, "I like it when men cry because it means that you feel

safe with who you are with, you can be vulnerable, and you can let go. I have seen African men act like they are the warrior, protector, and provider. But if it's not coming out in your tears, it's going inside your heart, and one day you are just going to explode." Simi's candid remarks highlight the importance of emotional expression for mental health and well-being, encouraging men to break free from traditional gender norms and embrace their true selves.

Ogedengbe Recounts Traumatic Drug Smuggling Recruitment Experience

Adebayo Nurudeen



Nollywood actor Femi Ogedengbe has revealed a harrowing incident from several years ago, when he was nearly recruited as a drug smuggler. During an appearance on Teju Baby Face's program, Ogedengbe shared the details of the encounter. According to Ogedengbe, a wealthy individual invited him to Shoprite and offered him N3 million to transport materials outside the country. The man acknowledged Ogedengbe's financial struggles and expressed a willingness to help him. Ogedengbe, who is a father of twins, disclosed

that during the meeting, he observed several women with the wealthy man. He was informed that four women had recently returned from delivering substances abroad. Faced with the offer, Ogedengbe said he called his wife for a meeting to discuss the situation. They prayed together for a change in their circumstances, hoping to avoid the temptation of accepting the dangerous offer. Ogedengbe's account sheds light on the pressures faced by individuals in dire financial situations and the importance of strong moral support to resist illicit activities.

Stakeholders Commend Bamigboye On Averting Community Flooding

By Saheed Afolabi



Leaders of the three Community Development Associations (CDA), in the Idi Oro axis of Ward J, namely; Mashewele CDA, Ologongo CDA and Ewe Agbigbo CDA, have commended the Chairman of Mushin LG, Emmanuel Bamigboye, for the proactive step taken in preparation for the rainy season, to prevent flooding that always threatens their lives and properties in the Idi Oro axis. The community leaders who visited the chairman in his office were led by the Agbegishe of Agbegishe kingdom, HRM Oba Joseph Okikiola Ikudaisi. The team also included the Baale of

Mashewele - Chief John Kupolokun, Alhaji Lateef Alade Tijani, and Mr. Muyideen Azeez with some notable leaders and youths from the three communities. The delegation from the three communities expressed appreciation to the council chairman for the drastic preventive measures taken to avert flooding that normally threatens the people of Odi Oro and its environs during the rainy season. They thanked him for his support in de-silting the drainage from Agege motor road inward Alamutu market towards Idi Araba. The leaders commended Bamigboye for giving them attention and his

leadership style which operates an open door policy. With the assistance of the chairman, the three communities through the "JOINT CDA - FOR POSITIVE CHANGE - RAPID DEVELOPMENT" forum, have been able to de-silt the drainage of over 18 streets from Olosha towards Idi Oro and Akobi crescent, with the first phase of streets de-silted which included, Labinjo street, Labinjo Lane, Labinjo court, Oduntan street, Owokoniran street, Makinde street, Folami street and Odesanya street. The communities later went ahead to de-silt some additional adjoining drainage channels, to compliment

the chairman's effort, which included, Wilkey street, Adeyanju street, Alamutu/Labinjo link drainage, Abeokuta/Soremekun link drainage towards Labinjo Street, Alao Adegboyega street, Bankole street, Olaniyi street, Rev. Asekun street, Laniyan street, Akobi Crescent and Birch Freeman High School drainage linking Akobi crescent. The drainage channels linking the entire Idi Oro axis with Akobi crescent to Olumba - Olumba towards Idi Araba carnal were fully de-silted and cleared to allow free flow of waste water. With the financial support from Mushin LG, the communities

have also commenced another round of de-silting at Soremekun street, Abeokuta Street, Martins street and other streets linking the Agege motor road water carrier. While submitting their report, the community leaders informed the chairman of some structures at the back of Birch Freeman High School, blocking the drainage channels and constituting impediments to the free flow of waste water along the axis. They also complained about the activities of scavengers which constitutes security, health and environmental threats to the community. While commending the leaders for raising funds among themselves in

the community to compliment the government's development activities, he promised to keep supporting them financially towards developing their communities. The chairman advised the community leaders to caution their youths against harassing and molesting contractors and political office holders whenever they visit their communities, to implement or inspect projects. Bamigboye informed the leaders of plans to reconstruct the Alamutu market to a modern edifice with all facilities and rehabilitate the surrounding streets.

LG Elections: Ogungbe Assures Supporters Of Victory

By Saheed Afolabi

Badagry West LCDCA chairmanship aspirant under the All Progressives Congress (APC), Princess Sesì Ogungbe has assured her supporters of victory in the forthcoming LG elections. Sesì Ogungbe Ambassadors is a body of agile representation supporting the vision of the first woman chairmanship aspirant in Badagry West. The team comprises of staunch supporters across the five wards in the area. Ogungbe during her meeting with her



teaming supporters assured the ambassadors of m victory at the upcoming 2025 Lagos Local Government elections. "I have called this meeting to further reassure us that God on our side, victory is ours." She however said that,

victory will not come on a platter of gold but by individual commitment towards the campaign project. "This is the time to work, our vision to develop Badagry West is key, now is the time for a rejuvenation, reinforcement and repositioning." Ogungbe further uses the medium to preach love, synergy and cooperation amongst her supporters. While responding, one of the ambassadors, Mr. Wale Johnson from Ward D assured the aspirant of the teams absolute support and promise that the team will put in their best towards a successful election victory.

Community Applauds Gbenu On Agricultural Support

By Saheed Afolabi

The Irosu community in Badagry West LCDCA have lauded the Chairman of Badagry West Local Council Development Area, Hon. Henugbe Gbenu was his agricultural support to the community. The council boss donated five hundred thousand naira (500,000) to support local agricultural production and motivate farmers at the Irosu community. According to the Chairman, the community is the largest concentrated agricultural farmland with about 10 acres in Badagry West. Gbenu commends the initiative as an



exceptional one and the level of unity that coexist among residents is unimaginable. Chief Okedara Adeniyi John, the Baale of Irosu community, said that the farmland is owned by the community, and it's usually being harvested every year. "This year, we planted cassava, corn, and water melon. "We have harvested our water melon, today we are harvesting only corn, and we have decided to invite our chairman to come and witness it and further seek

his support which he has done. "We are proud of Hon. Gbenu, if not for constitutional provisio., we had wanted him to continue to lead us as our council chairman till eternity." Speaking on the unity of purpose, the baale, Oledara explained that the chieftaincy committee/cabinet will meet to discuss on when to go for planting and will later inform the entire community on the date and everybody will come out to participate. Timothy Samuel, who was spotted carrying cassava sticks, stated that the entire community works as a team to achieve results, and it has been sustainable for years.

Demolition of Illegal Shops: Oloyede Appeals To Property Owners To Comply With LASBCA

Kehinde Adeleye

As the July 30th deadline for compliance with Lagos State Building Control Agency (LASBCA) directives on removing extensions and illegal structures in markets around Oshodi-Isolo local government approaches, the Chairman of the local government, Otunba Kehinde Almaroof Oloyede, has appealed to marketers and property owners to adhere to the regulations to avoid legal consequences.

In a meeting organized by the Chairman between the marketers, their leaders, and property owners in the market on 27th May, LASBCA General Manager, Arch. Gbolahan Oki, outlined the directives of Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu, relating to the removal of illegal extensions and buildings in the markets.

The purpose of the meeting was to ensure that all stakeholders were informed about the Governor's directives and to create a forum for discussing compliance and enforcement of the directives.

Arch. Gbolahan Oki informed the gathering that he was mandated by the governor to ensure the removal of illegal extensions and structures in the markets.

The traders, during the meeting, pleaded for mercy and requested that the LASBCA GM allow them to finish their Sallah sales, to which the GM agreed, thanks to the

intercession of the council chairman, Otunba Oloyede.

The Chairman of Oshodi-Isolo local government has now appealed to all concerned individuals and property owners in the market area to comply with the directives of the governor and remove any illegal extensions or structures without delay.

Otunba Oloyede explained that it would be more cost-effective and less disruptive if the traders and property owners themselves removed the illegal extensions and structures, rather than LASBCA using heavy machinery.

As the local government council chairman, Oloyede reiterated his commitment to support the state government in enforcing building regulations within the local government and improving the overall environment in the markets.

Oloyede further emphasized that compliance with the governor's directives would lead to wider roads and better accessibility in the markets, making them more inviting to customers.

In his words; "I want to remind our people for the upteenth time to comply with the directives issued when LASBCA GM, local government management team and my humble self had a meeting with them in the market.

Otunba Oloyede

recalled the meeting with the traders and LASBCA GM, during which he pleaded for leniency on behalf of the traders to allow them to finish their Sallah sales before removing the illegal extensions. The GM was gracious and granted a grace period until July 30th.

However, despite this extension, Oloyede reported that a recent

visit to the markets revealed that many traders had not yet complied with the governor's directives. While applauding those who had promptly removed their illegal extensions, Oloyede urged the remaining traders and property owners to act fast before the expiration of the grace period.

Oloyede cautioned those who have yet to comply with the directives that LASBCA may arrive at any moment after the grace period has expired, equipped with heavy machinery to demolish the illegal structures. This would result in considerable damage, which he emphasized could be avoided if the traders acted promptly in removing the illegal

extensions before the deadline.

The chairman strongly urged the traders and property owners to take swift action to avoid the costly consequences of non-compliance, emphasizing that their cooperation would not only prevent damage to their properties but also improve the overall safety and aesthetics of the markets.

Flooding: Isolo LCDA Council Boss Urges Motorists To Avoid Risky Routes

Kehinde Adeleye

Demonstrating his commitment to being an accessible and responsive leader, the Chairman of Isolo LCDA, Mr. Olasoju Adebayo, toured certain parts of the council area affected by heavy rainfall.

Despite the unrelenting downpour, Olasoju's first visit was to the flood-affected Akinbaiye Down, where he was guided around the worst-hit areas by Prince Monsuru Agbabiaka.

Continuing his tour, Olasoju Adebayo also paid visits to Saka Omotoba Close and Kudus Folawiyi Street to assess the impact of the rain. The Isolo Chairman also conducted an on-site evaluation of affected areas such as Mushin Road and Osolo Way near Emzor roundabout.

After his rounds, Olasoju Adebayo issued a press release in which he urged parents to ensure that their children remain indoors during periods of heavy rain, as forecasted by the



Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet).

The Chairman also issued a strong advisory to motorists, recommending that they use alternative routes such as Kogberegbe/Lamina Streets for inbound or outbound journeys in Isolo during the heavy rainfall.

Olasoju Adebayo's safety advisory was intended to minimize the risk of accidents and injuries to drivers and pedestrians, and to protect lives and

property in the Isolo council area during the inclement weather.

"The torrential rain since last night till this morning and the likelihood of its continuation tomorrow according to NiMET's forecast is one that should be met with vigilance and precaution, especially in flood-prone areas. May I appeal to parents to keep their minors at home while the heavy rain is meant to last.

"On our part as a responsible government, efforts will be geared towards alleviating the

situation of affected areas. Motorists are strongly advised to ply Kogberegbe/ Lamina Lawal/Aderinto streets, Ogundele Way etc inwards and outwards Isolo or, better still, consider rescheduling their trips for safety purposes" Olasoju wrote.

On the council chairman's entourage for the assessment tour were the council manager, Mr. Samson Akinbami, and the Chief of Staff, Hon. Musbau Quadri among others.

Anomo Presents 200 KVA Transformer to Government College Ketu

By Mohammed Adekola



about the challenge of blackout being experienced by the School, due to a faulty transformer and the Chairman promised to look into the matter. Anomo emphasized his administration's commitment to enhance educational environment and the overall development of Ikosi-Ejinrin LCDA During the official handing over. He highlighted the crucial role a stable power supply plays in fostering academic excellence and creating a conducive learning atmosphere for students and staff. "The provision of this transformer is in line with our administration's resolve to prioritize education and community

development," Anomo stated. "We understand the importance of reliable electricity in our schools and communities, and we are committed to ensuring that our students have the best possible environment to thrive," Anomo said. The principals of both the Junior and Senior Schools represented by Director of Education and Vice Principal of the Senior School, Mr. Oyerinde A. Lookman expressed his profound gratitude to Akogun Wale Anomo and his administration for their intervention, noting that the new transformer will alleviate the power outage challenges that had previously hindered the school's operations and academic activities due to the blackout. "The donation of this

transformer is a game-changer for us," remarked Mr. Oyerinde. "It will significantly improve the learning conditions for our students and facilitate smoother administrative functions. We are deeply appreciative of the Chairman's dedication to making Ikosi-Ejinrin LCDA better." Students and staff of Government College, Ketu shared in the excitement, expressing their appreciation for the new transformer. Many highlighted the positive impact it would have on their studies, particularly in the use of technological tools and resources that require a stable power supply.

Chairman of Ikosi-Ejinrin LCDA, Akogun Wale Raji Anomo, fulfilled his promise to Government College, Ketu by presenting a brand new 200 KVA transformer to the school. Some months ago, the school wrote and also visit the Chairman

Nigeria Port Authority Donates Drugs To Lekki Healthcare Centre

By Mohammed Adekola

Nigeria Port Authority (NPA), generously donates essential drugs to the healthcare centers in Magbon Segun and Idotun on Wednesday 3rd of July 2024. The event commenced with a warm welcome from the Council's team, who on behalf of the Chairman Engr. Rasaki Bamidele Kasali, expressed their gratitude for the much-needed medical supplies. After which, Representatives from the NPA highlighted their commitment to improve healthcare access in the LCDA, emphasizes importance of community health in fostering overall economic development. The NPA The NPA representatives pledged ongoing support and collaboration with local healthcare centers to ensure sustained improvement in medical services. The donated drugs include a range of essential medications aimed at addressing common health issues in the area, such as malaria, infections, and chronic diseases. These contributions are expected to enhance the capacity of local healthcare providers to deliver effective and timely medical care, thereby improving health outcomes for residents.



Agricultural Experts Visit Ibeju Lekki LG Chairman to Boost Food Production

By Mohammed Adekola

A team of agricultural experts from the Lagos State Ministry of Agriculture, Alausa, led by Mr. Ogunseye Femi, paid a working visit to the Council Chairman of Ibeju Lekki Local Government, Egnr. Abdullahi Sesan Olowa, in his office on Tuesday 2nd of July. The meeting aimed to identify farm produce, production capacity of farmers, cost of production, and farmers' needs. This visit comes after Olowa-led administration launched the outgrower scheme, which aims to boost food production in the council area in partnership with local farmers. The scheme is part of the state government's efforts to

enhance food security and support the agricultural sector.

The team embarked on an inspection tour of farmlands in the Elerangbe axis, situated in the agrarian communities. Other members of the team from Alausa are Engr. Adetola O.C, Engr. Akinosho, Mr. Olayemi B.I, while the Council's team comprised the Supervisor for Agriculture, Me. Muyideen Kareem, HOD Agriculture, Mr. Jelili Balogun, Barr. Damilola Lawson, Barr. Kehonde Popoola, and Mr. Mondiu.

The collaboration between the Lagos State Ministry of Agriculture and Ibeju Lekki Local Government is expected to yield positive results in enhancing food production and security in the state.



The Iyaloja General of Nigeria, Chief Mrs. Folashade Tinubu-Ojo, paid a courtesy visit to the Council Chairman of Ibeju Lekki Local Government Area, Egnr. Abdullahi Sesan Olowa (Jaja), on July 2, 2024. The visit was a significant show of support and solidarity from the Iyaloja General, who is a respected figure in the country's market community. Olowa appreciates the Iyaloja's gesture, who despite the heavy downpour on Wednesday 3rd of July

2024 and highlighted some of his administration's achievements, also shows her the ultra modern Council Secretariat complex. Mrs. Folashade Ojo was full of praises as regards the Council boss' midas touch in the Council Area as the visit afford her the opportunity to see the developmental strides first hand. She prayed for Egnr. Abdullahi Sesan Olowa and encouraged him to keep the zeal for his welfarist policies burning.

Iya Oloja General Visits Olowa

By Mohammed Adekola



Ikorodu LG Chairman Announces Large-Scale Agricultural Initiative in Epe

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Ikorodu Local Government Executive Chairman, Hon. Wasiu Adesina, has unveiled plans to

acquire 10 acres of land in Epe, Lagos State, for large-scale agricultural production.

This initiative aims to create employment opportunities and

promote the affordable sale of food products in Ikorodu.

Chairman Adesina made the announcement on June 28, 2024, during the launch of a new

waste recycling hub project at Ojogbe bus stop in Ikorodu.

He highlighted that the land in Epe will be used for various agricultural practices, contributing to the local economy and addressing food security challenges in the region.

“The acquisition of this land marks a significant step towards achieving food self-sufficiency and economic growth for Ikorodu,” Adesina stated.

“By investing in agriculture, we aim to provide job opportunities and ensure that food products are sold at

more affordable prices.”

Adesina emphasized that the new agricultural project aligns with the local government's broader efforts to improve living standards and stimulate sustainable development in the community.

Following the announcement, the chairman received commendations from leaders and stakeholders for his visionary approach to leadership, particularly in creating employment opportunities and promoting productivity.

Former Ikorodu council chairman, Alhaji Junaid Owokodu, praised the

initiative, describing it as pivotal in boosting the local economy and enhancing the quality of life for residents.

“We commend Chairman Adesina for his foresight and dedication to the community,” Owokodu said. “His efforts in agriculture and wealth creation management are setting a new standard for local governance.”

The agricultural project is expected to play a crucial role in fostering economic growth and ensuring food security for the residents of Ikorodu.



Oriwu Model College Inaugurates Lara Narrow Way Education Foundation

By Nurudeen Adebayo

In a tribute to the late Mrs. Omolara Risikat Sobajo, the Lara Narrow Way Education Foundation was officially launched at Oriwu Model College, Ikorodu, her alma mater.

The event celebrated Mrs. Sobajo's vision and dedication to education, a commitment that continues through the foundation's mission to guide and inspire students and schools.

The ceremony drew numerous distinguished community leaders, including former Lagos Deputy Governor Prince Abiodun Ogunleye, GAC Member Asiwaju Olorunfunmi Basorun, Hon. Fatai Olukoga, Former Special Adviser on Education in Lagos, Hon. Ogunbela, Former Chairman, Ikorodu North, Dr. Saheed Ibikunle, Permanent Board Member of Basic Education, Mrs. Iyabo Elusakin, Principal of Oriwu Model College Ikorodu, Dr. Muritala Seriki, Lagos APC Youth Leader, Hon. Wasiu

Adesina, Chairman of Ikorodu LGA, and Bldr. Daini Olusesan, Igbogbo-Baiyeku LCDA council chairman.

Bldr. Adeola Banjo, Ikorodu North Council Boss, expressed deep gratitude to all attendees, highlighting the importance of the “Wisdom on Wall” project, a cornerstone initiative of the foundation established in honor of his late mother.

He shared that Mrs. Sobajo had envisioned creating an educational foundation to continue her legacy before her passing. Launching the project at Oriwu Model College, where Mrs. Sobajo completed her secondary education in 1968, holds significant sentimental value.

The “Wisdom on Wall” initiative features inspirational speeches by prominent individuals designed to mentor and guide students beyond the classroom. Bldr. Banjo emphasized the importance of holistic

guidance, urging students to pursue their education with vigor during their youth to secure a promising future.

Dr. Saheed Oladapo Ibikunle, Permanent Board Member of the Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board, lauded the foundation's efforts to inspire and motivate students, calling on other foundations and corporate bodies to support similar initiatives.

He emphasized that dedication and effort are crucial for achieving success, citing a poem by Joseph Folahan Ogunjo to illustrate his point.

Dr. Fatai Olukoga, Former Special Adviser on Education in Lagos State, praised the Lara Narrow Way Education Foundation for its significant contribution to the education sector. He highlighted the motivational impact of the “Wisdom on Wall” project and encouraged students to

integrate the inspirational messages into their daily lives and education, aiming for greater success and meaningful strides in their academic and

future careers.

Mrs. Iyabo Elusakin, Principal of Oriwu Senior Model College, expressed gratitude for the foundation's initiative, stating, “This initiative will greatly benefit the students in their learning.” She emphasized the positive impact the foundation will have on the students, enhancing their educational experiences and

providing valuable resources for their academic growth.

The event also featured a motivational address by Mr. Oluwu Babatunde Fatigua, CEO of the Wale Omole Foundation for Virtue and Ethics in Yoruba Culture. Mr. Fatigua engaged the students with an inspiring message, encouraging them to

remain dedicated to their pursuits for success, emphasizing the value of hard work and the pursuit of excellence.

The “Wisdom on Wall” project, dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Omolara Risikat Sobajo, aims to inspire and motivate students through the display of messages from influential figures, ensuring that wisdom and mentorship are ever-present in their educational journey.



Agboyi-Ketu 2025 : Oshinowo Says He Has No Preferred Aspirant

Kehinde Adeleye

The Chairman of Agboyi-Ketu Local Council Development Area, Mr. Dele Oshinowo, recently declared that he remains impartial and without a preferred candidate for the upcoming Local Government Elections in 2025.

During the monthly local government assembly of the All Progressives Congress, Oshinowo made these remarks to party adherents, emphasizing that fairness, equity, and inclusion of all members will be the

guiding principles in determining the next First Citizen of the LCDA.

Oshinowo advised the aspirants to refrain from indulging in underhanded politics and unethical tactics to secure their candidacy. He emphasized that success can be attained through principled and honest means, and that it is not necessary to engage in unsavory methods. The Chairman's message was clear: fair play and integrity should prevail in the election process for the Agboyi-Ketu LCDA.

In his address, Oshinowo urged the



aspirants to exhibit political maturity and good conduct in order to earn the support

and trust of party members in the selection process for the party's flag bearer.

Additionally, Mr. Sunday

Odekomaya, the Chairman of the Agboyi-Ketu APC, commended the council chairman

for transforming the LCDA into a hub of development and construction activity.

Odekomaya emphasized that the State Chapter of the APC has issued a directive that any nomination forms purchased by an aspirant cannot be refunded. As such, he encouraged the aspirants to carefully evaluate their acceptance among party members before making the payment for the forms.

The Chairman stressed that this policy is aimed at ensuring that the election process is transparent and that only serious, well-qualified candidates apply for nomination.

MUSHIN

Bamigboye Warns Traders To Obey To Market Rules

By Saheed Afolabi

Chairman of Mushin LG, Emmanuel Bamigboye has tasked the market traders to adhere strictly to rules and regulations guiding the smooth operations of the market.

The discussion centred on how the trading will be successful without hitch. The contractors emphasized more on hiked price in building

materials and promised to consider former market occupiers in fairness.

Bamigboye congratulated the marketers for starting their trading in the market despite facing tirades of issues before the market was reconstructed.

He further added that it is a plus to his administration and promised more markets will be constructed kn Mushin LG particularly

Ola and Idi-Oro Markets. He also promised other infrastructural projects.

Bamigboye has resisted streets trading in Mushin LG and warns that perpetrators will face severe punishment.

The traders promised to cooperate with the authority and adhere strictly towards the conditions attached to acquiring the market spaces.





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Failure To Act On Climate Adaptation Can Cost Lagos \$39 Billion by 2050-Dania

Kehinde Adeleye

Dr. Olayinka Dania, the Chief Resilience Officer at Lagos State Resilience Office, has shed light on how Lagos State is being affected by three major climate drivers, namely sea level rise, extreme heat, and extreme rainfall. Dr. Dania also discussed Lagos State's efforts to develop a climate adaptation and resilience plan to mitigate the impact of these climate changes.

During an exclusive news with Echoneews correspondent at the Balmoral Convention Centre in Ikeja, Dr. Olayinka Dania revealed that recent analysis has projected that Lagos could face severe damage, estimated at \$33 to \$39 billion, if no action is taken to address the impact of climate change. She highlighted the stark contrast between this projected loss and the annual budget of Lagos State, which is approximately 12 times smaller.

Dr. Dania emphasized the importance of implementing a wide range of climate adaptation projects, ranging from protective coastal infrastructure to improved waste management and water supply infrastructure. The primary objective of these projects, according to Dr. Dania, is to ensure that the critical infrastructure put in place by the government, including schools, hospitals, and homes, are protected from the adverse effects of climate change, such as flooding and inundation.

To achieve these ambitious projects, Dr. Dania estimated that a staggering sum of \$9 billion would be required. In addition to outlining the scope of the projects, Dr. Dania delved into the critical matter of financing the climate adaptation initiatives. She noted that her office has investigated various financing models and mechanisms that are available, including pre-visibility studies for some of the proposed projects.

She assured that her team is working tirelessly to secure the necessary funding to make these ambitious projects a reality.

Dr. Dania applauded the existing initiatives of the Lagos State government aimed at flood management, such as the renovation and rehabilitation of tertiary and secondary drainages. She further commended the government's efforts in sensitizing secondary school students, government workers, and artisans on the importance of waste management practices that reduce, reuse, and recycle waste, thereby preventing the blockage of drainage systems in the state.

Dr. Dania provided additional information about the "Leveraging Resilience For Lagos' Development Trajectory" program held, highlighting that the current resilience strategy was developed in February 2020 through an extensive and collaborative process. She said this process included engagement with various stakeholders, such as communities, individuals, businesses, civil society, organizations, and the private sector, ensuring that the strategy is reflective of the needs and concerns of all those affected.

Emphasizing the significance of the forum, Dr. Dania underscored the need to constantly re-evaluate the resilience strategy in light of the evolving nature of climate change. She stressed that the forum sought to identify emerging opportunities, threats, and mechanisms to address these threats. Additionally, the diverse perspectives of stakeholders were gathered to inform and improve state policies and initiatives, ensuring that the government's commitment to resilience is not just rhetorical but also evident in its actions. The Lagos State Commissioner for Budget

and Planning for Lagos State, Mr. Mosopefolu George, spoke highly of the Lagos Resilient Office, emphasizing its significance in the context of Lagos State's status as one of the largest metropolitan areas in Africa. He acknowledged the importance of having an office dedicated to resilience in Lagos, given its prominence and the challenges posed by climate change and other risks.

Mr. Mosopefolu George emphasized the vital role of the Lagos Resilient Office in safeguarding the well-being of the State in the face of a range of challenges, including climate change and public health crises.

The Commissioner specifically highlighted the COVID-19 pandemic as a recent example where the Resilient Office played a crucial role in helping Lagos State mitigate the spread of the virus and manage the shocks associated with being a megacity. He lauded Dr. Olayinka Dania and her team for their tireless efforts in ensuring the resilience of Lagos State.

According to the Honourable Commissioner, the forum was an invaluable opportunity for key stakeholders in the resilience field to come together and exchange ideas, learn from one another, and develop new strategies to enhance the resilience of Lagos State.

The Commissioner expressed his enthusiasm for events like these, explaining that they offer an excellent platform to reflect on the insights gained from previous gatherings and use those insights to improve the resilience development plan.

The Honourable Commissioner affirmed that the Lagos State government places great importance on accountability and transparency in its efforts to enhance the resilience of the State.

He emphasized that all initiatives undertaken by the State are intended to ultimately improve the



lives of Lagosians and stressed the importance of continuously evaluating and developing the resilience plan. In reference to the forum, he stated that one of the key expectations of Lagosians is a tangible demonstration of how the forum contributes to their overall well-being.

Kate Hughes, CEO of Resilient Water Accelerator, represented by an assistant, highlighted the critical importance of resilience in the sustainable development of cities, particularly in the context of water management.

Speaking at the Resilience Forum, Hughes emphasized the significance of resilience in a city like Lagos, which has a rapidly growing population and faces significant challenges, but also presents unique opportunities for innovative solutions and also underlined the pressing need for Lagos to strengthen its resilience to ensure its long-term sustainability.

Hughes emphasized the alignment of the Resilience Forum's objectives with those of the Alpha QA, highlighting the need for

sustainable city development with a focus on resilience and water management.

Hughes further noted that the economic benefits of resilience are significant. She cited that Lagos has the potential to reap economic benefits in excess of \$500 billion annually through sustainable water management, indicating the critical importance of resilience in achieving this goal.

Hughes underscored the need for private sector investment in water resilience, drawing a parallel with the telecom industry's success in attracting funding. She urged private sector players to recognize resilience as a crucial aspect of their businesses and make significant investments in enhancing resilience at the state level.

The CEO emphasized that private sector involvement and investment in resilience will be essential to address the challenges posed by climate change and other threats, particularly in the context of water management.

Dr. Ayo Teriba, the Chief Executive Officer of Economic Associates, identified two types of threats facing Lagos:

traditional threats that have been present for centuries, and new threats that the community needs to become familiar with in order to build resilience.

Joining the conversation, Dr. Adun Okupe, Executive Director of The Sahara Center, emphasized the importance of collaboration between the government, academia, and community in creating a resilient city. He underscored the need for carefully devised plans and patience in effecting change in the community.

The Lagos Resilience Forum brought together a diverse group of stakeholders, including experts, academics, youths, students, and persons with disabilities, to discuss and plan for a more resilient Lagos.

The forum ended with an inspiring call to action for all participants to work together to build a more sustainable and resilient city, showcasing the collective commitment of the community to overcome challenges and seize opportunities for the benefit of Lagos and its people.

Adigun Emerges Chairman Lagos NYCN Chapter

Kehinde Adeleye

The Lagos State Chapter of the National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN) elected its new executive members for the 2024-2028 period. Echoneews reports that the election was conducted under the watchful eye of Comrade Adekunle Saliu, Chairman of the Electoral Committee, with representatives from esteemed organizations, such as the DSS, Nigeria Police, State Ministry of Youth and Sport Development, Federal Ministry of Youth and Sport Development, and the S.A to President Bola Ahmed Tinubu on Youth and Student Matters, present during the election.

Comrade Adigun's extensive experience and remarkable leadership qualities make him the ideal candidate to steer the NYCN Lagos Chapter towards a prosperous future. Assisting him in this endeavour is the newly elected Deputy Chairman, Comrade Comfort Olafare, who brings a wealth of knowledge and dedication to her role. The vice-chairmanship positions have been filled by three exceptional individuals. Comrade Ahmed Kareem will serve as the Vice Chairman for Lagos Central, while Comrade



Asoro Abubakri and Comrade Aladeotan David will hold the positions of Vice Chairman for Lagos East and Lagos West, respectively. Their collective expertise and commitment to community development will undoubtedly contribute to the progress of the NYCN Lagos Chapter. Taking charge of the administrative responsibilities is Comrade Gbemisola Adeniyi, who has been elected as the General Secretary. Comrade Adeniyi's organizational skills

and attention to detail will ensure the smooth functioning of the NYCN Lagos Chapter. Assisting her as the Deputy Secretary is Comrade Rasheedat Adekola, who brings a strong work ethic and a passion for youth empowerment. The financial affairs of the chapter will be handled by Comrade Ogunbanwo Ibrahim as the Treasurer, supported by Comrade Titi Ajayi in the role of Financial Secretary. Their expertise in financial management will guarantee the proper allocation and utilization of resources for the benefit of the NYCN

Lagos Chapter. Enhancing the chapter's public image and communication will be the responsibility of Comrade Victor Adogbajale as the Public Relations Officer (PRO) and Comrade Choice Ukpai as the Assistant Public Relations Officer (PRO). Their exceptional communication skills and strategic thinking will ensure effective representation and engagement with various stakeholders. Comrade Tairat Balogun will take charge as the Social Secretary, responsible

for organizing vibrant and inclusive social events that foster a sense of unity and camaraderie among the youth. Comrade Akintobi Lekan Sodiq will serve as the Programmes Officer, working diligently to create impactful programs and initiatives that address the needs and aspirations of the youth. Assisting in these efforts is Comrade Basheer Martins, who has been elected as the Assistant Programmes Officer. The financial integrity and accountability of the NYCN Lagos Chapter will be overseen by Comrade Obalade Babajide in the role of Auditor. Comrade Babajide's meticulous

approach and attention to detail will ensure transparency in financial matters. Comrade Adeleke Aroyewun has been elected as the Legal Adviser, providing valuable legal guidance and expertise to the executive team. Furthermore, the organizational responsibilities for each geographical region within Lagos have been assigned to capable individuals. Comrade Habeeb Bakare will serve as the Organising Secretary for Lagos Central, Comrade Oladipupo Olaide Lateef for Lagos East, and Comrade Agbaje AbdulHakeem for Lagos West. Their local knowledge and grassroots connections will enable effective coordination and implementation of youth-related activities in their respective regions. The NYCN Lagos Chapter's new executive team is poised to make significant strides in youth development and empowerment over the next four years. With a diverse range of skills, expertise, and a shared vision for a better future, they are committed to creating opportunities and advocating for the rights and welfare of the youth in Lagos State.

Flooding: Salawu Charges Residents To Dispose Refuse Properly

By Saheed Afolabi



The chairman of Somolu LG, Abdulhamed Salawu has charged the residents of the community to dispose their refuse properly amidst the flooding experienced. The council chairman has called for calm and expressed his sympathies to the affected residents. He urged the community to be more conscious of their environment during the rainy season, particularly in regard to proper refuse disposal and avoiding the blockage of drainages. Salawu emphasized the importance of maintaining clear

drainage systems to prevent flooding and issued a stern warning to owners of buildings under construction. He stressed that building materials must not obstruct roads and drainage systems. "We hear your cry, we feel your pain. I urge everyone to stay calm and be vigilant about our environment. Proper disposal of refuse and keeping our drainages clear are essential actions we must all take." In light of the recent Cholera outbreak in Lagos State, the council boss announced that E

Officers would intensify their inspection and enforcement exercises in Somolu to ensure a safer community. "Our environmental health officers will be more rigorous in their duties to ensure a safer community, especially during this cholera outbreak." The chairman reassured residents that his administration is actively liaising with the Lagos State government to develop effective and long-lasting solutions to the flooding problem. "We are working closely with the Lagos State government to find the best ways to prevent future occurrences of such devastating flood."

SURULERE

Apatira Tasks Newly Inaugurated NYCN ExcOs To Prioritize Youth Welfare



By Saheed Afolabi

Chairman of Itire Ikate LCDA, Dr Ahmed Apatira has tasked the newly inaugurated National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN) Itire Ikate branch to prioritize youths welfare. Apatira, received the newly elected and inaugurated excOs of the NYCN on a courtesy visit at the council secretariat. The council boss congratulated the new executives, led by Comrade Ayodele John Oshodi, and tasked them to safeguard the youth constituency. Apatira charged the executives to prepare for the Year 2024 Lagos

State NYCN Congress and make a positive impact on the youth in Itire-Ikate. During the visit, the council chairman encouraged the new executives to be role models for other youth and wished them success in the upcoming NYCN Lagos State Chapter Year 2024 Congress. He also advised them to work together and prioritize the welfare of the youth in Itire-Ikate, promising his support and assistance. The visit ended with a sense of determination and commitment from the new executives to make a difference in the youth constituency.

As part of its preparations for a new phase of business transformation, the Board of Directors of Emerging Markets Telecommunication Services Limited (EMTS), operating as 9mobile, has announced the appointment of seasoned telecoms expert and technology business leader and advisor, Obafemi Banigbe as the Chief Executive Officer of the company.

He succeeds the outgoing CEO, Juergen Peschel, who will be retained as a Consultant to support the business transformation process initiated under his leadership.

This transition is consistent with 9mobile's tradition of business continuity to ease the start of the holistic business transformation for the company.

Banigbe possesses extensive experience at the C-suite level and brings a profound comprehension of the intricate African business landscape, emphasizing the critical translation of business objectives and commercial imperatives into comprehensive strategies that drive successful execution.

Banigbe commenced his career in the telecoms industry at Celtel now known as Airtel Nigeria as the Director of Operations, preceded by significant contributions at Ericsson across various roles within the Sub-Saharan Africa Market Unit, culminating in the esteemed role of Network Support Group Manager for Access and Transport Networks. He was previously the Chief Operations Officer at Millicom Ghana, charting the operational strategy for the business in Ghana. His journey within the Millicom Group spans pivotal positions such as Interim CEO and earlier responsibilities as Chief Technical Officer for Millicom Ghana and Millicom International Cellular Tanzania.

Banigbe's diverse international experience transverse countries

9mobile appoints Obafemi Banigbe as Chief Executive Officer

By Rasaq Adebayo

such as the United States and several African countries. He was previously the Managing Partner and Co-Founder at Silver Rock Technology Services Ghana, a strategic advisory firm specializing in the Telecom, Media, and Technology sectors. He also served as a Non-Executive Director at Amplitude Telecoms, a tower infrastructure provider in Nigeria.

As an Advisory Board member for Telecel Group, Banigbe played a pivotal role in guiding the group's successful acquisition of Vodafone Ghana.

He further enriches his

advisory portfolio by contributing insights to Nsano Group, a leading Fintech platform operating across multiple African countries, and previously lent his expertise to the Kirusa group in New Jersey, USA, providing invaluable guidance on product development and market entry strategies.

Board of EMTS (9mobile) said: "We are excited about the possibilities that lie ahead and the positive impact that Obafemi will have on shaping the future of 9mobile. He brings along the vision, passion and years of experience from diverse environments, which will consolidate our priorities to provide

superior customer experience and sustained network quality. Obafemi is expected to work closely with the Board of Directors and all stakeholders to define credible and achievable long-term business plans, through the introduction of solutions to address the evolving needs of the Nigerian telecommunication market.

"The Nigerian telecoms industry is characterized by strong competition, but it is also an industry that provides opportunities for different stakeholders. I am delighted to join the 9mobile family and I look forward to using my experience and unique



value propositions to lead the company in the next exciting phase of its journey. The goal is to build on the existing

foundation of the company to create value that will transform the Nigerian telecoms sector. Banigbe said."

Mid-Year: Tecno rewards customers

Winners have been emerging in the Tecno mid-year sales promo running till July 20 to reward its customers.

According to the firm, the promo is to appreciate its Nigerian customers and also serves as a palliative to cushion the effect of the economic hardship in the country.

A statement by the company read: "When you purchase any model from the TECNO CAMON 30 series, you will receive a CAMON Gift Box and even enjoy the convenience of Easybuy with a 0% interest rate. When you opt for the TECNO POVA 6 NEO, you get a N10,000 discount, a TECNO Accessory Gift, and the same 0% interest rate on Easybuy. And if the TECNO SPARK 20 is your choice, you

will be gifted with 15GB of free data from GENENIX and a headset. Likewise, purchasers of the TECNO POP 8 will receive 15GB of free data from GENENIX and a bottle of Power Oil.

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"That is not all; from June 28th, fourteen lucky customers each week will walk away with a food pack. This promo is all about exceptional offers that brighten your mid-year. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity. The



more you purchase, the greater your

chances of winning. For more information,

follow TECNO on Facebook, Instagram, and X".

Odi-olowo Ojuwoye LCDA Honours Nigeria U17 Coach, Olowookere

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Odi-olowo Ojuwoye LCDA, Mr Rasaan Ajala has lauded the success and achievements of Nigeria U17 head coach, Bankole Olowookere. The council boss said he's very proud of Olowookere because he's a product of the community who have gone to achieve success acclaim national and international accolades. Ajala said the Flamingos gaffer is a reputable ambassador of the land who will inspire and motivate the youths of Odi-olowo Ojuwoye and Mushin in general to embrace

noble professions. "It's a good development to welcome one of our own, a brother and a man that has been using his vantage position to turn the football world positively. To project Odi-olowo Ojuwoye LCDA and by extension Mushin to the World and to change the negative narrative about us out there that we are only synonymous to negativity. "With Coach Olowookere, you will agree with me that we have a lot of people in different spheres of life

that are making their mark and of course our brother have chosen to use football as a point of reference of what Mushin can do in that space. "It gladdens my heart to welcome him to his root and secretariat, I said his secretariat because we see him as an integral part of us. Like I told him, there's no way he can write his trajectory or his sojourn in this World without recourse to Ilupeju or Odi-olowo Ojuwoye or Mushin. He happens to be a product of public schools both his primary and secondary and the public schools were

been funded by the State and Local Government.

"This will inspire and motivate the youths to know that beyond

social vices, there are a lot of noble professions they can embrace that will contribute to their realization of their economic growth."

Olowookere believes in life everyone must have a root and he's delighted to be honored by his root where he started his humble beginnings.



Ayisat Yusuf-Aromire Launches Football Academy

By Saheed Afolabi



Academy officially launched at the Remo Stars stadium, Ikenne is all about supporting the girl child in the aspect

Nigeria legend, Ayisat Yusuf-Aromire has officially unveiled her football academy to cater for the girl child which will be based in Lagos.

The football academy was officially launched by the President of Remo Stars, Kunle Soname in Ikenne. The Nigeria former international described the Ayisat Yusuf Football Academy dear to her heart which will be centered on providing support to the

girl child. Yusuf said she's a ready to create a pathway of success for the young girls to achieve their dreams while staying determined to their career.

"I want to appreciate the founder of Remo Stars Football Club, Honorable Kunle Soname for his support, words of encouragement and motivation. I see him as a role model that has a strong passion for sport," she said "Ayisat Yusuf Football

of properly structured sport area.

"It's also about leveraging from the SheFootball to Ayisat Yusuf Football Academy which is for girls who are determined and ready to achieve their dreams through football.

"I am so happy to be the founder and I want to thank the noble ones that have been part of this and for the girls I want you to believe in yourself and trust in what you do, trust me the sky will be your starting point."

Soname Commends Ayisat Yusuf-Aromire On New Academy

By Saheed Afolabi

The founder and president of Remo Stars Football Club, Kunle Soname has commended Nigeria legend, Ayisat Yusuf-Aromire on the launching her new academy.

The Ayisat Yusuf Football Academy was formally inaugurated by Soname on Tuesday, July three at the Remo Stars stadium, Ikenne.

Soname is elated by

the decision of the Nigeria international to provide a platform for young promising women's football players in the country.

He advised the youngsters to draw inspiration from the achievements of Ayisat during her professional days and should stay focused on their career path.

"I'm really happy that one of our female football legend has decided to give back to the community," he said.

"She has been doing this

for a while and officially she's launching her football academy today and I'm really glad and can only wish her all the very best in this endeavor.


"We all know what Ayisat Yusuf did for the national team. She was an Olympian and played for the national team at all competitions.

"So I'm going to encourage this girls to emulate her and she was not just a footballer but a very good human being all round and we can see from what she's doing presently. She's receiving accolades from everywhere in the World. So I'm going to implore the young girls to emulate her and stay focused on what they are being trained to do and I wish them all the very best."





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