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2023: Why we're supporting Tinubu - Lagos CAN

By Motolani AbdulGafar

After a long time of expectation, the Christians across Lagos State under the umbrella of Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) have unveiled their choice of presidential candidate, stating the reasons they are aligning with the presidential candidate of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC), Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu and governorship candidate of the same party in Lagos, Babajide Sanwo-Olu.

Initially, there was no assurance on the CAN's stand in Lagos State as the national body of the association was not in a particular direction. However, the Lagos Chapter of the association has said it is supporting APC in Lagos State and at the Federal level. Sources in the Lagos Chapter of CAN said the body is fully supporting APC at the federal level and Lagos State. They said there are many convincing factors that make every Christian in Lagos to support Tinubu and Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu for his second term in office.

"Apart from the antecedents of Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu which we can all see in Lagos State, we are totally convinced that Tinubu is the only person who can become the President of this country and everybody will be happy irrespective of tribe, religion, social affiliation and or academic level.

"I as a person, despite being a Christian, I have benefited from his largesse times without number and I still enjoy his magnanimity till today. I am not a politician, I'm a Christian living in Lagos but Tinubu has never discriminated against anybody.

"Indeed, his personality is

totally different from other contenders. For us at CAN, we are supporting Tinubu and Sanwo-Olu in 2023. Sanwo-Olu has proven to be reliable, his achievement within his first four years in office has endeared him to many of us...He has done beyond anyone's expectation. We Christians in Lagos are proud of him and we are ready to make sure he returns to the governorship seat in 2023," one of the top members of Lagos CAN said. Another person said: "When he never knew that he would come for this position, he was there for people, and that is a great lesson. Wherever we are, whenever, let's us do good for people as if we are not going to have a second chance. We shall pray for Asiwaju and Lagos State so that all APC candidates will be successful at poll.

"For Lagos State, we can all see what Governor Sanwo-Olu is doing. We don't have any option than to support him to go for the second time."

The Christians said Tinubu have been a listening leader as he hearkened to their demand for a Christian governor when he brought former Governor Akinwumi Ambode and later Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu.

According to them, they demanded and Tinubu supported their demand and has also continued to support them.

"The issue of Muslim-Muslim ticket does not hold water. Tinubu has been part of Christianity; his wife and son are Christians and he never discriminate against them for once, so, there is no issue on that.

Meanwhile, last week, the All Progressive Congress Presidential Campaign Council (APC-PCC), Lagos State chapter, engaged the Christian leaders in the state



Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu

to sensitize them on the need for them to support the party during the 2023 general elections.

The Directorate of Religion Affairs of the council, yesterday, gathered the members of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Lagos State to explain to them the reason they should support the APC presidential candidate, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

The party also sought their support for the reelection of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu and other APC candidates.

The parley which held at the premises of Lagos State television, on Thursday had in attendance leaders of the state chapter of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) and its five blocs, 57 Coordinators at the local level, as well as religious Non-Governmental Organizations.

According the Director General, Lagos APC-PCC Directorate of Religion Affairs, Chief Oyinlomo Danmole, the meeting was in furtherance of its task to meet with the religion leaders in order to secure their support and votes for the party's candidates.

Danmole, who is the former Lagos State Commissioner for Home Affairs, said: "The assignment given to us is to sensitize and engage the Christian and Muslim communities to call for their supports. What we are doing today is the starting point. We have series of other meetings. But before we go further, the first is to talk to the leadership. The CAN Leaders, bloc leaders, the local government coordinators and the NGOs." He added that the party is confident of their support but the meeting was also pertinent to ensure that

Lagos is not distracted with national issues especially the Muslim-Muslim Sentiment.

"We know from the meeting of today that they (Christian Leaders) are happy that we have not taken them for granted. Though we know In Lagos whether you're Christian or Muslim, everyone believes in APC but the problem we have is that the national is trying to distract the people of Lagos and one thing we are sure of is to tell our people to talk to ourselves that the man whom we are trying to work for - Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu - was the governor of Lagos in 1999 who laid the good foundation for the good governance we are all enjoying in Lagos today. He did the blueprint for 20 years and that is what every governor that comes in is following as you too can see what's going on in Lagos."

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He stated that the engagement will be taken to the grassroots to get closer to the people at the lower cadre of the community, added that the Muslim community as well as the traditional leaders will not be left out in the parley.

The Party Chairman, Pastor Cornelius Ojelabi, assured the Christian Leaders that the party will sustain the robust relationship with the religion community and keep up with its track record of good governance when elected.

Ojelabi who was represented by the Vice Chairman, East, Mrs. Olayinka Oladunjoye, urged the religious leaders to spread the gospel of Tinubu and other APC candidates' aspiration to their members and see to the party's victory in 2023.

Also speaking, the former Lagos Commissioner for Public Transportation, Kayode Opeifa, disabused the minds of the Christians of the religious sentiments, reiterating that Tinubu and Shetima do not discriminate.

He said: "Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, as an individual, in combination with Kashim Shettima represents what Nigeria needs. What we need at this time is not whether somebody is a Muslim or Christian but somebody to deliver Nigeria. Somebody to deliver good governance and bring out to spotlight things that will make us realize that we are one.

"Tinubu has demonstrated that religion though important to build souls and minds, shall not be the determining factor in the way he will run the government. I mean it should not be a discriminatory issue."

Responding, the CAN

Chairman, Bishop Dr. Stephen Adegbite, confirmed that APC is the first of all political parties in the 2023 race to engage the religious body as it commended the party for the sense of belonging.

Adegbite explained that the state chapter of the religious body is not concerned with the religious sentiment rather the track records of the candidates in the presidential race.

"Whether you're a Christian or a Muslim we want good governance we don't mind whoever occupies the office. Let there be good governance in Nigeria. Let us look into people's track record, what they've done in the past. What they will do if they are given bigger opportunity and that is why for us in Lagos State

the last 23 years have been wonderful. It's been devoid of sentiment. People that have worked in the state house have delivered. We can see the dividend of democracy in Lagos.

"Let us focus on good governance and forget about sentiment. Whether you're Christian or a Muslim you must ensure that you deliver the dividend of democracy this time around. That is what we are up for an whoever emerges must do that for us if not we will come back to press, we will criticize and if you so well, we will praise too and pray for you.

"What we know is that there is peace in Lagos because there is tolerance, cooperation, there is understanding, there is mutual relations between the Muslims and the Christians and there is appreciation of one another from 1999 and that is why Lagos is peaceful. The Muslims

and Christians are one in Lagos and nobody can divide us; politics cannot divide us because there is no family you go to that you will not find both Christians and Muslims.

"So, how do you think I will go to my family and be fighting with them? It isn't possible and that is the message we are preaching to the world today especially Nigerians that we can live together for greater Lagos, for greater Nigeria. It has happened in Lagos for the past 23 years, it can also happen in Nigeria if we understand one another. It is God that determines who rules and when God has chosen every other person becomes a noise maker.

"For us in Lagos, religion is not a barrier and will not cause division among us. We want the best for this nation and we go for the best by the special grace of God. In Lagos State, Christian community has never been relegated to

the background.

"Any time we have challenges we go to them and we would tell them this is what we want and most of the time whatever we demand we get it. It was our demand that brought Governor Ambode to government, we said it and it was agreed that Christian should rule Lagos State. A Muslim did not succeed him, it was another Christian in person of Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu.

He added that the religious leaders will not fail in their primary duties of praying for the country as he warned false prophets against evil predictions, saying none will come to past.

Meanwhile, members of the Association have demanded good governance, better welfare package, infrastructures, improved security, job creation and others from the incoming Nigerian president.



Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu

Anikpe crowned FESTAC Weekly Man of the Year 2022

By Motola AbdulGafar

A prominent chief in Amuwo-Odofin LGA, High Chief Kingsley Ifeanyi Anikpe (Akajiugo Ogidi) has been crowned FESTAC Weekly Man of the Year 2022. Chief Anikpe emerged the winner of the community newspaper (FESTAC Weekly) award after a serious screening by the people.

The recipient of the much anticipated Festac Weekly Man of the Year award recognition was finally announced on January 5, 2022.

According to the organizer of the Award, who is also

the Publisher of Festac Weekly, Abayomi Adejumo, Chief Anikpe bagged the award based on the people's choice as his contribution to the community development was rated highest.

Adejumo said that other persons who have played impactful role in mentoring and empowering as well as human development, security of lives and property and social infrastructural development across the local government were also awarded.

"The process of arriving at the decision to honour Chief Anikpe with this

exalted community recognition was democratic as residents were requested to register nominations through designated channels, after which nominated prospects numbering over 40 persons were screened to four people.

"In one of the several nominations remark by a resident, Chief Anikpe was described as 'public spirited, not a politician but affects so many people's lives and has been doing so for over 25 years in Amuwo-Odofin and FESTAC town especially.'

"He is one of the leading lights of the residents

association in 6th Avenue, empowering people, religious organisations and youth." "The track record of High Chief Anikpe is very quintessential. He's very selfless," Adejumo said. He noted that other finalists were also duly recognized.

"Hon. Folorunso Ola Western who is the candidate of the All Progressive Congress, APC vying to represent Amuwo-Odofin Constituency I at the Lagos State House of Assembly was honoured and recognised with the FESTAC Weekly Street Credibility/Leadership

Award, while Comrade Rasheed Olateju was accorded the Mass Mobilizer Award of recognition.

"Official presentation of award certificates and plaques will be carried out under a strictly by invitation ceremony as proposed by the publishers of Festac Weekly."

Meanwhile, Adejumo appreciated the communities that make up the local government for getting involved in identifying, rewarding and celebrating people who selflessly contribute to the development of the local government.

Group sensitizes residents on PVC collection

By Motola AbdulGafar

A non-partisan, non-governmental group, National Voters Drive Coalition (NVDC) has addressed residents of Amuwo-Odofin Local Government on the importance of collecting their Permanent Voter's Cards (PVCs).

The group said its priority is not to vouch for a candidate but to encourage Nigerians to get what it takes to vote for their desired candidate as that is very important.

According to the group, aside from the general benefit of getting to vote for one's desired candidate, it can also be a means of expanding one's network as you tend to socialize at polling centres which aids personal upliftment.

It said with the economic situation of the country people tend to express their grievances but neglect opportunities for growth which are at their doorstep as those opportunities are not so obvious which makes them slip away without utilization.

The group encouraged all residents to overlook the current country state and think far ahead when making decisions.

The group consist of organizations such as:

African Primary Healthcare Foundation (APHF); Nigerian Physicians Advocacy Group (NPAG); Ready to Lead Africa (RTLTA); Progressive Abia Youths (PAY); SHIFT

Buraimoh recognised as illustrious team player

By Motola AbdulGafar

The chairman of Amuwo-Odofin Local Government, Hon. Valentine Buraimoh has been recognized as an illustrious team players by some groups within the community

and beyond.

One of the groups, Oko Faaji, claimed it has been doing a follow-up on the execution of community-oriented projects by Buraimoh. Appraising his efforts, an award of excellence was given to him and some other prominent

trailblazers who have also passed through such paths in their various communities. The Chief Press Secretary to the council chairman, Mr. Yomi Adehumo, noted that the group's decision to award Buraimoh was due to his

approachable and critical thinking ability which has helped a lot of people within the community.

He said since he knew Buraimoh, he had never refrained from building relationships with people, his staff and the community at

large which has made him a man of the people and has distinguished him among his peers.

Yomi stated that the chairman would continue to support his course towards community development.

Buraimoh pledges people-oriented governance

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The chairman of Amuwo-Odofin Local Government, Hon. Valentine Buraimoh, has pledged again to make his government people-oriented, saying his administration has a clear vision of the needs of the people. He said his government has continued to deliberate with community stakeholders from time to time to know what they actually want and how best they want to be governed. Buraimoh stated that his achievements earned him

membership of the Island Club, Amuwo-Odofin chapter, saying appraisal of his administration is one of the reasons he was approved as a member of the club.

He said he has planned to implement all deliberations made at the end-of-the-year budget retreat as new ideas have been put together to keep the community moving forward.

He appreciated the recognition of the Club under the leadership of Prince Rabi Oluwa (GCOP), saying he had long noticed their selfless efforts towards the less privileged as their



Buraimoh being inducted by Island Club Amuwo-Odofin

contributions are aiding the government. The council boss assured

that his administration would continue to keep to its promises as they have

prioritized the wellbeing of the people over other matters.

Apapa Iganmu LCDA organizes special prayer for late councillor, others

By Edith Igbokwe

In honour of the departed souls who lost their lives in year 2022, the chairman of Apapa Iganmu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Mrs. Funmilayo Muhammed organized a special prayer session in their remember. The prayer session was held at the council Secretariat to commit

the departed souls in the hands of the Almighty. Mrs. Mohammed mourned one of the councillors, Hon. Kamorudeen Disu who passed on as 2022 curtain was about to be drawn closed on December 30th. She also remembered the late Hon. Christopher Anago, Iya Esie among others who passed on for God's infinite mercy on their souls. According to her, late

Disu until death, was an astute serving legislator and a pragmatic councillor who doubles as the majority leader who served the people meritoriously since the last five years. "It is no doubt that the people of Ward D will miss the great representation of late Disu, his colleagues at the legislative arm will also miss his great impact and contributions in the house.



Prayers for late Councillor Disu

Residents commend chairman's efforts

By Edith Igbokwe

Residents of Apapa Iganmu Local Council Development Area (LCDA) have commended the council chairman, Mrs. Funmilayo Muhammed for her efforts as a female leader. They disclosed that her performance has made the LCDA proud of her. According to them, her giant strides of massive projects and achievements have revealed that women are capable of rare accomplishments. They said she had been

carrying everybody along in her administration, giving voice to the grassroots people in government. They gave the commendation as she distributed 200 bags of 50kg rice and hundreds of livestock to residents for the festival celebration. Some of the beneficiaries testified that she has been holding such programmes at her earlier stage in governance. They said: "She has been doing great and marvelous things anywhere she goes and this has helped her earn more love and admirers."



Mrs funmilayo Muhammed

Isole Councillors To Kick-Start Second Phase of Empowerment February

By Edith Igbokwe

The Councillors in Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) have announced that the second phase of their empowerment programme will start in February. This was made known by the leader of the house, Hon. Akeem Adeyemi Alarape in an exclusive chat with ECHONEWS. Alarape explained that the second phase might witness some adjustments as the legislators hope to increase the number of beneficiaries and extend its scope beyond the aged female. He added that no fewer than 77 beneficiaries were empowered with N10,000

each across the seven wards to grow their business in the first phase that started in Alagbeji Ward. "First phase of Isolo LCDA 5th legislative council people's empowerment is completed with 77 beneficiaries across the seven wards. Each beneficiary got N10,000 to support their trade. The second phase will commence by the grace of God in February from Okota ward. "Upon resumption this year, We shall review the programme and increase the number of monthly beneficiaries. This first phase was exclusively for our female elderly. "The second phase shall sustain female elderly with the inclusion of male

elderly and our youths with appreciated the Party Chairman in Isolo, Barrister Gani Bello as well as the seven ward chairmen of the ruling party in Isolo for the believing in the idea. Alarape said that he also



Council leader, Hon. Akeem Adeyemi presenting cash to one of the recipients.

Council appreciates outstanding staff members

By Edith Igbokwe

The chairman of Apapa Iganmu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Mrs. Funmilayo Muhammed has

awarded outstanding staff members in 2022, promising that her administration will focus more on development and advancement of the LCDA in 2023. According to her, 2023 budget centers around

developmental goals improve on their job and employment to the performance for people of Apapa Iganmu excellence recognition in LCDA. She pledged to intensify workshop session to more efforts for greater review year 2022 and to achievements in 2023. The council boss charged others to plans.

Expect new developments this year, Akinloye assures Eredo residents

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Eredo LCDA, Hon. Ismail Monsuru Akinloye, has assured the residents of the council area of new development as he presented the 2023 appropriation bill to the legislature. He said the residents should expect positive social, economic, and political development which the budget is made to address. Tagged "Budget of Reality", the council boss said it is dedicated to the development of the communities as well as a human development. The council chairman urged the legislators

to expedite action to pass the budget to ensure that residents continue to benefit from democratic dividends.

"The Eredo LCDA All Progressives Congress (APC) will continue to make sure the party's mandate is carried out via my administration."

Responding, the council leader, Hon. Bakare Tunde, expressed gratitude to all the stakeholders who attended the budget presentation.

He said: "I use this medium to seek the cooperation of stakeholders to ensure Eredo LCDA boosts her revenue generation, and also achieve better performance for the year 2023 Budget."



Hon Akinloye presenting the 2023 budget to the Eredo LCDA legislative council

2023: GAC member, Bamu canvasses for Asiwaju in Epe

By Saheed Afolabi

The Apashe of Epeland and a member of the Governor's Advisory Council (GAC), Lagos State, Alhaji Shakirudeen Seriki (Bamu), has reiterated his belief in the aspiration of Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu to become the Nigerian president in 2023. He called on all well meaning Nigerians and stakeholders in the political arena to support him, saying Asiwaju's victory will wipe out the tears of the citizens and the coming generation of leaders.

"The man has what it takes to rule this country. He has his records to tell in Lagos State. Imagine how he turned things

around during the era of the imbroglio between the FG and the state government over the creation of the additional local governments in Lagos State. He successfully managed the situation accordingly.

"All the insinuations against him have been proved wrong. Jagaban will perform wonders in this country. He has the economic experience, political sagacity and social relevance to rule this nation."

He also canvassed Lagosians' votes for Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, so that he can continue his job.

"He has turned things around in Lagos State. Among the leaders, politicians, youths, old and young, he has



Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu

touched almost everywhere.

"The unfinished projects by the last administration have

almost been completed by the man. You can see things for yourselves in Epe here. Check around and confirm this

statement.

"The Governor has been up and doing well in all ramifications. Recently, he has commissioned

the Blue Line Rail project and still going to do more. Let's give it to him. He deserves to be re-elected."

Residents promote peaceful coexistence among communities

By Edith Obioma

Stakeholders of Oluwole and Sogunro Estates in Ojodu Local Council Development Area (LCDA) have organized IFEKAN Day to foster friendship, mutual coexistence and further entrench the deep rooted closeness of the two communities. The group was led by the council leader, Hon. Opeyemi Apatira, who was described as "worthy ambassador of the community." The council chairman,

Hon. David Odunmbaku appreciated the initiative behind the get-together to promote peace and progress through entertainment. He promised the support of his administration towards such ventures that would contribute to boosting peaceful coexistence and social development in Ojodu LCDA. He appealed to all residents of Ojodu to maintain mutual understanding among one another for a conducive living environment.



Communities celebrating peaceful coexistence

Arewa declares support for APC candidates

The Arewa Forum in Lekki LCDA has declared its support for the flag bearer of the All Progressives Congress (APC) representing Ibeju-Lekki Constituency II at the Lagos State House of Assembly, Hon. Oladele Ajayi. The group said it declared support for the candidate and other APC candidates after thorough investigation and observation over choosing the right candidates. While speaking to Ajayi, the representatives of the forum stated that they aspired for a working government that would put the interest of the people against any decision he wants to make. They said they are only concerned about community development which is one of the reasons they have decided to support him. They prayed for his success and assured him of their votes, saying the forum is ready to contribute towards the development of Ibeju-Lekki.

Ojodu council chairman presents N2.6bn budget

By Edith Obioma

The chairman of Ojodu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. David Odunmbaku has presented N2.6 billion 2023 budget of the council to the legislative arm for approval. According to him, the budget, tagged "Budget of Sustainable Development", is to fund and sustain a variety of programmes and initiatives aimed at improving the lives of residents in Ojodu LCDA. He said the major focus of the budget is the sustenance of the administration's H.E.Y.S Agenda (Health, Education, Youth Empowerment, and Social Infrastructure) which is also in tandem with the Lagos State Government's THEMES agenda and the United Nations global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Odunmbaku announced plans to further improve the living standards of

Ojodu residents through strengthening Public Private Partnerships (PPP), inter-governmental collaborations, people-oriented projects as well as rejuvenation of public infrastructures. "We are mindful of the need to ensure continuous and provision of the

dividend of democracy for our people as our own obligation to their freely-given mandate to us. "We are also determined to protect and consolidate our achievements recorded so far." He further stated that the budget will address the needs of the community

while also promoting long-term growth and prosperity. While receiving the appropriation bill, the council leader, Hon. Opeyemi Apatira, eulogized Odunmbaku's administration for embarking on "the journey of sustainable

development that would ultimately lead to long lasting and more effective development in the long term." He assured that the council legislature will review the budget and hold series of public hearings before voting on its approval.

Odunmbaku commends APC mobilisation team

By Edith Obioma

The chairman of Ojodu LCDA, Hon. David Odunmbaku, has commended the All Progressives Congress (APC) party members in Ikeja Federal Constituency for their commitment towards mobilization of people at the grassroots for the 2023 general elections. He encouraged them to keep up the tempo of the mobilization for the realization of electoral victory for Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, Babajide Sanwoolu, Dr. Idiat Adebule, James Abiodun Faleke,

Adedamola Kasumu and Seyi Lawal in the 2023 elections. The ward by ward grassroots engagement rally was endorsed and supported morally and materially by APC party leaders, public office holders and candidates

across the three local governments of Ojodu, Onigbongbo and Ikeja that make up the Ikeja Federal Constituency. According to the council boss, they are to mobilize and canvass grassroots voters for optimum electoral

success in the 2023 general elections. The exercise is billed to consecutively run across all the eighteen wards in Ikeja Federal Constituency and was flagged off days ago at Ward A in Ikeja Local Government.



Ojodu mobilisation rally

Residents of Kosofe Local Government Area have appreciated the council chairman, Barr. Moyosore Ogunlewe, for the provision of free eye glasses to those with sight challenges.

The beneficiaries, who have been nursing sight problem over the years, commended Ogunlewe for organizing such project.

The council partnered with Precious Sight Foundation to provide the free eye medical treatment to the residents in need of the care.

The exercise covered

Free eye glasses beneficiaries appreciate benefactor

By Edith Obioma

eye test, medical prescription, free eye glasses to those that need it.

It took three days to ensure that enough patients with eye challenges were attended to.

Ogunlewe assured the residents that he would continue reaching out to them in delivery of democracy dividends.



Beneficiaries of free eye glasses

Former council chairman supports Okanlawon's re-election

By Edith Obioma

The former chairman of Kosofe Local Government, Barr.

Ademuyiwa Adedeji has promised to provide campaign office to the lawmaker representing Kosofe Constituency at the State House of Assembly, Hon. Ganiu Okanlawon.

According to Adedeji, the office will give room for easy convergence of people for information dissemination.

He noted that the emergency of the office will boost the re-election of the incumbent lawmaker at the forthcoming general elections.

The handover of the office, located at 10, Diya Street in Kosofe Local Government Area, will be officially carried out this week.

He also promised to support Okanlawon financially, materially and with other things.



Hon. Ademuyiwa Adedeji

Health, education, road infrastructure top Kosofe 2023 budget

By Edith Obioma

Top budget priority of Kosofe Local Government includes good healthcare delivery, quality education, road infrastructure and improved standard of living for the people.

The council chairman, Barr. Moyosore Ogunlewe assured he would build more Primary Healthcare Centers (PHCs) and give the people first class healthcare services.

According to him, all the primary schools across the council area will be transformed while providing the necessary educational materials needed to aid teaching and learning process.

He also promised to re-train the teachers to update their skills for better classroom delivery. He emphasized that he will focus more on road rehabilitation and drain construction to add to the existing 11 roads and seven drains recently commissioned across the council area.

Other projects scheduled for 2023 as contained in

his fiscal policy include provision of street lights, enforcement of environmental laws, skill acquisition and sport activities for the youths.

He further promised to always organize seminars for the staff members, provide vehicles for the police and primary school pupils, create empowerment and care for the senior citizens and widows.

He, therefore, sought more commitment and dedication of management and executive members to do for Kosofe people.



Kosofe budget retreat

Residents commend ruling council over electrification

By Edith Obioma

Residents of Lekki LCDA have commended the leadership of the Apena Ruling Council, Osoroko over the electrification of streets in the area.

They said the electrification would reduce social vices in the community as most black spots have been lightened due to its effect.

One of the residents who spoke to ECHONEWS, said she could not go out once it is 8:00pm due to insecurity in the community.

The residents appealed to the government and other philanthropists to do more of the projects for them in the community.

They noted that one of the common crimes in the community is raping which is constantly reported.



Picture of awarded street light in Osoroko

Lagos Mainland Local Government chairman, Hon. Omolola Essien has reiterated her commitment to education sector as she commissioned 8 blocks of classrooms in Ijero Primary School, Ebute Meta West. Upon commissioning, Essien provided the 26 primary schools in the Local Government with school bags and stationeries. She noted that her administration will do more to reposition basic Education in Local Government Education Authority (LGEA). She emphasized that the school construction was in line with the State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) specifications. She, however, stated that provision of educational materials spur learning and

There is hope in the New Year, Essien assures Mainlanders

By Saheed Afolabi

teaching in the school as it is paramount to bringing up future generations that will impact positively to the society.

According to her, adequate arrangements were made for sick bay to ensure good first aid attention when the need arises.

"Some months ago, when I visited Ijero Primary School, the state of the classrooms and number of pupils in each class were not encouraging. The outcome of the visitation led to eight blocks of classrooms commissioned which will be replicated in other schools as well."



Hon. Omolola Essien

Lagos Mainland presents N4.4bn 2023 budget

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Lagos Mainland Local Government, Hon. Omolola Essien has presented N4.418,380,973,32 appropriation bill to the legislative arm for approval. In the budget, capital expenditure covers 62 per cent while the recurrent expenditure takes 38 per cent. Essien appealed to the legislature for quick approval of the budget to enable continuous development in Lagos Mainland. She stated that the budget was tagged "Budget of Continuity" to improve on the transformational progress of actualizing the Smart City plan of Lagos State in Lagos Mainland.

According to her, her administration has recorded achievements in education, healthcare, infrastructures, staff welfare, skills acquisition, empowerment and other sectors.

She appreciated the executive members and management staff for their support towards the milestones achieved.

She, however, warned residents to desist from indiscriminate waste disposal and environmental abuse that render development process futile.

Responding, the council leader, Hon. Azeez Oloto, assured hasty budget approval to give room for good governance and delivery of democracy dividends to the people.



N 4.4 billion budget presentation

Group fetes elders with food items

By Saheed Afolabi

A Socio-political Group, Yemi Alli Women Forum (YEMWOF), founded by the member representing Mushin 1 Federal Constituency at the House of Representatives, Hon. Adeyemi Alli, has stretched their hands of fellowship in celebrating the festive season with the Elderly Home.

The group through their matrons, Alhaja Khadijat Oluyemisi Alli, wife of Hon. Adeyemi Alli, and Alhaja Muyibat Omokehinde Ajala, wife of Hon. Rasaan Ajala, in their numbers visited

the Holy Family Home for the elderly at Regina Mundu Catholic Church, Mushin with packs of food items.

"We have jointly contributed to give out to the less privileged and the elderly ones in the community.

"From inception, it has formed part of our culture to always give back to the society, especially the less privileged. In 2022 we visited the Bethsaida School of the Blind and in same vein, we have decided to visit the Old citizens of our community", Yeye Oluyemisi Alli said.

"Coming here is not new

because we have visited this home to celebrate birthday years back and we shall continue to remember you in kind Insha'Allah," she assured.

Among the entourage were the YEMWOF President, Mrs. Omolara Olanrewaju; Vice President, Alhaja Ewenla; Coordinator, Miss Yetunde Ogunniran; Secretary, Alhaja Basirat Magbade; Treasurer, Mrs. Bello Olukemi; PRO, Mrs Titilayo Williams; Social Secretary, Mrs. Babafemi; Mrs. Olaide Olayiwola and Mrs. Olufuade among others.



YEMWOF celebrating festive season with the elderly people

Bamigboye tasks CDA leaders on PVC collection

By Saheed Afolabi

As activities towards the 2023 general elections gain momentum, the chairman of Mushin LG, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye is not relenting in his efforts towards ensuring that all the registered voters in Mushin are not disenfranchised during the election.

The council boss, who secured over 28,000 votes in the 2021 local government election across Mushin LG, vowed to deliver multiple of his votes for his party during the coming election.

Speaking at a meeting convened with leaders of Community Development Associations/Community Development Committee (CDAs/CDC) in Mushin Local Government, the council chairman charged the community leaders to encourage members of their

various communities towards collection of their PVCs, for their eligibility to vote.

Bamigboye analyzed why Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu must emerge as the president of Nigeria, following his antecedents and vision in developing Lagos State, which was halted by the PDP government.

He mentioned the Independent Power Project initiated during the term of Tinubu as governor of Lagos State. He also stated the need for state government to own and operate refineries, citing the case of California (a state in the US) which has over 14 refineries.

Some of the community leaders lamented the attitudes of INEC officials towards members of the public and the need to always hasten up in their response as members of the public are always eager to report back at their duty posts, without any delay.

Bamigboye appealed to the grassroots leaders to intensify their efforts and ensure that every voter gets his PVC without any one left at INEC office.

In his response, the CDC chairman, Alhaji Olatunde Okuwobi, assured the council chairman of their preparedness to mobilize support for the ruling party in the coming general elections.



Mushin LG chairman, Hon Emmanuel Bamigboye engaging CDA leaders on PVC collection

Alli trains youths in fish farming

Member of House of Representatives

, representing Mushin 1 Federal Constituency, Hon. Adeyemi Alli, has facilitated another training for the youths in the constituency.

The training, tagged "Training and Empowerment for Selected Youths in Fish Farming", was the second empowerment in the month of December, 2022.

The training was fully organized and facilitated by the lawmaker as part of

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his effort to give necessary support to the youths within Mushin 1 Federal Constituency.

Each of the beneficiaries received startup grant to aid the smooth running of the fish farming business after the training.

While expressing their excitement, the beneficiaries praised Alli for considering such an innovative and supportive training and empowerment

programme for the youths in Mushin 1 Federal Constituency.

"He has paid his dues as a father of the youths and deserves our support for re-election to continue the good job he has started," one of the beneficiaries said.

Responding, Alli informed the youths to always give kudos to Asiwaju Bola Hammed Tinubu for giving him the opportunity to serve his people.

"If not, there won't be an

avenue to prove to my constituents what I am capable of doing as a representative," Alli said.

He, therefore, appreciated Tinubu for the golden opportunity to serve under the All Progressive Congress (APC).

"This is just a tip of the iceberg. More empowerment packages and initiatives are in the pipeline," he assured the youths, urging them to mobilize themselves for the 2023 elections.



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The Lagos West Senatorial candidate under the platform of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Mrs. Idiat Adebule, has advised youths in Ojo area of the state on their self-development plan, while charging them to set goals for themselves to be pursued in the New Year.

She said that it is not just all about setting fascinating goals as most people deviate from their so-called goals by the end of March as reality begins to tell on them.

Adebule advised that before setting a goal, individuals should define their goals to have focus.

She gave an instance of a common trend among youths over job opportunities where they set a goal to "find a better job".

She said every individual has their definition of what a "better job" is. To some people it is just to be able to feed themselves while to others it is to cater for their well-being and relatives without

Adebule urges youths to set new year goals

By Motolani AbdulGafar

going beyond the scope of the present or thinking of the future.

Adebule suggested that in making an

achievable goal, individuals should answer the questions of who, what, when and where as identification of being specific in making a smart goal. She said that

ensuring that one's goal is measurable enables one to know the timeframe needed in achieving set goals rather than procrastinating and extensively extending them

when they are non-achievable as reality begins to tell.

She, however, emphasized that individuals should note if their set goals are attainable given their current

circumstances, stating that one of the reasons some people do not achieve their goals is because they set things that they cannot achieve given their current status.



Adebule admits APC Youth elders in Ojo

2023: APC group cautions youths on orderliness

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The All Progressives Congress (APC) youth wing has encouraged all youths within the council area to be orderly and act responsibly during the general elections. The group took to its Publicity Media platform to caution youths to refrain from engaging in illicit activities that can debar them from voting for their preferred candidates. It stated that aside

from obtaining their Permanent Voter's Cards, various reasons could debar them from being able to vote which would not be pleasing despite all efforts made since last year towards the election. The youths were encouraged to be in high spirits and be optimistic, stating the development of Nigeria lies in their decision. The group urged them to troupe out to collect their cards before the closing date.

Residents of Origele and Ese-Ofin in the inner part of Ojo Local Government Area have appreciated the council boss, Hon. Rasulu Idowu over his approval of the construction of a new concrete pedestrian bridge that would link the Origele and Ese-Ofin communities together.

The residents who spoke to ECHONEWS, said the construction would ease pedestrian movement in the area due to the state of the road.

They noted that as a riverine community, it is a great opportunity for residents because to them the construction is

Residents commend council chair for approving concrete bridge

By Motolani AbdulGafar

a path to earning better things in years to come because they believe they are recognized by the government due to their geographical restriction.

They appealed to the government to bring in more infrastructure to aid their development as not just the road is the setback of the community, electricity, among other factors has also been a dilemma to all.



Hon. Olushola Rasulu

Kendoo felicitates with Eng. Anjorin on promotion as HOD

By Edith Obioma

The chairman of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, Otunba Kehinde Oloyede (Kendoo) has congratulated the newly promoted staff member of the council, Eng. Abdulhakeem Anjorin as the Head of Works and Infrastructural Department of the local government. Anjorin was an assist Engineer In works department before he took over after the transfer of the former HOD. Oloyede, in his congratulatory

message, described the new HOD as a dedicated and committed civil servant who takes his work seriously. The council boss, however, urged him to uphold the trust imposed on him by the government in the discharge of his duties in promoting the good of the people of the council. He said the Works and Infrastructure department remains an important sector to his administration just as other departments. He reiterated that it is the hallmark that determines the value

and projects that will be delivered to the people of the council. "On behalf of the executive and management staff of this great council of ours, I congratulate you on your new appointment. I wish you a successful and blissful administration. "As I congratulate you, I want to urge you not to relent on your known capacity, dedication to duty that will help our administration achieve its objectives of providing massive infrastructural projects for our people, this is our bond with them and we must deliver more."



Anjorin and Kendoo in photograph

Ifoshi ward councillor, Nwankwo-Okere trains 100 in skill acquisition

By Edith Obioma

The councillor representing Ifoshi Ward in Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Grace Nwankwo-Okere has again trained and graduated 100 youths and women across the council area in skills to create more jobs. Ejigbo LCDA chairman, Hon. Monsuru Oloyede commended the councillor's effort and promised to enroll some of the beneficiaries in Lagos State Government training skills, who will also be expected to replicate the training to others. He also promised free interest loan scheme to support beneficiaries for startup. The free skills acquisition took two weeks during which the beneficiaries were trained on Make-up, gele tying, auto gele, turban making, liquid soap making, air freshener, body spray, face cleanser and others.

At the end of the training, Nwankwo-Okere awarded beneficiaries with certificates and N300,000 for the trainees to get few materials to start on their own.

She advised beneficiaries to make good use of the knowledge and put the stipend provided into business for multiple returns. "I am always excited seeing youths that benefited from my empowerment project

progressing and supporting their families. Her most profound gratitude goes to the Executive chairman of Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Monsuru Oloyede (Obe) for creating time out of his busy

schedule to honour the occasion. She commended Oloyede's effort and projects towards the development of the LCDA in terms of good infrastructures, education, healthcare, empowerment and other sectors put in

place for the benefit of community members. She, therefore, appealed to Ifoshi residents to vote All Progressives Congress (APC) party candidates in 2023, saying the party remains a bedrock of success.



Hon Grace with beneficiaries of skill acquisition training

We want players to play Futsal professionally, earn a living from it - Unwana Etuk

By Saheed Afolabi

The Executive Director of Futsal Lagos, Unwana Etuk, has stated that Futsal Lagos is an initiative brought together by WLB Sport Limited to provide the opportunity of playing Futsal football professionally to young players at the grassroots.

"WLB Sport Limited is a company founded in 2022 to provide opportunity for young players to play Futsal in Lagos and subsequently Nigeria."

Etuk added that the main goal of the Futsal Football League is to make the league attractive for players to play in Nigeria and earn

a living playing in Nigeria.

He said: "We have an intending league coming up in January next year and this is basically a showcase of what the league intends to be.

"Currently, there's an array of talent been displayed already and we feel that when the league starts, we will be able to harness this talents and we will be able to discover much more talents.

"The next step is the upcoming league which is why we are here, we want a league that players can play this sport Futsal professionally and earn a living from it.

"The kind of support we need to drive from the grassroots is to

inculcate it to physical health education curriculum and have it as something that secondary schools play and we are already working on a school programme that allows a couple of schools

participate in it and programmes like that aid in the development of this sport going forward in the right direction.

"Well, the main goal of the league is for players to play here in Nigeria.

For many years we have had the situation where players play abroad to try and chase their dreams professionally, we want a situation that players are here and play the Futsal here and earn a living here in

Nigeria.

"If we provide a structure like this for the development to grow, I feel that definitely, Nigeria can compete with the best countries in Futsal."



Unwana Etuk, Director of Futsal Lagos

Remo Stars to have women team soon, says Ogungbefun

By Saheed Afolabi

If things go according to plan, then Remo Stars will be the next NPFL team to have a women wing.

This was confirmed by Remo Stars CEO, Adedoyin Ogungbefun at the annual SheFootball Conference in Lagos.

Speaking exclusively to ECHONEWS, Ogungbefun said there is a plan to have a women's football club soon.

He noted that one of the reasons they partnered with the SheFootball Conference is to get players from the grassroots, give them time to develop before giving them the necessary exposure.

"Yes, there is plan for us to

have a women's team because we have plans for it already.

"Women clubs are not like male clubs, it is not an open-end thing, we can't just say we want to do open scouting because of the peculiarity of their nature, we are working on the club and by the grace of God next year we should have a women's football club.

"We partnered this conference to get players from the grassroots to give them time to develop."

The football administrator described the SheFootball Conference as a great thing to empower women football players in the grassroots and said, Remo Stars are proud to be association with such an enviable project.

Football was taken to another new level as Futsal Lagos came into being at the NIS Gymnasium Hall, National Stadium, Surulere.

The event which involved exhibition games to launch Futsal football in Lagos and birth the Futsal Lagos league that's expected to start in January 2023.

Futsal football known as street football in Nigeria is very common but it has never been taken as a career by most players except being played for fun across streets in the country on hard surface. WLB Sport Limited is the brain behind this new initiative.

Speaking to ECHONEWS, the CEO of WLB Sport Limited and co-founder of Futsal Lagos said the aim of Futsal Lagos is to put Futsal football in a more organized manner and encourage young lads to key into it.

Futsal Lagos is here for the long run - Animashahun

By Saheed Afolabi

"Futsal Lagos is born out of the need for football, we are here at the National Stadium, Surulere, everyday of the week and you will find people playing football on any surface they can get access to and that's pretty what Futsal is, football on

hard surface.

"We can do it in a more organized manner and put in more panache about it.

"That's why we came up with the idea of Futsal Lagos for young people that wants to go pro but may never get the chance and this is a viable alternative and we are here for the long run."

Three exhibition games were played at the event to birth Futsal Lagos league.

Team Founder defeated Celebrity Team 6-4 in an enthralling encounter.

KidSport FC thrashed Sportellectual FC 5-2 in an entertaining manner.

Smart City and Kingspor FC played out a fascinating 3-3 draw.



Co founder of Futsal Lagos

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