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Lagos on Alert, Not Under Siege — Police

By Kunle Awoshiyan

The Lagos State Police Command has moved to reassure residents amid growing anxiety over security concerns, insisting that there is no evidence of terrorist camps or insurgent operations within the state. Speaking against the backdrop of panic generated by viral social media posts and videos over the weekend, the Commissioner of Police, Tijani Fatai, urged residents to distinguish between verified security information and online speculation. Current public information suggests that fears circulating on social media are being driven largely by developments in neighbouring South-West states, particularly recent kidnappings and attacks in parts of Oyo State and other areas, rather than by confirmed security threats within Lagos.

The concern intensified following the abduction of teachers and pupils in Oyo State, where ransom demands reportedly raised fears that criminal groups displaced from other regions could be seeking new operational bases.

However, investigations by Echonews found no confirmed evidence of established terrorist camps or organised insurgent bases operating in Lagos State.

have, over time, uncovered criminal hideouts and black spots linked to kidnappers, armed robbers, drug traffickers and other criminal gangs across parts of the state. Security experts, however, stress that such criminal activities should not be confused with insurgency.

Earlier in 2026, police operatives uncovered an illegal detention facility linked to a cross-border criminal syndicate in Badagry, rescuing 24 victims. Security raids conducted in areas including Agboyi-Ketu, Alapere, Mile 12 and Victoria Island also led to the arrest of several suspected criminals, according to officers of the state Rapid Response Squad (RRS).

Security analysts note that Lagos remains a potential target for infiltration due to its economic importance, extensive coastline

and strategic location. They warn that sustained intelligence gathering and surveillance remain critical to preventing criminal or extremist networks from gaining a foothold. Recent reports of criminal groups operating from forested areas in parts of the South-West have further heightened public concern. In response, Lagos State deployed more than 100 forest guards to boundary communities in 2025 as part of preventive security measures. The state has also continued to invest heavily in security infrastructure.

While presenting modern crime-fighting equipment and protective gear to the Lagos State Police Command, Executive Secretary of the Lagos State Security Trust Fund (LSSTF), Dr. Ayo Ogunsan, said the intervention was designed to strengthen security operations and



Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu

improve policing across the state. According to him, the initiative reflects the government's commitment to enhancing security infrastructure and

ensuring officers are adequately equipped to respond to emerging threats. "The essence of this intervention is to ensure that our

security personnel are properly equipped to respond effectively to emerging threats and maintain public safety across Lagos," Ogunsan said.



Security agencies Commissioner of Police Tijani

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The state government and security agencies have also intensified intelligence gathering, expanded dedicated security tip lines, strengthened inter-agency collaboration and increased security operations across the state.

Independent security monitoring platforms indicate that reported security incidents in Lagos have generally declined compared to the previous year, although concerns about crime and kidnapping persist.

For Lagos, security efforts have largely focused on prevention.

Commander of the Rapid Response Squad, CSP Shola Jejeloye, said the state has installed more than 1,000 CCTV cameras while also strengthening neighbourhood security structures across communities.

Receiving 60 bulletproof vests, 60 ballistic helmets and a refurbished power bike from the LSSTF, Jejeloye described the intervention as timely and significant. "It will enhance response to emergencies and tackle criminal activities across the state. These ballistic helmets and bulletproof vests will go a long way in enhancing the safety and operational readiness of our officers in the discharge of their duties," he said.

Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu also reiterated the state's commitment to supporting security agencies through the



Presentation of bullet proof vest by LSSTF

Lagos State Security Trust Fund while encouraging residents to report suspicious activities through dedicated channels. Addressing growing concerns over insecurity across the country, the governor urged Nigerians not to allow political divisions or social media narratives to amplify fear.

"Every life lost is a tragedy. Every community threatened by violence deserves our solidarity, support and protection," he said. Sanwo-Olu stressed

that government alone could not defeat criminality without the cooperation of citizens.

"Without the support, cooperation, vigilance and active intelligence sharing by local communities, government efforts alone cannot solve the insecurity problem. Communities must remain alert. Citizens must continue to support lawful efforts aimed at protecting lives and property. Together, we can create a n

environment where criminal elements find no refuge and no support."

The governor said strengthening security architecture, improving intelligence gathering and dismantling criminal networks would require patience, determination and national unity.

He expressed confidence that Nigeria would overcome its security challenges.

"To our young people, I say: remain hopeful. To our families and communities, I say:

remain resilient. To those serving on the front lines of our nation's security efforts, I say: remain steadfast. And to every Nigerian, I say: keep faith with our country.

"This battle shall be won. Nigeria will prevail because the collective strength of our people is greater than the evil agenda of the few who are bent on making us live in fear and despair. Together, we will build a Nigeria safer within her communities and confident of her future."

LASDRI Opens Two More Training Centres

Lagos State Drivers Institute has opened two more training centres to cope with the surge in training needs of applicants. The two training annexes are located at Oshodi Isolo Local Government Secretariat, Oshodi and No 5 Adele Road, Off Warehouse Road, Apapa, Lagos. Speaking during the facility tour of the training centres, the General Manager of Lagos State Driver Institute (LASDRI), Mrs. Afusat Tihamiyu said that driving schools on the Apapa and

Oshodi axis of the state are essentially necessary for mastering dense, chaotic traffic, preventing accidents and navigating strict local regulations. These locations make a heavy demand on the institute to provide structured, comprehensive training that equips motorists with essential vehicle control skills, defensive driving techniques, and a thorough understanding of traffic laws. Tihamiyu explained that formal driving education would ensure drivers



understand all road signs, lane disciplines and traffic laws to avoid unnecessary impoundment or penalties, adding

that professional training equips drivers with the hazard perception and spatial awareness needed to maneuver safely

around massive articulated vehicles. She noted that Oshodi and Apapa remain a major transport and commercial

hub with heavy complex traffic, hence, it requires professional driving Instructors to teach drivers to anticipate erratic behaviours, safely navigate BRT lanes and manage aggressive "Danfo" drivers. Commenting on the structural design of the training facility, Director/Engineer Munirudeen Bajulaiye explained that each training facility was designed to accommodate about 25 trainees at a training session, besides an administrative and convenience apartment.

LASODA Supports 20 Disability Groups With N20m

The Lagos State Office for Disability Affairs (LASODA) has disbursed #20 million to 20 Disability groups to support advocacy and awareness campaigns ahead of the 2026 International Disability Day celebration. Speaking during the presentation held recently at the Alausa Secretariat, the General Manager, Adenike Oyetunde-Lawal, said the initiative reflects the Lagos State Government's continued commitment to protecting and promoting the

rights of persons with disabilities. In her words, "Today, each beneficiary group will receive one million naira to strengthen advocacy efforts and improve awareness of disability-related issues across the state." Beneficiaries of the support include the Lupus Foundation, the Dwarf Group, the Hearing-Impaired Cluster for the Deaf, and the Spinal Cord Injury Association Lagos, among others. She urged the groups to ensure that the funds are properly utilised for programmes that

will directly benefit their members and advance disability inclusion. The LASODA boss also reaffirmed the state government's dedication to

expanding opportunities for persons with disabilities in line with its broader social protection and inclusion agenda.

The beneficiary groups commended the Lagos State Government and LASODA for the support, noting that the

intervention would enhance their welfare programmes and strengthen outreach efforts within their communities.



Seven Years Anniversary: Sanwo-Olu Describes Journey As Shared Progress

The Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu has saluted Lagos residents for their support and encouragement in the last seven years of his administration.

In a statement issued on Friday by his Special Adviser, Media and Publicity, Mr. Gboyega Akosile, Governor Sanwo-Olu described the achievements recorded by the government as a journey of shared sacrifice, resilience, and collective progress.

He said: "Seven years ago, we began this journey with a clear vision to build a Greater Lagos that works for all. Today, I salute every Lagosian for the trust, patience, and partnership you have shown. Your support has been the bedrock of every milestone

we have achieved, from improved infrastructure and healthcare, to education reforms, urban mass transport systems, youth empowerment, and urban renewal projects across the five divisions of our state."

The Governor noted that despite global economic shocks, including the COVID-19 pandemic and other social issues, the administration has remained focused on delivering the THEMES+ Agenda for development.

Governor Sanwo-Olu further reaffirmed his commitment to completing all ongoing projects and initiating new ones that directly impact the lives of citizens.

"As we mark this seventh anniversary, I want to assure Lagosians that the best is yet to come. We will not rest on



Gov. Babajide Sanwo-Olu

our oars. We will do more in providing quality roads, affordable housing, reliable healthcare, world-class education, and a secure environment where businesses can thrive," he added.

The Governor urged residents to continue to support government policies and

initiatives aimed at sustainable development, while calling on the private sector and development partners to deepen collaboration with the state government.

The Governor applauded President Bola Tinubu, saying the Renewed Hope agenda of the president has been the

tonic for the success of Lagos in many areas such as infrastructure, health, education and empowerment.

He added that his administration has rendered accounts of his stewardship to Lagosians through the Ministerial press briefings held in the past one month, saying that "all our modest achievements in the past years have been presented to the good people of Lagos."

The Governor concluded by thanking civil servants, traditional rulers, religious leaders, community stakeholders, members and executives as well as leaders of the All Progressives Congress, APC for their contributions to the growth of Lagos over the past seven years.

Audit Service Commission Holds Sensitisation Programme

The Lagos State Audit Service Commission has organised a Sensitisation Programme for Statutorily Exiting Auditors as part of efforts aimed at preparing retiring officers for a seamless transition into post-service life.

Speaking at the programme held recently, in the Conference Room of the Audit Service Commission, Ivory Music House, CBD, Alausa, the Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Oluwakemi Amudat

Garbadeen-Adedeji, described retirement as a significant stage in the life of every public servant which requires adequate preparation, planning, and a positive mindset.

She stated that the sensitisation programme was designed to expose participants to critical areas and opportunities for productive engagement after retirement.

Mrs. Garbadeen-Adedeji commended the retiring auditors for their years of dedication,

professionalism, and commitment to duty, noting that their contributions have continued to strengthen accountability, transparency, and financial discipline within the Lagos State Public Service.

Additionally, she applauded the commitment of the Lagos State Government, under the leadership of Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu, to the welfare of public servants through various

initiatives and reforms aimed at ensuring workers retire with dignity and remain productive after active service.

She also appreciated the Head of Service, Mr. Bode Agoro for his invaluable guidance and continuous support towards staff development and capacity building in the Public Service.

Also speaking at the event, the Deputy Director, Discipline and Exit (D and E) Department, Mrs. Oluwale Gloria, had earlier welcomed the participants and appreciated them for honouring the invitation of the Commission.

She encouraged the participants to shun procrastination and hasten their retirement procedures so as to avoid delays and disappointment.

In his presentation, the facilitator of the programme, Mr. Olaegbe Abdul Akeem emphasised the importance of early retirement planning, prudent financial management, and

maintaining healthy lifestyles after retirement.

He urged participants to embrace retirement positively and avoid seeing it as the end of life's productivity, stressing that retirement offers opportunities for personal growth, entrepreneurship, mentorship, and community service.

He further explained the nuances of properly exiting the public service, as well as hurdles that might be encountered, and ways to overcome them.

The facilitator also enlightened participants on pension documentation processes and encouraged them to ensure proper record keeping and timely processing of retirement benefits to avoid unnecessary delays.

The programme featured questions-and-answers sessions, practical discussions, and professional guidance tailored towards equipping the statutorily existing auditors with the necessary tools for a rewarding retirement life.



Lagos Reviews Drug Access Expansion Programme

The Lagos State Government is strengthening healthcare delivery and improving access to quality medicines for Ilera Eko and Eko Social Health Alliance (EKOSHA) enrollees by reviewing the Drug Access Expansion (DAE) Programme.

The Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA), Dr. Emmanuella Zamba, in her opening remarks, during the Drug Access Expansion (DAE) Programme Review held recently at the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI), Alausa, Ikeja, said the Agency remains committed to making healthcare delivery more accessible, efficient and seamless for residents. She disclosed that, in April 2024, LASHMA conceived the DAE programme following recurring complaints from enrollees regarding the unavailability of prescribed medications and incomplete dispensing of drugs at healthcare facilities.

Dr. Zamba said that the DAE programme is a strategic intervention aimed at improving access to essential medicines and ensuring that enrollees receive complete, timely and uninterrupted pharmaceutical care under the ILERA EKO Health Insurance programme.

The Permanent Secretary revealed that in order for LASHMA to obtain direct feedback on the experiences of the enrollees under the DAE programme and monitor its impact, the Agency engaged an independent consultant six months after the commencement of the programme, conducted internal assessments and customer satisfaction surveys.

She pledged that the Agency would not relent in introducing strategies that would assist in improving



healthcare outcomes and enhancing patient satisfaction across the state. Dr. Zamba disclosed that Lagos State has continued to lead healthcare innovation and social health insurance implementation in Nigeria, adding that lessons from the Drug Access Expansion initiative could serve as a model for other states in the country.

While applauding providers' support, diligence and efficiency, Dr. Zamba said that community pharmacies and healthcare facilities remain key stakeholders in the success of the programme because of their direct engagement with patients and understanding of operational realities. She solicited more cooperation from the providers in order to ensure the sustainability of the Health Insurance Scheme and that Lagos State Government achieves Universal Health Coverage (UHC).

The Permanent Secretary implored community pharmacies to actively participate in the review meeting organised to critically assess the implementation of the programme and develop practical solutions to

improve operational efficiency, as well as ensure that enrollees have access to covered drugs without stress and paying out-of-pocket.

She opined that recommendations and practical insights from providers would play a critical role in redesigning the programme into a more effective, customer- and provider-friendly model.

She therefore assured providers that observations, suggestions and recommendations arising from the review meeting would be carefully considered and integrated into the ongoing reforms by the Agency aimed at strengthening the programme.

The Registrar, Pharmacy Council of Nigeria (PCN), Lagos Zonal Office, Pharm. Ibrahim Ahmed, commended LASHMA for its unwavering commitment towards strengthening access to quality healthcare services and improving medicine availability for enrollees in Lagos State.

The Registrar, represented by the Director, PCN, Pharm. Dr. Taiwo Filusi, applauded the integration of community pharmacies under the Ilera Eko

Healthcare delivery system, adding that the initiative, no doubt, would continue to improve accessibility, convenience and efficiency in pharmaceutical service delivery across the State.

The Registrar noted that the review meeting offered stakeholders an opportunity to assess progress made under the programme, identify challenges, share lessons learned and develop practical strategies for improved implementation and sustainability. He reaffirmed the Council's support for initiatives that would promote quality pharmaceutical practice, regulatory compliance, patient safety, and delivery of safe, effective and quality pharmaceutical services to the residents.

The Executive Secretary, Health Facility Monitoring and Accreditation Agency (HEFAMAA), Dr. Victoria Egunjobi, also applauded LASHMA for integrating community pharmacies into the social health insurance scheme and sustaining efforts towards improving healthcare delivery. She added that partnerships and collaborations among stakeholders remain critical

to ensuring access to quality healthcare services and safe medications for residents.

Dr. Egunjobi described the review meeting as a strategic platform to collectively evaluate the strengths and challenges of the programme. She expressed optimism that continued collaboration would further improve healthcare outcomes and patient satisfaction in Lagos State.

The Regional Manager, Southwest, Society for Family Health (SFH), Mrs. Jennifer Ladokun, on behalf of the partners that sponsored the review meeting, commended LASHMA for expanding access to affordable healthcare services and strengthening health insurance coverage through partnerships.

She reaffirmed the commitment of SFH and ACIOE Foundation to supporting Lagos State in achieving equitable healthcare access, stressing that collaborations among Government institutions, healthcare providers and development partners remain crucial to achieving improved health outcomes and advancing Universal Health Coverage.

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Prince Usman Akanbi Hamzat: Celebrating a Grassroots Leader on His Birthday

Today, June 8, residents of Ifako-ljaiye Local Government Area, political associates, community leaders, friends, and family members celebrate the Executive Chairman of Ifako-ljaiye Local Government, Prince Usman Akanbi Hamzat, on the occasion of his birthday. Widely known by his initials, UAH, Prince Hamzat has earned a reputation as a grassroots politician, community mobiliser, and public administrator whose leadership has been marked by a strong commitment to development and people-centred governance. As Chairman of one of Lagos State's most populous local government areas, he has consistently advocated policies aimed at improving infrastructure, enhancing community welfare, promoting education, supporting healthcare initiatives, and strengthening engagement between government and the people. Prince Hamzat's rise in public service reflects years of active involvement in community development and political organisation. Associates describe him as a leader who believes in teamwork, transparency, innovation, and inclusive governance, qualities that have endeared him to many residents across Ifako, Ogba, Iju-Ishaga, Oke-Ira, Obawole, and other communities within the local government. Since assuming office as



Prince Usman Akanbi Hamzat

Executive Chairman, his administration has embarked on programmes and initiatives designed to improve service delivery and strengthen local governance. Under his leadership, the council has maintained active engagement with stakeholders, community groups, professional bodies, religious organisations, and development partners in pursuit of sustainable growth and development. Beyond governance, Prince Hamzat is known for promoting unity, peaceful coexistence, and social harmony

among residents. Through his public messages and community engagements, he has consistently encouraged collaboration, religious tolerance, and collective responsibility towards the development of Ifako-ljaiye. Many political observers also acknowledge his efforts in nurturing young leaders and supporting community-driven initiatives. His administration has maintained close interaction with traditional institutions, market associations, youth groups, and

other stakeholders to ensure that governance remains responsive to the needs of the people. As he marks another birthday today, tributes continue to pour in from across Lagos State, with many describing him as a dedicated public servant whose leadership has contributed to the growth and development of Ifako-ljaiye Local Government. For residents and well-wishers, the occasion offers an opportunity to celebrate a leader whose public service journey has been defined by

commitment to community development, inclusive governance, and the pursuit of a better future for the people. As family, friends, political associates, and residents celebrate Prince Usman Akanbi Hamzat, they also pray for good health, wisdom, and greater accomplishments in the years ahead. Happy Birthday to Prince Usman Akanbi Hamzat, Executive Chairman of Ifako-ljaiye Local Government. May the new year bring continued success and impactful service to humanity.

Hon. Akeem Olalekan Dauda at 54: Celebrating a Grassroots Leader and Administrator

On Sunday June 17, 2026, family members, political associates, friends, and residents of Ikeja Local Government join in celebrating the Executive Chairman of Ikeja Local Government, Hon. Akeem Olalekan Dauda, as he marks his 54th birthday. Popularly known as AKOD, Hon. Dauda has over the years distinguished himself as a committed grassroots politician, administrator, and community development advocate whose public service journey has spanned both the private and public sectors. Born on June 7, 1972, Dauda's educational pursuit took him through Emmanuel Anglican Primary School and Isonyi Grammar School before proceeding to the Federal Polytechnic, Ilaro, where he obtained his National Diploma and Higher National Diploma. His quest for knowledge later earned him a degree in International Relations and Strategic Studies from Lagos State University and a Master's degree in Business Administration from Ladoké Akintola University of Technology. His career began in the private sector, where he worked with Solatek Nigeria Limited before serving as Executive Director of Datkeem Ventures Nigeria Limited. However, his passion for public



Hon. Akeem Olalekan Dauda at 54:

service and grassroots mobilization eventually drew him into active politics and governance. Dauda's political trajectory reflects years of dedication to party organisation and community engagement. He served in various capacities, including Ward Chairman, Youth Leader, Secretary to Ikeja Local Government, and Chairman of Scribes 57, the association of Local Government and Local Council Development Area Secretaries in Lagos State. As Executive Chairman of Ikeja Local

Government, he has continued to champion initiatives aimed at improving the lives of residents through infrastructure development, environmental sustainability, educational support programmes, healthcare interventions, youth empowerment schemes, and community-driven governance. Under his leadership, several developmental projects have been executed, while efforts have been intensified to strengthen citizen participation in governance and

promote transparency in public administration. Beyond politics and governance, associates describe him as a bridge-builder whose leadership style emphasises inclusiveness, accountability, and service to the people. As he celebrates another year today, tributes continue to pour in from political leaders, community stakeholders, colleagues, and residents who commend his contributions to the development of Ikeja and Lagos State. For

many, Hon. Akeem Olalekan Dauda's birthday is not only a celebration of age but also an opportunity to reflect on a career dedicated to grassroots development, public service, and the pursuit of a better society. As family, friends, and well-wishers celebrate him, they also express hopes for greater accomplishments and continued service to humanity in the years ahead. Happy birthday to Hon. Akeem Olalekan Dauda and best wishes for continued success in public service.

Abiru Donates N15m for RHA Secretariat in Ikorodu

By Emmanuel Daniji



The Senator representing Lagos East Senatorial District, Senator Mukhail Adetokunbo Abiru, has donated N15 million towards the furnishing and equipping of the Renewed Hope Ambassadors (RHA) Secretariat in Ikorodu Federal Constituency. The donation is expected to strengthen grassroots political mobilisation and

support activities of the Renewed Hope movement in the constituency ahead of future political engagements. According to the group, the intervention underscores Senator Abiru's commitment to promoting the Renewed Hope agenda and supporting the re-election project of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu through effective grassroots organisation. The

senator's support is also seen as a vote of confidence in the leadership of Mr. Tayo Akinmade Ayinde, the Lagos State Ambassador of the Renewed Hope Ambassadors, whose efforts have continued to drive the expansion of the movement across the state. The N15 million donation will be used to furnish the secretariat with modern facilities, including air conditioners, office

furniture, executive chairs, conference room equipment, workstations and other administrative tools needed for smooth operations. The secretariat, located at No. 27 Olubi Street, off Ayangburen Road, near Ikorodu Town Hall, occupies the Odesanya/Ogbe family house and is strategically positioned within the heart of Ikorodu for easy access by members, volunteers,

stakeholders and supporters. Observers believe the facility will serve as a major hub for political coordination, stakeholder engagement, voter education, volunteer management and grassroots mobilisation across the federal constituency. Reacting to the donation, Comrade Japheth described Senator Abiru's gesture as a demonstration of leadership and

commitment to the Renewed Hope movement. He expressed appreciation on behalf of members of the organisation, noting that the group remained grateful for the senator's support. "Senator Abiru has demonstrated leadership and responsibility. He is doing good and we appreciate his loyalty to the Renewed Hope agenda and the Nigerian people," he said. Japheth also acknowledged the contributions of other supporters who have assisted the movement's activities across Ikorodu Division. He listed them as Hon. Gbolahan Ogunleye, Hon. Abdul Olugbenga Shittu, Mr. Lateef Odugbemi, Chief Executive Officer of Latodus Ventures, Mr. Igbasan (Agali), Lagos State Coordinator of the Joint Task Force (JTF), and Dr. Taiwo Hassan, Chief Medical Director of Ikorodu General Hospital, among others. He further disclosed that notable political leaders, including Hon. Babajimi Benson and Hon. Aro Moshood Abiodun, have also indicated interest in supporting the Renewed Hope agenda in Ikorodu and beyond. According to him, the growing support from political leaders and stakeholders is expected to further strengthen grassroots engagement and community participation within the constituency.

Imota Chairman Moves to Calm Fears After School Kidnap Rumour

By Emmanuel Daniji

The Chairman of Imota Local Council Development Area, Hon. Sunday Benson, on Wednesday visited UNA Primary School, Oke-Agbo, to reassure pupils, teachers and parents following panic triggered by a false report alleging that two pupils had been beheaded in the school. The visit came days after a local radio station broadcast the claim, leading to widespread fear within the community and prompting many parents to withdraw their children from the school. Although the station later retracted the report and apologised to residents and council authorities, the impact of the misinformation lingered, with many pupils yet to return to classes and school activities disrupted by anxiety among staff, students and parents. To restore confidence, Benson led a delegation comprising the Vice Chairman, Princess Abisoye Omowunmi Jimoh; Secretary to the Local Government, Hon. Mohammed Fagbesan; and Leader of the Legislative Arm, Hon. Oluwale Adeshina, on an assessment visit to the school. The council officials held an interactive meeting with parents, teachers,



community leaders and pupils on the school premises, addressing concerns over rumours of suspected kidnapping activities circulating within the Oke-Agbo community. Speaking during the meeting, Benson urged residents to remain calm and avoid spreading unverified information capable of causing unnecessary panic. "We understand the fears of every parent gathered here today. The safety of our children is a sacred trust. However, we must not allow unverified rumours and fear-mongering to disrupt the education of our youth or the peace of

the Oke-Agbo community. We are here to assure you that our government is fully awake to its responsibilities," he said. The council chairman cautioned parents against keeping their children away from school based on rumours, warning that prolonged absence could negatively affect their academic performance, particularly as the third term progresses. "Imota remains a land of peace, and we will not allow the fear of the unknown to hold our children's future or our community's peace hostage," he added. As part of measures to strengthen security around the school,

Benson announced plans to construct a perimeter fence at UNA Primary School to prevent unauthorised access and improve the safety of pupils and staff. He also disclosed that the council would seek approval from the Lagos State Government for the deployment of officers of the Lagos State Neighbourhood Safety Corps to provide daily security coverage at the school. According to him, communication and collaboration among traditional rulers, youth leaders and security agencies would also be strengthened to enhance intelligence gathering and ensure swift responses to security concerns. The chairman further appealed to parents, especially mothers, to

maintain orderly drop-off and pick-up routines to improve crowd control and security within the school environment. Benson stressed that tackling insecurity requires collective responsibility and urged residents to report suspicious activities to security agencies while relying only on verified information from official sources. Speaking on behalf of parents, Chairman of the School Parents' Forum, Rev. Nnamdi Jason, commended the council chairman for his prompt intervention and direct engagement with stakeholders. He urged parents not to allow fear keep their children away from

school and appealed for the deployment of permanent security personnel as well as the construction of a perimeter fence to strengthen security around the school. Jason also called on residents to cooperate with security agencies, noting that ensuring the safety of children is a shared responsibility. In her remarks, the Head Teacher of UNA Primary School, Mrs. Funmilola Olowookere, thanked the council chairman and his team for their visit and reassurances. She echoed calls for improved security infrastructure and urged parents and community members to refrain from spreading unverified information capable of creating panic. Olowookere disclosed that the school would formally present its security and infrastructural needs to relevant education authorities and the Imota LCDA administration for urgent attention. The visit highlighted the council's efforts to address security concerns through community engagement, preventive measures and collaboration with stakeholders while ensuring that teaching and learning continue without disruption.

BBNaija Star, DeeOne Emerges, BOOT Party Candidate for Lagos Assembly Seat

By Emmanuel Daniji



Popular comedian and former Big Brother Naija housemate, Aderombi Adedayo Martins, popularly known as DeeOne, has emerged as the Lagos State House of Assembly candidate for Ibeju-Lekki Constituency I ahead of the 2027 general election. DeeOne secured the ticket of

the BOOT Party after emerging victorious in the party's primary election, positioning him as one of the early contenders for the state legislative seat. The entertainer announced his emergence in a post shared on his social media page on Wednesday, expressing appreciation to party members for

entrusting him with the mandate. "I want to thank my party, BOOT Party, for the confidence in voting for me to emerge the winner of the primary election for Ibeju-Lekki Constituency I," he stated. Addressing residents of the constituency, the comedian promised to prioritise service and accountability if elected into office. "To

Ibeju-Lekki Constituency I, come 2027, by the grace of God, I will be your worker and not your boss," he said. His emergence adds to the growing list of Nigerian entertainers seeking elective positions as preparations gradually begin for the 2027 general elections. Political observers say

DeeOne's popularity in the entertainment industry could attract attention to the race, although he is expected to face stiff competition as major political parties begin their selection processes. The contest for the Ibeju-Lekki Constituency I seat in the Lagos State House of Assembly is expected to generate significant interest

given the rapid growth and economic importance of the Ibeju-Lekki axis, which hosts several strategic infrastructure and industrial projects. With the election still months away, stakeholders will be watching closely to see how the comedian-turned-politician translates his public profile into grassroots political support within the constituency.

Lagos Tops Nigeria's Governance Ranking, Earns Only Five-Star Rating

Lagos State has emerged as Nigeria's highest-performing state, earning the only five-star rating in the 2025 Phillips Consulting State Performance Index (pSPI), a comprehensive assessment of governance and development outcomes across the country. The annual ranking, conducted by Phillips Consulting, evaluated all 36 states and the Federal Capital Territory using key indicators such as fiscal management, economic growth, infrastructure, healthcare, education, governance, environmental sustainability and digital access. According to the report, Lagos State was the sole state to attain the elite five-star category, receiving an "exceptional" performance rating and emerging as the best-performing subnational government in the country. The report placed Ogun State, Kaduna State, Adamawa State and Niger State in the four-star category, reflecting strong performances across several development indicators. However, none matched Lagos



By Emmanuel Daniji

in governance effectiveness, economic resilience and public service delivery. The latest ranking further strengthens Lagos' reputation as Nigeria's economic hub and underscores the impact of sustained investments in infrastructure, transportation, technology, urban renewal and institutional reforms over the years. According to Phillips Consulting, Lagos distinguished itself through exceptional performance in internally generated revenue, infrastructure expansion, private-sector growth and

efficient public service delivery. The report highlighted the state's significant lead in revenue generation, describing it as a critical indicator of fiscal sustainability and governmental capacity. Analysts noted that Lagos' strategic position as Nigeria's commercial and financial capital continues to give it a competitive edge. Its extensive transportation network, thriving business environment, seaport infrastructure and concentration of private enterprises were identified as major contributors to its top ranking. The state also received commendation for its progress in innovation

and digital transformation. The report stated that technology-driven governance reforms and digital service delivery initiatives have improved transparency, operational efficiency and citizen engagement. Unlike many states that rely heavily on monthly federal allocations, Lagos has consistently demonstrated a strong ability to generate and utilise local resources to fund development projects and expand public services. This financial independence, according to the report, played a major role in its emergence as the country's only five-star state. The 2025

State Performance Index adopted a methodology that assigned 70 per cent weight to objective development indicators and 30 per cent to citizens' perception scores. Nearly 10,000 respondents participated in the survey, providing insights into public confidence in governance and service delivery across Nigeria. Observers say the ranking reflects not only Lagos' economic strength but also the effectiveness of governance structures established and strengthened by successive administrations. The report further revealed a wider performance

gap between Lagos and its closest competitors compared to previous editions of the index, with no other state attaining the coveted five-star status. While Ogun retained its position as one of Nigeria's leading industrial centres, Kaduna, Adamawa and Niger recorded notable improvements that earned them four-star ratings, indicating growing competitiveness among top-performing states. Phillips Consulting explained that the objective of the index extends beyond ranking states, describing it as a governance tool designed to help policymakers identify performance gaps, benchmark progress and implement evidence-based reforms. With its emergence as the nation's only five-star state in the 2025 State Performance Index, Lagos has once again reinforced its status as Nigeria's benchmark for governance, economic development and public-sector performance, setting a standard for other states seeking to accelerate growth and improve the quality of life of their residents.

Nigeria's Capital Inflows Surge 83% in Q1, Says NBS

Nigeria attracted a total of \$10.37 billion in capital importation during the first quarter of 2026, representing an impressive 83.83 per cent increase compared to the \$5.64 billion recorded in the corresponding period of 2025, according to the latest report released by the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS).

The report highlights a strong rebound in foreign capital inflows into Africa's largest economy, signalling renewed investor confidence amid ongoing economic reforms and improved activity in the nation's financial markets. Beyond the year-on-year growth, capital importation also rose by 60.97 per cent when compared with the \$6.44 billion recorded in the fourth quarter of 2025.

Analysts say the surge reflects increasing participation by foreign investors, particularly in portfolio

investments, which have remained the dominant source of capital inflows into Nigeria in recent quarters. Previous NBS reports showed that portfolio investments accounted for the bulk of capital imported into the country throughout 2025, while foreign direct investment (FDI) remained comparatively low.

The latest figures

continue a trend that gathered momentum throughout 2025. NBS data indicate that total capital importation into Nigeria rose by nearly 89 per cent in 2025, reaching \$23.21 billion compared to \$12.31 billion in 2024, marking the highest level recorded in several years.

Economic observers believe the increase in foreign capital inflows is linked to

policy measures aimed at stabilising the foreign exchange market, improving investor confidence, and creating a more attractive environment for international investors. The strengthening of Nigeria's financial sector and continued interest in government securities have also contributed to the rise in capital inflows.

While the growth

in capital importation is widely seen as a positive development, experts have cautioned that a significant share of the inflows remains concentrated in short-term portfolio investments rather than long-term productive investments. They argue that sustained economic growth will require stronger foreign direct investment in key sectors such as

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manufacturing, infrastructure, agriculture, and technology.

The NBS report is expected to be closely monitored by investors, policymakers, and businesses as an indicator of Nigeria's economic outlook and its ability to attract foreign capital in an increasingly competitive global investment environment.



Nigeria Unveils Africa's First AI-Powered PR Intelligence Platform

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Nigeria has positioned itself at the forefront of Africa's communications technology revolution with the launch of AGENTPR, a groundbreaking artificial intelligence-driven platform set to redefine public relations, media intelligence, and reputation management across the continent.

Unveiled in Lagos by communications strategist and founder of Cihan Media Group, Celestine Achi, AGENTPR is being hailed as Africa's first agentic PR and media intelligence platform. The innovation marks a shift from conventional media monitoring to a more sophisticated system capable of delivering real-time insights, predictive analysis, and strategic intelligence for organizations navigating today's fast-paced information landscape.

Speaking at the launch, Achi



emphasised that the communications industry has entered a new era where tracking media mentions alone is no longer sufficient. According to him, modern organisations require deeper intelligence that can uncover emerging narratives, identify potential risks, and provide actionable recommendations before issues escalate.

Unlike traditional monitoring tools, AGENTPR deploys a network of autonomous AI agents that continuously scan digital ecosystems, including news websites, social

media platforms, broadcast channels, online forums, and other information sources. The platform analyses conversations and trends in real time, offering services such as sentiment analysis, stakeholder mapping, crisis detection, reputation risk assessment, narrative tracking, trust measurement, and executive intelligence reporting.

The launch comes at a critical moment for businesses, governments, and institutions facing an increasingly complex communications environment shaped by rapid

news cycles, AI-generated content, and heightened public scrutiny. Many organisations across Africa still depend on manual monitoring methods and reactive communication strategies, creating a growing demand for tools that can anticipate challenges before they develop into full-scale crises.

One of AGENTPR's standout features is its focus on Africa's unique media and cultural landscape. Built to understand local languages, regional conversations, and cultural

contexts often missed by global monitoring solutions, the platform aims to provide a more accurate picture of public sentiment and stakeholder perceptions across diverse African markets.

The introduction of AGENTPR also reflects the global rise of agentic AI—advanced systems capable of performing complex tasks, analysing vast amounts of information, and generating strategic recommendations with minimal human intervention. As organisations increasingly embrace AI-powered decision-making, the

platform positions Africa within a rapidly evolving technological movement.

For Nigeria's growing technology and communications sectors, the launch represents another milestone in the country's ambition to become a leading hub for artificial intelligence innovation. Industry experts believe AGENTPR could transform how brands, public institutions, corporations, and communication professionals manage reputation, monitor public opinion, and respond to emerging challenges in an increasingly data-driven world.

As AGENTPR begins operations, attention will turn to how effectively it helps organisations detect risks early, decode shifting public narratives, and transform complex streams of media data into valuable intelligence that drives better decisions and stronger stakeholder engagement.

Folawiyo Vows Enhanced Security Collaboration With Police

By Saheed Afolabi

The Chairman of Lagos Island East Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Dr. Muibi Folawiyo, has reaffirmed his administration's commitment to protecting lives and property through proactive governance and strengthened security partnerships. Dr. Folawiyo made the declaration following a courtesy visit by CP Ayilara Olukayode of the Southwest Anti-Terrorism and Anti-Crime Squad (SWAT) to his office. In a statement, the Chairman emphasized that safeguarding residents remains a top priority of his government. "Proactive governance to protect lives and property is a primary

responsibility of my government, often demonstrated through strengthened security measures, infrastructure rehabilitation and community engagement," he said. He further reiterated his administration's

resolve to maintain peace across the council area. "My Lagos Island East LCDA Government reiterated its resolve to continue to protect lives and property across the council area. My administration continues to strengthen peace, enhance security and ensure that no one is left behind on the path of

progress." Dr. Folawiyo disclosed that the meeting with the SWAT Commander was productive, focusing on improving security architecture in the area, especially in light of recent skirmishes in some parts of the local council. "CP Ayilara Olukayode of SWAT made a courtesy call to my office. We had a fruitful discussion and promised to work together in enhancing the security situation in our local council by prompt and timely intervention by the law enforcement officers, having in mind the recent skirmishes in some parts of the local council," he added. The collaboration is expected to result in faster response times by security operatives and a more coordinated approach to tackling security challenges in the historic Lagos Island axis.





Oyekan Pushes For Cleaner Environment, Better Sanitation

The Chairman of Lagos Island Local Government, Prince Taiwo Oyekan has reiterated his administration's commitment to environmental sustainability, improved hygiene, and public

health. Prince Oyekan stated that his government is determined to champion a cleaner and

healthier environment across the council area. He urged residents and traders to play their part by

maintaining cleanliness and disposing of refuse in a proper and responsible manner. To tackle

potential flooding, the chairman directed the immediate desilting of drainage systems and the prompt evacuation of waste across the local government. He also called on community leaders and Community Development Associations (CDAs) to work closely with the council authorities to ensure cleaner, safer, and more habitable communities. Reacting to these initiatives, the Chairman of Obankose (Oluwole/Folawiyo Quarters/Lagos Central Mosque) Community Development Association, Prince Lateef Adele, commended Prince Oyekan for his environmental sanitation and community regeneration efforts. Meanwhile, the council chairman personally inspected two ongoing road construction projects at Issa Williams Street and Tajudeen Olusi Street to assess the level of progress and ensure quality delivery.

Balogun Strengthens Environmental Clean-Up Exercise in Egbe-Idimu

Kehinde Adeleye

In line with the popular saying that cleanliness is next to godliness, the Executive Chairman of Egbe-Idimu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Dr. Prince Idris Balogun (Oluomo Kaafata), has intensified environmental sanitation efforts across the council area through the evacuation of refuse and other waste materials in communities within the LCDA. The initiative is aimed at ensuring a cleaner, healthier and safer environment for residents, while also promoting environmental sustainability and improved public hygiene across Egbe-Idimu LCDA. The chairman's ongoing commitment to environmental cleanliness reflects his administration's determination to create a conducive atmosphere for healthy living, prevent

environmental hazards and enhance the aesthetic appeal of communities within the council

area. Residents have also been encouraged to support the government's sanitation drive by maintaining proper

waste disposal practices and adhering to environmental hygiene standards for the collective

development of the LCDA. The administration reiterated that sustained environmental

cleanliness remains a shared responsibility between the government and residents.



Igando-Ikotun Chairman Swears In New Supervisors

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The Chairman of Igando-Ikotun Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Snr. Comr. Lasisi Ayinde Akinsanya, has sworn in three newly appointed Supervisors as part of efforts to strengthen governance and improve service delivery within the council. The ceremony, held at the Council Secretariat, featured the formal

inauguration of the immediate past Secretary to the Local Government (SLG) and former Supervisor for Education, Comr. Alani Babatunde Kazeem, as Supervisor for Establishment. Also sworn in were Hon. Akinlorin Akinola Samuel as Supervisor for Industrialization and immediate past Special Adviser for Civic Engagement and Tourism, Hon. Bukola Soaga Bada, as

Supervisor for Natural Resources. Speaking at the event, Akinsanya congratulated the appointees and described their new roles as a call to greater responsibility and dedication to public service. He urged them to approach their assignments with integrity, commitment and a strong focus on delivering developmental projects that would benefit residents of Igando-Ikotun

LCDA.

The chairman also emphasized the importance of teamwork and accountability in governance, noting that the success of his administration depends on the collective efforts of political office holders and council staff. He further charged the new supervisors to justify the confidence reposed in them by ensuring effective and efficient service

delivery in their respective departments. In their responses, the newly sworn-in supervisors expressed appreciation to the chairman and the leadership of the All Progressives Congress (APC) for the opportunity to serve. They pledged their loyalty to the administration and promised to work diligently towards the development of the council and

the welfare of residents. The ceremony was attended by key officials, including the Secretary to the Local Government, Hon. Mojisola Ayinke Badmus; Leader of the Legislative House, Hon. Tajudeen Olorunfemi; members of the Legislative Arm; council management; political office holders; party leaders; and other stakeholders.



Akinpelu Reaffirms Commitment to Cleaner, Healthier Alimosho

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The Chairman of Alimosho Local Government, Hon. Akinpelu Ibrahim Johnson, has applauded residents for their impressive participation and compliance during the monthly environmental sanitation exercise held across the council area last month.

The chairman, who led the exercise alongside members of the council management team, government officials, traditional rulers, community stakeholders, and volunteers, described the turnout as a strong demonstration of residents' commitment to environmental cleanliness and public health.

The sanitation exercise attracted several dignitaries, including the Wife of the Lagos State Governor, Dr. (Mrs.) Claudiana Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu, and the Lagos State Commissioner for the Environment and Water Resources, Mr. Tokunbo Wahab.

Also present was Hon. Luqman Orelupe, representing Alimosho Constituency I in the Lagos State House of Assembly.

Other participants included top officials of the Lagos State Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources, among them the Permanent Secretary, Office of Environmental Services, Dr. Gaji Omobolaji Tajudeen, and the Permanent Secretary, Office of Drainage Services and Water Resources, Engr. Mahamood O. Adegbite.

Traditional rulers from across the local government area also joined the exercise. They included the Elegbeda of Elegbeda Kingdom, Oba Ahmed Omogoriola Laka I; the Onishasha of Shasha Kingdom, Oba Nosiru Babatunde Ogunronbi; and the Alaye of Orisunbare, Oba Rafiu Adebowale. The clean-up



campaign further witnessed active participation from members of the Committee of Wives of Lagos State Officials (COWLSO), the Medical Women's Association of Nigeria (MWAN), students from various secondary schools, community-based organisations, and

residents.

Speaking during the exercise, Hon. Akinpelu commended residents for embracing environmental responsibility and supporting government efforts aimed at maintaining a cleaner, healthier, and safer Alimosho.

He stressed that

environmental sanitation should not be limited to monthly exercises, urging residents to make cleanliness a daily habit.

According to him, a clean environment remains essential for preventing disease outbreaks, improving public health, and enhancing the overall quality of life

of residents.

The chairman reaffirmed his administration's commitment to environmental sustainability, proper waste management, and continuous public awareness campaigns on hygiene and environmental protection.

The sanitation exercise forms part of ongoing efforts by the Lagos State Government and Alimosho Local Government to promote environmental consciousness, strengthen community participation, and ensure cleaner, healthier, and flood-free neighbourhoods.

Residents who participated in the exercise described it as impactful and praised the local government for providing effective leadership in mobilising stakeholders towards a cleaner and more sustainable environment.

Fake News Can Trigger Crisis and Fear, Akinpelu Cautions Residents

Kehinde Adeleye



Fake news and false security alarms have become a growing threat to public safety and social harmony, Chairman of Alimosho Local Government, Hon. Akinpelu Ibrahim Johnson, has warned.

Speaking during the council's monthly Peace and Security Meeting, Akinpelu expressed concern over the increasing circulation of misleading information, particularly old videos of violent

incidents from other countries or previous years being shared as current events.

According to him, such actions are capable of creating unnecessary fear, panic and tension within communities.

"It is becoming a disturbing trend for some people to raise false alarms by sharing unverified and misleading information, especially videos of incidents that occurred years

ago or in other countries, and presenting them as recent events. This act is irresponsible, dangerous and capable of causing unnecessary panic," he said.

The chairman, however, thanked God, security agencies and other stakeholders for ensuring a peaceful and hitch-free Eid-ul-Kabir celebration across the local government area. He called on Community Development

Associations (CDAs), the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), and the League of Imams to educate their members on the dangers of spreading unverified information. He also urged the National Orientation Agency (NOA) to intensify public awareness campaigns against misinformation.

Akinpelu noted that fake news has contributed to ethnic tensions in some parts of the country, stressing the need for proactive measures to address the menace.

He also renewed concerns over the activities of scavengers operating within communities, alleging that some have been linked to criminal acts. The chairman urged residents and community leaders to prevent scavengers from gaining access to their neighbourhoods, noting that

licensed Private Sector Participation (PSP) operators are already responsible for waste management services.

Speaking at the meeting, the Legal Officer of Alimosho Local Government, Mr. Taiwo Olayinka, commended the council's efforts in tackling security challenges. He disclosed that "Operation Flush" had been established to rid the area of criminal elements and proposed the creation of a 10-man vigilante team to support existing security agencies.

However, the Divisional Police Officer of Afonka Police Station, CSP O.A. Ojajumi, stressed that effective security depends largely on community participation and the timely sharing of useful information with law enforcement agencies.

Also contributing, the Onishasha of Shasha, Oba Nosiru Babatunde Ogunronbi, advocated stronger collaboration among landlords,

Community Development Associations and Community Development Committees in addressing security concerns.

The monarch stated that some cart pushers and scavengers had been implicated in criminal activities, including theft, and called for collective action to tackle the problem.

The meeting further addressed complaints against estate agents accused of imposing excessive and arbitrary charges on residents. The council disclosed that it is working with the Lagos State Real Estate Regulatory Authority (LASRERA) to ensure proper registration and regulation of estate agents operating within the area.

Stakeholders agreed that any estate agent found violating existing regulations would be prosecuted in accordance with the law.

LGSC, NULGE, CAN Join Ojodu LCDA to Honour Dr. Olubunmi Akitoye

Kehinde Adeleye

The Chairman of Ojodu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. David Olusegun Odunmbaku, alongside members of the Executive Council, Legislative Arm, management and staff, on Wednesday held a commendation service in honour of the late Head of Administration, Dr. (Mrs.) Olubunmi Akitoye, who passed away on April 29, 2026. The solemn ceremony, held at the Council Secretariat, attracted dignitaries from the Local Government Service Commission (LGSC), professional bodies, religious organisations, educational institutions and other stakeholders who gathered to celebrate the life, service and enduring legacy of the distinguished administrator. The service commenced with an opening prayer led by Pastor Johnson, Pastor-in-Charge of the

Ojodu LCDA Christian Association.

Among the dignitaries present were representatives of the LGSC, including the Permanent Secretary represented by Mrs. Toyin Ogunlana, Director of Administration and Human Resources, Mr. M.A. Jimoh, Mrs. Omobola Ayayi, Mr. Coker Ayodele, Mrs. Fayemi Oluwatoyin and Mrs. Thomas Bolaji. Representatives of the Body of Council Managers, led by Mrs. Mojisola Ogabi and Mr. Olusegun Akinyemi, as well as members of the Body of Council Engineers, Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Nigerian Union of Teachers (NUT) and other organisations, also attended the event.

In his tribute, Hon. Odunmbaku described Dr. Akitoye's passing as a monumental loss to Ojodu

LCDA and the local government service in Lagos State.

He praised her exceptional professionalism, dedication to duty, passion for continuous learning, commitment to humanity and exemplary work ethic.

The council chairman noted that while life is sustained by God's grace, its true worth is measured by the positive impact an individual makes on others and society.

Vice Chairman of the council, Alhaja Fumilayo Layeni, described the late administrator as compassionate, supportive and always willing to help others overcome challenges.

Speaking on behalf of the Legislative Council, Hon. Apatira Opeyemi described Dr. Akitoye as a mother figure whose wisdom, guidance and mentorship positively influenced members of the

council.

The Secretary to the Local Government (SLG), Hon. Olawale Abdulsalam, also remembered her as a dependable and supportive officer who contributed immensely to the success of the administration.

NULGE Branch Chairman, Comrade Bolaji Jaiyeola Kareem, highlighted her professionalism, resourcefulness and commitment to staff welfare and development, describing her as a leader who was passionate about empowering others.

Management staff members paid glowing tributes to the deceased, describing her as hardworking, understanding, highly resourceful and dedicated to service throughout her career.

The Chairman of the Body of Council Engineers recalled her years of dedicated service to the association, particularly her role as secretary, describing her as a

peace-loving and committed professional.

Speaking on behalf of the Body of Council Managers, Mrs. Mojisola Ogabi described the late administrator as hardworking, kind-hearted and supportive, adding that her death has created a vacuum that would be difficult to fill.

Representing the Permanent Secretary of the LGSC, Mrs. Omobolaji reflected on the fleeting nature of life and noted that the numerous testimonies shared during the service were evidence of a life devoted to excellence, service and humanity.

On behalf of the family, Mr. Yinka Oyemile expressed appreciation to Hon. Odunmbaku, the Executive Council, management, staff and the entire Ojodu LCDA family for their support, prayers and solidarity during the period of mourning.

Representatives of the Nigerian Union of Teachers (NUT),

Ojodu Branch, also described Dr. Akitoye as diligent, hardworking and kind-hearted, while extending condolences to her family and colleagues.

Delivering the exhortation, the Chairman of CAN, Ojodu Branch, Rev. Adejobi, reminded attendees of the certainty of death and urged them to live purposeful lives, stressing that a person's legacy is ultimately defined by the impact of their actions.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by the Head of Department, Education, Mr. Akeem Adekoya, who appreciated all guests and well-wishers for honouring the memory of the late administrator.

The commendation service served as a fitting tribute to Dr. Olubunmi Akitoye, whose legacy of excellence, integrity, dedication and selfless service will continue to inspire generations within and beyond Ojodu LCDA.

Security: Ibeju-Lekki Engages Transport Operators on Safety

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Authorities in Ibeju-Lekki have held a crucial engagement with transport operators in the area as part of renewed efforts to enhance security, improve compliance, and ensure smoother transportation activities across the fast-developing Lagos community. The meeting

brought together key stakeholders in the transport sector, including union leaders, drivers, and local security representatives, where discussions focused on maintaining law and order, reducing traffic-related issues, and improving collaboration

between operators and enforcement agencies. According to officials, the dialogue was aimed at addressing emerging security concerns linked to the rapid growth and commercial expansion of Ibeju-Lekki, which has become one of Lagos State's most

active development corridors, housing major infrastructure projects and increasing daily commuter traffic. Transport operators were also urged to adhere strictly to regulations, avoid practices that could disrupt public peace, and work closely with

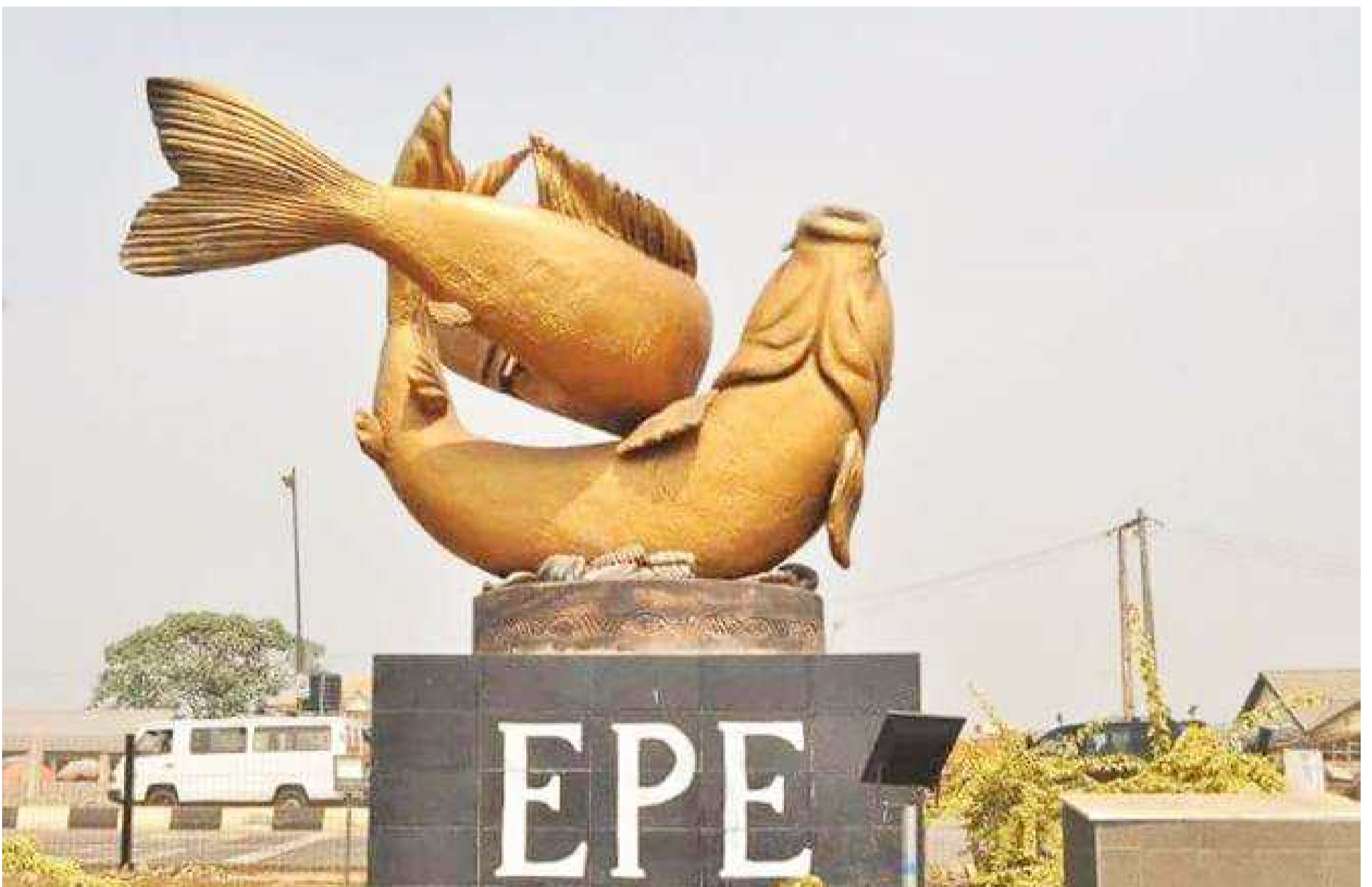
relevant authorities to ensure the safety of passengers and residents within the axis. Stakeholders at the meeting welcomed the initiative, describing it as a timely step toward preventing conflict, improving coordination, and building a more organized

transport system in the area. The engagement is expected to continue periodically as part of ongoing efforts to sustain peace, enhance mobility, and support the economic growth of Ibeju-Lekki, which continues to experience rapid urban and industrial development.



Epe Gears Up for Colourful Kayokayo Festival 2026 Celebration

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The ancient town of Epe is already buzzing with anticipation as preparations intensify for the 2026 edition of the historic Kayokayo Festival, one of the community's most vibrant cultural celebrations that brings together spirituality, and tourism in a

colourful display. Local organisers, traditional leaders, and youth groups have begun coordinating activities ahead of the annual festival, which is expected to attract indigenes from across Nigeria and members of the diaspora. The event, rooted in Epe's rich fishing

and harvest heritage, is traditionally marked with thanksgiving, cultural displays, boat regattas, and street performances. According to planning committees, this year's edition is being designed to be more engaging, with enhanced cultural showcases,

improved logistics, and expanded participation from cultural troupes and entertainment groups. Stakeholders say the goal is to promote unity while also positioning Epe as a leading cultural tourism destination in Lagos State. Residents and business owners

are also expressing optimism, noting that the festival typically boosts local commerce, hospitality, and tourism activities. Hotels, food vendors, and transport operators are already preparing for increased patronage as visitors are

expected to flood the town during the celebration period. With excitement building steadily, Epe is once again set to transform into a hub of tradition and festivity as the Kayokayo Festival 2026 promises a blend of heritage, colour, and community pride.

Onibeju Mobilises Communities Against Security Threats

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The Onibeju of Onibeju has called on residents across communities in the region to take a firm stand against insecurity by refusing to harbour or protect criminal elements within their neighbourhoods. Speaking during a community security engagement, the traditional ruler stressed that lasting peace can only be achieved when residents actively cooperate with security agencies and provide timely information on suspicious activities. He warned that the growing trend of shielding offenders poses a serious threat to safety and development, urging youths and community leaders to remain vigilant and proactive in safeguarding their environment. The monarch emphasised that the rapid development of the Ibeju-Lekki axis, driven by ongoing industrial and residential expansion, must not be undermined by insecurity or criminal infiltration. He further encouraged the strengthening of local vigilante structures and improved collaboration between residents, traditional institutions, and formal security agencies to ensure swift response to emerging threats. Community members at the meeting reportedly expressed support for the initiative, describing it as a timely intervention aimed at preserving peace and protecting investments in the fast-growing area. The engagement forms part of broader efforts across Lagos State to enhance grassroots security architecture and promote community-driven safety initiatives.



Akinloye Boosts Security Architecture Across Eredo LCDA

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The development administration of the Executive Chairman of Eredo LCDA has intensified efforts to strengthen security infrastructure across the council area, as part of broader measures to safeguard lives, property, and ongoing projects. According to local government sources, the initiative under the leadership of Chairman Akinloye focuses on improving coordination between security agencies, community vigilante groups, and traditional

institutions to create a more responsive and proactive security network. Key components of the strategy reportedly include the deployment of enhanced surveillance support, improved communication channels for rapid response, and the reinforcement of community-based security structures across vulnerable

areas within the LCDA. Officials say the growing population and expanding infrastructure in Eredo have made it necessary to adopt a more structured approach to security management, especially in emerging residential and commercial clusters.

The administration has also emphasised community participation, urging residents to remain vigilant and promptly report suspicious activities to relevant authorities to support preventive policing efforts. Stakeholders within the council area have welcomed the move, describing it as a

timely intervention that aligns with the need to protect investments and ensure sustainable development in the rapidly growing axis. The security strengthening drive is expected to continue with periodic assessments to ensure effectiveness and adaptability to emerging challenges within the LCDA.

Olowa Explores Renewable Energy Options With Experts

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The energy adoption across the council area. The engagement brought together energy specialists, policy stakeholders, and development partners to discuss practical strategies for expanding renewable energy infrastructure, particularly in underserved communities where power supply remains unstable or insufficient. According to discussions at the meeting, emphasis was placed on solar deployment, mini-grid systems, and hybrid solutions capable of supporting both residential and commercial needs in line with the area's rapid urban and industrial expansion. Experts reportedly highlighted the long-term benefits of renewable energy adoption, including reduced reliance on fossil fuels, lower operational costs for small businesses, and improved energy reliability for public institutions and growing estates within the axis. The administration noted that the initiative aligns with broader sustainability goals and the increasing demand for resilient infrastructure, especially as Ibeju Lekki continues to attract major investments in real estate, logistics, and industrial development. Stakeholders at the session also stressed the importance of public-private partnerships in scaling renewable energy projects, while encouraging community awareness and local participation in energy transition programmes. The engagement is expected to pave the way for pilot projects and feasibility studies aimed at accelerating clean energy integration across the council area in the coming months.

Post-Primary Tensions: Oshodi-Isolo APC Sets Up Reconciliation Committee

The All Progressives Congress (APC) in Oshodi-Isolo has inaugurated a reconciliation committee aimed at mending divisions arising from the recently concluded party primaries and fostering unity ahead of the forthcoming general elections. Speaking during the inauguration, the APC Chairman in Oshodi-Isolo, Hon. Saheed Animashaun, acknowledged that the outcome of the primaries had generated varying degrees of dissatisfaction among some party members and aspirants. He stressed the need for reconciliation and unity, noting that the party's success in future elections would depend largely on its ability to close ranks and work collectively toward a common goal.

"The primaries have come and gone, but the task before us now is to unite all stakeholders and ensure that every member remains committed to the

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growth and success of our great party," Animashaun said. In his remarks, the Executive Chairman of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, Hon. Kehinde Almaro Oloyede, described the inauguration of the committee as a crucial step toward strengthening cohesion within the party.

He congratulated all aspirants who participated in the primaries, describing the contest as competitive and reflective of the vibrancy of internal democracy within the APC. "Every aspirant demonstrated courage, commitment and unwavering belief in the ideals of our party. While only one candidate could emerge, there was never a loser in the service of our party and our people," Oloyede stated.

The council chairman urged members of the committee to carry out their



assignment with sincerity, fairness and respect, emphasizing that the overall interest of the party should take precedence over individual ambitions.

Responding on behalf of the committee, Chairman of the panel, Comrade Dele Ogunshakin, thanked the party leadership for the confidence reposed in the members and assured stakeholders that the committee would work diligently to

promote harmony and reconciliation across the party structure.

Also speaking at the event, the APC House of Representatives candidate, Hon. Taiwo Ayedun, and the Lagos State House of Assembly candidate, Hon. Mayowa Alakija, disclosed that they recently met with President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, who urged them to return to their constituencies and prioritize reconciliation with fellow aspirants

and party members.

According to them, the President stressed the importance of unity and collective effort as the party prepares for future electoral contests.

The 20-member reconciliation committee is chaired by Chief Bamidele Ogunsakin, with Hon. (Mrs.) Modupe Badmus-Aregbe serving as Vice Chairman and Mr. Amos Bakare as Secretary. Other members

include party leaders, stakeholders and notable figures drawn from across Oshodi-Isolo to ensure broad representation and effective engagement with aggrieved members.

The committee is expected to begin consultations immediately with aspirants, party elders and stakeholders as part of efforts to strengthen internal cohesion and position the APC for victory in upcoming elections.



his administration will sustain its focus on infrastructural renewal, environmental sustainability, and public safety across all wards in Mushin Local Government. Residents have warmly welcomed the intervention, describing it as timely and impactful. Mr. Sulaimon Adeyemi, a resident, said the installation of streetlights have removed fear, and discomfort among residents. "For a long time, this street used to be very dark at night, causing fear and discomfort for residents. We are grateful to Aruwe for listening to our complaints and taking swift action. This development has greatly improved security in our area." Mrs. Rashidat Bello, another resident, noted that the installation of streetlights will change the atmosphere of the area positively. "The street lights have changed the atmosphere of this environment completely. People can now move freely at night, and businesses can operate longer hours. Aruwe has shown that he truly cares about the people." This street lighting project is part of Mushin Local Government's broader infrastructural and community development agenda aimed at enhancing safety, stimulating economic activities, and raising the standard of living for all residents.

Residents Laud Aruwe over Installation Of Streetlights

By Saheed Afolabi

Residents of Fagbenro Street in Idi-Araba, Mushin Local Government, are celebrating the successful restoration of street lights by the administration of Mr Tunbosun Aruwe, Chairman of Mushin

LG. The newly installed and repaired street lights have transformed the once-dark street into a well-illuminated environment, significantly improving security, night-time mobility,

and the overall quality of life for residents and business owners. Speaking on the project, Chairman Aruwe reaffirmed his administration's dedication to responsive and people-focused

governance. "Good governance is about responding to the needs of the people and improving their daily living conditions. The restoration of the street lights at Fagbenro Street, Idi-Araba is part of our

continuous efforts to make Mushin safer, brighter, and more conducive for residents and businesses. We remain committed to delivering people-oriented projects that will positively impact our communities." Aruwe assured residents that

Jakande Dedicates Infrastructure Award To People Of Odi-Olowo/Ojuwoye LCDA

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The Chairman of Odi-Olowo/Ojuwoye LCDA, Dr. Seyi Jakande (JAKO), has been conferred with the ROOTSWATCH Distinguished Local Government Chairmen Merit Award on Infrastructure for his outstanding contributions to grassroots development and transformative leadership. The award was presented on at the National Merit House in Maitama, Abuja, in a ceremony attended by top policymakers, community leaders, and dignitaries. In his acceptance speech, Dr. Jakande dedicated the honour to the people of Odi-Olowo/Ojuwoye LCDA, describing it as "a testament to what can be accomplished when leadership and community work together." He further dedicated the award to his dedicated team and the legacy of his



late father, Alhaji Lateef Jakande. Just ten months into office, Jakande's administration has recorded remarkable achievements,

including the reconstruction of sixteen roads with functional drainage systems, the upgrading of primary health centres, and

the completion of the new Kayode Primary Health Centre in Onipanu, which is set for commissioning. The LCDA has also provided boreholes,

installed solar-powered streetlights, and enhanced sanitation facilities across the area to improve public health and safety. Under his

HEEWA Agenda, which focuses on Health and Environmental Sustainability, Education and Empowerment, Works and Security, and Agriculture, Tourism, and Culture the council has sponsored free GCE registration for 250 indigent students, trained 1,000 youths in ICT bootcamps, and introduced the JAKO Jollof School Feeding Program to increase school enrolment and retention. Other initiatives include free school bus services, medical outreaches benefiting over 1,000 residents, sanitation campaigns, and sports development programmes. "Leadership is about service, not titles, about delivering on promises, not just making them." Organisers of the award praised Jakande's holistic approach to governance, noting that his projects have significantly transformed communities into cleaner, healthier, safer, and more prosperous environments.

Akon Claims Most Artists Struggle Financially Despite Fame

Kehinde Adeleye

Senegalese-American singer Akon has said that musicians are not as wealthy as many people assume, despite their fame and flashy lifestyles. He stated that contrary to the glamorous image often displayed by artists on social media and in music videos,

many of them are not financially stable.

Speaking in an interview with Hip Hop Eye, Akon explained that while the music industry is profitable, artists are often the least compensated compared to other players behind the scenes.

"In the music

industry, the artist is the last to get paid. He is the broke one but he is the most famous. If you want to be broke and famous, be the artist.

"But if you want to make real money go to other sectors of music business, like the producer, songwriter, manager, agent and attorney. There are so many areas in the entertainment field that you can really maximise," he said.



BBO, Tolamise Exchange Vows in Star-Studded Church Wedding



Gospel music minister, Bakare Boluwatife Oluwatobi, popularly known as BBO, has tied the knot with fellow gospel singer, Tolamise Taiwo Priscilla, in a ceremony attended by family members, friends and close associates.

The couple exchanged marital vows during a church wedding held on Saturday, May 30. Earlier in the day,

BBO, known for his popular track "Amin", sparked excitement on social media after publicly unveiling Tolamise as his fiancée, ending long-standing speculation about his relationship status.

The gospel artiste, who has largely kept his private life away from public attention, made the announcement the first time he openly introduced his partner to fans on social media.

Sharing a photo of the couple dressed in matching outfits, he described Tolamise as a special gift from God.

"Chosen, Blessed and Forever. My very special gift from God," he wrote.

Official wedding photos released by the couple have since attracted widespread congratulatory messages from colleagues, fans and well-wishers. Videos from both the traditional and

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church ceremonies have also gone viral across social media platforms, including Instagram and TikTok, generating joyful reactions. In one of the images, the couple was seen dressed in colourful traditional attire at a decorated venue surrounded by guests, while videos captured them dancing happily as friends and family cheered them on.

Yinka Alaseyori Tenders Public Apology Over Kidnap Comments

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Popular Nigerian gospel musician, Yinka Alaseyori, has issued a public apology to Nigerians over her remarks concerning the abduction of school children in Oyo State.

Bandits had invaded Community High School, Ahoro-Esinele, in Oriire

Local Government Area on May 15, 2026, abducting seven teachers and several students. The attackers also reportedly killed one of the teachers in a disturbing video that circulated online, sparking nationwide outrage and renewed concerns over insecurity in

schools. The incident has continued to trigger protests and reactions from labour unions, parents, and concerned Nigerians, who have demanded stronger action from authorities to secure the release of the victims and improve safety in educational institutions. In response to the

situation, Alaseyori had earlier appeared in a video calling for prayers for the kidnapped children, grieving families, government officials, and security agencies, while also expressing support for President Bola Tinubu's administration in handling the crisis. However, her comments sparked widespread

criticism on social media, with many users and public figures accusing her of being insensitive and downplaying the urgency of the situation, insisting that prayers alone were not enough without concrete government intervention.

Following the backlash, the gospel singer released another video on Wednesday, where she tendered an emotional apology to

Nigerians, saying her earlier message was misunderstood and that she never intended to dismiss the pain of affected families. She explained that the widely circulated clip was taken from a longer video and did not reflect the full context of her message.

"Good day everyone, I did a video of about one and a half hours two days ago, praying for the kidnapped children, grieving families, government parastatals, the military, Nigeria as a country, and everybody in pain. But when I woke up yesterday, I discovered that some well-meaning Nigerians felt offended because I made them feel unseen or their voices unheard.

"You know me too well that I will never make anybody feel like that. I discovered that the trending video was cut out of the full video I made. Mothers, please don't be angry with me. I beg you in the name of Jesus Christ, you will never bury your children. I beg you in God's name, please forgive me if I ever spoke as if I was insensitive," she said.



Nigeria's Biggest Stars Land Spots on FIFA World Cup 2026 Soundtrack Album

Four of Nigeria's biggest music stars — Davido, Burna Boy, Rema and Ayra Starr — have been unveiled as part of the official soundtrack album for the 2026 FIFA World Cup. The artistes were included in a star-studded lineup announced by FIFA Sound ahead of the tournament, which will be jointly hosted by the United States, Mexico and Canada. FIFA confirmed the lineup in a post shared on X, revealing that the official album is scheduled for release on June 5. "The squad for the Official #FIFAWorldCup 2026™ Album is here! Pre-save for the album release on June 5. Stay tuned for more to come," the organisation

wrote. According to the released tracklist, Rema, Davido, Ayra Starr and Burna Boy will feature alongside global music heavyweights, highlighting Afrobeats' growing international influence. The album features several high-profile collaborations, including: "Goals" — Lisa, Anitta and Rema "No Place Like Home" — Major Lazer, Nelly Furtado and Davido "Show Me" — Ayra Starr and Latto "Dai Dai" — Shakira and Burna Boy Other international acts featured on the project include Future, Tyla, Jessie Reyez, Daddy Yankee, Shenseea, 21 Savage, Stormzy,

Shaggy and many more. The 2026 FIFA World Cup soundtrack album will be released via FIFA Sound and Universal Music on June 5 and will be available across major streaming

platforms and physical formats. The 2026 FIFA World Cup will run from June 11 to July 19 across the United States, Mexico and Canada in an expanded 48-team format

featuring 104 matches over 39 days. Mexico will host the opening match against South Africa at the Estadio Azteca in Mexico City on June 11, while Canada and the

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United States will begin their campaigns a day later in Toronto and Los Angeles respectively. The final will be played at MetLife Stadium in New Jersey on July 19.



BBNaija Organisers Confirm June 8 Premiere for Season 10 Reunion

Organisers of Big Brother Naija have announced that the reunion show for the reality television programme's 10th season will premiere on June 8. The organisers disclosed this in a statement shared on the show's social media platforms,

indicating that viewers should expect fresh drama as former housemates come together months after the conclusion of the season. "Some receipts were never meant to stay in the drafts. The #BBNaija S10 housemates are back on the couch, and nothing will be off

the table," the statement read. According to the organisers, the reunion will air on Africa Magic Showcase at 10 pm WAT and on Africa Magic Family at 10:30 pm WAT. The announcement comes weeks after organisers opened auditions for the show's 11th season

and unveiled registration requirements for prospective contestants.

Applicants were directed to register through the official audition portal, provide personal details, and select preferred audition dates, locations and times. Physical auditions were scheduled to be held from May 22 to 24 in Lagos, Abuja and Enugu. The reunion is expected to bring together housemates from

the landmark 10th season, which aired from July to October 2025 and featured the largest cast in the programme's history.

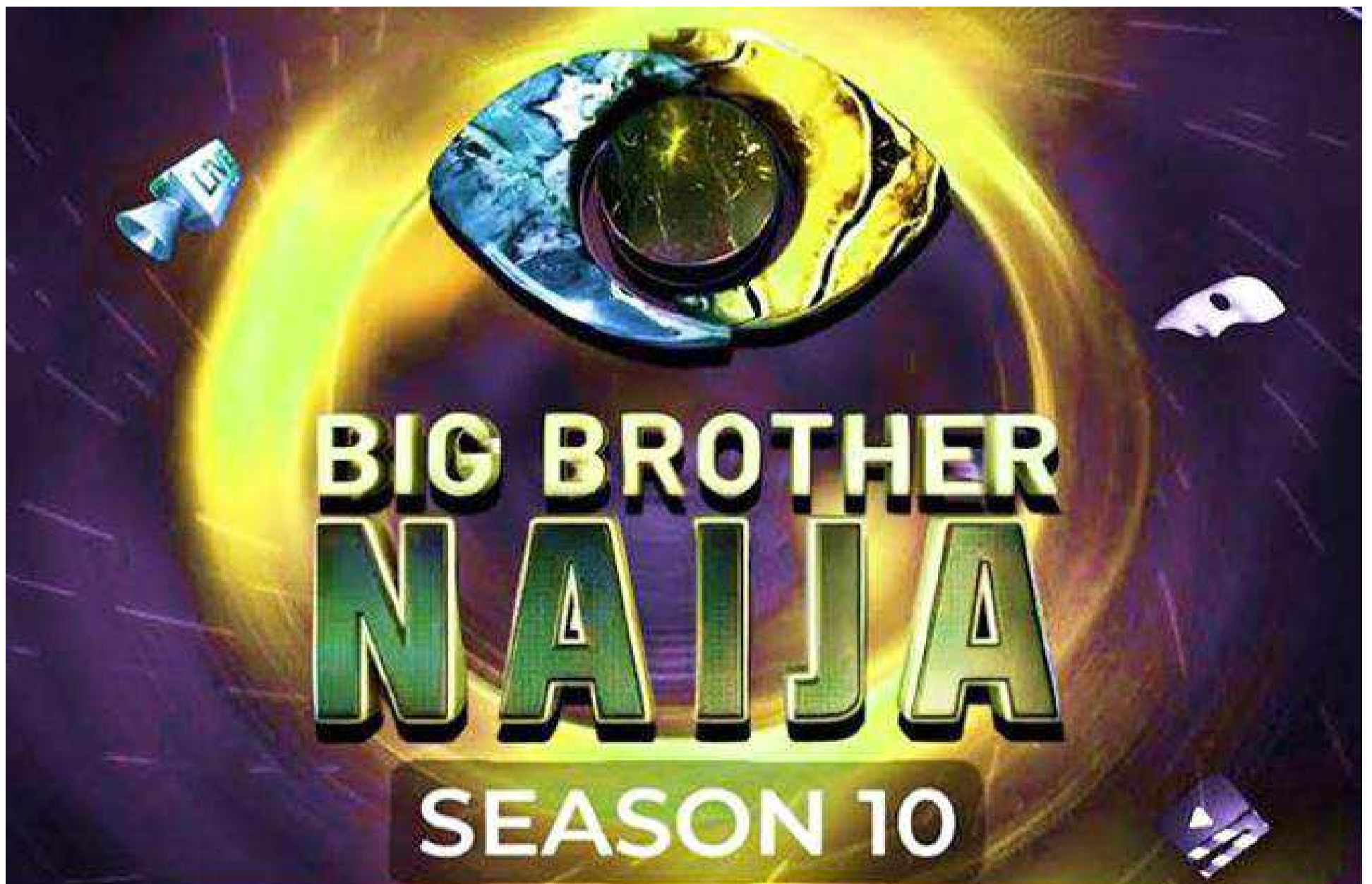
Season 10, themed "10/10", featured 29 housemates and ended with Imisi emerging as the winner after 10 weeks of competition.

The season also produced finalists including Dede, Koyin, Sultana, Kola, Jason Jae,

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Mensan, Kaybobo and Isabella, while Faith was disqualified shortly before the finale.

With auditions for Season 11 already concluded and a new edition of the reality show on the horizon, the reunion is expected to revisit unresolved disputes, alliances and controversies that shaped one of the most talked-about seasons in the programme's history.



Lagos FA Unveils Motherland Heritage Cup to Celebrate Football, Culture

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further strengthened the bond between football, governance, entertainment, and heritage. "Under the visionary leadership of the NFF President, Ibrahim Gusau MON, we further strengthened the inseparable bond between football, governance, entertainment, and cultural heritage with the official unveiling of the Motherland Heritage Cup in Lagos," Liameed said. The tournament is scheduled to hold from November 6 to 16, 2026, and will feature seven national teams drawn from Africa, South America, and the Caribbean. According to Liameed, the competition will create a unique platform for sporting excellence, cultural exchange, and international collaboration. The event was also marked by the conferment of the Lagos FA's prestigious Life Patron Honour on Prince Tajudeen Oluoyole Olusi, OON, described as a revered father figure.

The ceremony was graced by football legends including Daniel Amokachi, Samson Siasia, and Waidi Akanni, as well as popular actor Jim Lyke. Representing Lagos State Governor Babajide Olushola Sanwo-Olu was the Honourable Commissioner for Youth and Social Development, Mobolaji Ogunlende. Liameed emphasised that the Motherland Heritage Cup goes beyond mere competition. "The Motherland Heritage Cup is more than a football tournament; it is a celebration of sport, leadership, culture, and identity. It will serve as a powerful platform connecting football, politics, and heritage while showcasing Nigeria's capacity to unite people and nations through the beautiful game," he added. The tournament is expected to boost tourism, promote cultural diplomacy, and provide a high-level competitive platform for participating nations while celebrating Nigeria's rich football heritage and leadership in African sports.

The Lagos State Football Association (Lagos FA) has officially unveiled the Motherland Heritage

Cup, a landmark tournament that aims to blend sporting excellence with cultural exchange

and national heritage. Speaking at the unveiling ceremony, Lagos FA Chairman Gafar Liameed praised the

visionary leadership of Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) President Ibrahim Gusau MON, stating that the initiative has

reversed father figure.

GLASGOW 2026: Lagos To Host Sprint Trials

By Saheed Afolabi



The race for selection into Team Nigeria for the 2026 Commonwealth Games has officially kicked off, as the Athletics Federation of Nigeria (AFN) has released dates for the crucial national trials that will decide the country's track and field representatives for Glasgow, Scotland. The high-stakes trials are scheduled to take place from June 20 to 22, 2026, at the Yaba College of Technology

(YABATECH) Sports Complex in Lagos. The three-day championship is expected to draw some of Nigeria's top athletic talents in a fiercely competitive battle for national colours. Participation in the trials is mandatory for any athlete aspiring to represent Nigeria at the Games. The event will serve as the decisive qualifier, offering both established stars and promising young

talents a make-or-break opportunity to secure their places on the team. A total of 32 track and field events (men and women) will be contested. However, entry into the premier sprint events men's and women's 100m, 200m, and 400m will be restricted to athletes who have already met the AFN's prescribed qualifying standards. All other events remain open to interested athletes. Athletes are expected to arrive in

Lagos on Friday, June 19, with departures scheduled for Tuesday, June 23. The AFN has announced that accommodation will be provided for athletes who have attained the required qualification standards. The official list of qualified athletes is expected to be released in the coming days. AFN President, Chief Tonobok Okowa, urged athletics stakeholders, fans, and enthusiasts

nationwide to come out in large numbers to support the athletes during the trials. "This is a significant milestone in Nigeria's preparation for the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games," Okowa said. He expressed confidence that the trials would help identify the best talents to fly the Nigerian flag in Scotland. The AFN chief also commended the leadership of the National Sports Commission (NSC) for

its continued support, noting that the collaboration has been instrumental in advancing athletics development and enhancing elite performance in the country. With Nigeria widely regarded as one of Africa's athletics powerhouses, the Lagos trials are expected to produce intense competition and thrilling performances as athletes chase the dream of Commonwealth Games glory.

Lagos FA Boss, Gafar, Speaks on Uniqueness Of Ex International Cup

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The chairman of Lagos State Football Association (LSFA), Hajji Gafar Liameed has drawn out the impacts and uniqueness of the Ex International Cup. The second edition of the Ex International Cup is scheduled to hold in Lagos as 32 former national team heroes leads their teams to glory. Gafar revealed that the progress of the competition made 40 ex International to show interest but they

could only admit 32 that signified concern early enough. He said players will have the opportunity to gain from the football intelligence and brilliance of the ex internationals which will therefore have a positive impacts on performance and career. "The uniqueness of this one is the presence of all the ex internationals, 32 of them. We almost got about 40 but the 32 that registered first, that showed interest

first are the ones we're going forward with, and it's using history to create history. "The ex internationals that have served the nation now using their name and their football IQ to encourage the young ones. Another good thing is the boost from the bet9ja foundation. It's a huge boost for us, across the board all over Nigeria, I have not seen this kind of sponsorship in any football space. So bet9ja coming on board and literally

allowing us to shine is a uniqueness of this year, and as you can see, the press conference and the draw is more or less like bringing a European style of draw to Nigeria, to Lagos and that's it. "It would do a whole lot of good to them. It will inspire them, it will also encourage them to want to play for Super Eagles. You know, the endgame and the core concept is to make sure that we have players that are going to be playing

for Super Eagles, willing and aspiring with a whole lot of energy and tenacity to want to always play for Super Eagles. By seeing Yakubu Aiyegbeni, seeing Waheed Akanni, Friday Ekpo, Friday Elahor, Wasiu Ipaye that have played for this country before, now coaching them only does one thing; inspire them to also want to play for the national team." The Lagos FA boss stated that the impacts of the

competition draws out joy on the faces of the ex internationals who are basking with beaming smiles as they know, they are being celebrated alive and also players who stand to gain from their tutelage and who are excited to see match clashes among favorites. "Well the impact is what I'll call football joy, you know in football, let's say we have a 90 minute game, at the 94th minute extra time, still at 1-1. Then all of a sudden, a team scored and it was 2-1, so you see joy and despair. "So this one is no despair, it's all about joy. The ex internationals coming out, beaming with smiles knowing that someone somewhere remembers them, and remembers what they have done for the country and now recognizing them and bringing them out from their shells and coaching the young ones. "You know, as a footballer, the only thing you can hope for is to inspire the young ones. Now they're not only inspiring with what they have done, they'll be inspiring with them nurturing and coaching and getting the young ones to the next level."





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