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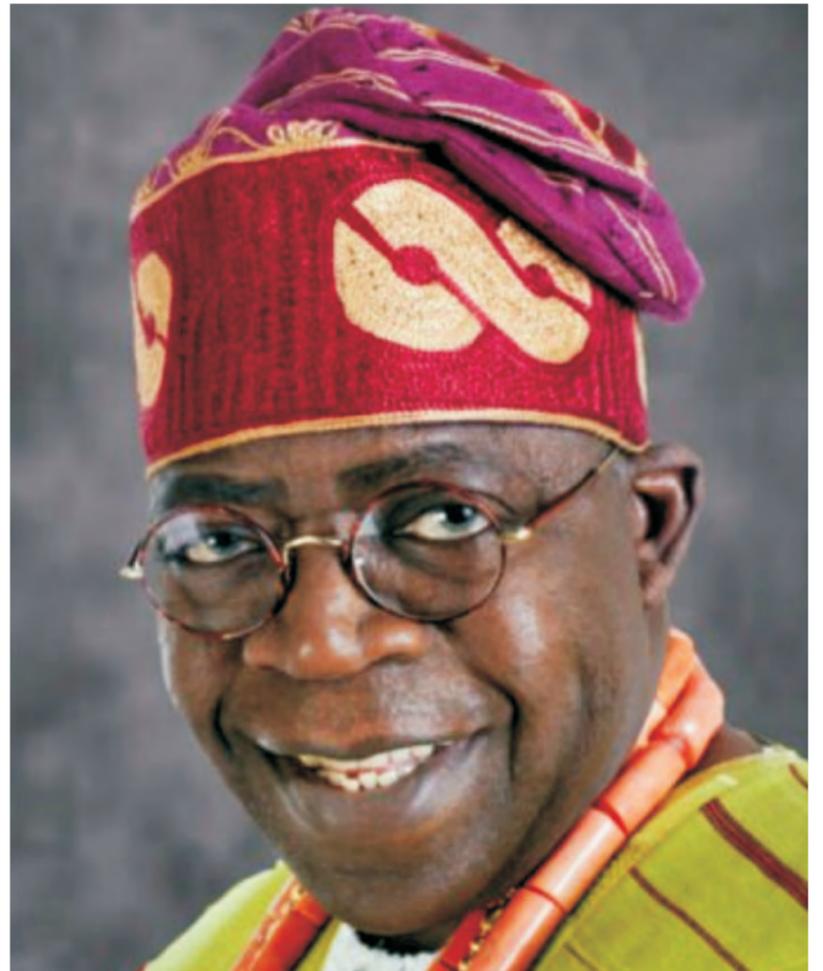
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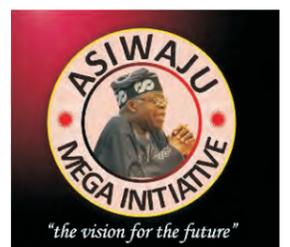
Groups committed to mobilising support for the presidential ambition of All Progressives Congress National Leader, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu have hit the ground in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area. The local government includes Isolo Local Council Development Area and Ejigbo Local Council Development Area. The groups include Yooba Agenda 2023, I Stand With Asiwaju 2023, Asiwaju Reloaded Project 2023, APC Team Grassroots Voice of Asiwaju, National Coalition of Tinubu Support Groups and the South West Agenda for Asiwaju. While Mr. Ajayi Taiwo coordinates Yoruba Agenda 2023, Mr. Humble Smart handles I Stand with Asiwaju 2023. Other coordinators and their groups are Kayode Salako, Asiwaju Reloaded 2023; Remi Williams, APC Team Grassroots Voice of Asiwaju; Barrister Kayode Ademiluyi organises the National Coalition of Tinubu Support Groups. Although the South West Agenda for Asiwaju 2023, better known as SWAGA features prominent politicians who have been crisscrossing the South West mobilising traditional rulers and key stakeholders, it is yet to set up local government chapters. SWAGA is co-ordinated at the national level by Hon. Oye Ojo, a former House of Representatives member. The Remi-Williams-led group intensified its meeting two weeks ago with representatives from the 20 wards which make up the local government. The group resolved to appoint patrons to raise funds for mobilising voters and propagating the campaign to make Tinubu president. While these groups meet physically to strategise, other groups are more active on WhatsApp and other social media platforms. These include the Asiwaju Mega Initiative, the Jagabans, South West Zone Tinubu NCTSG, the Asiwaju Distinguished Ambassadors and I Stand with Tinubu group. On Facebook, groups such as

Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu B.A.T. National Forum, Asiwaju Grassroots Foundation and Hope 2023 Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu for President are using the platform to garner support for their mentor. Already individual organisations are networking to create mega groups. For instance, APC Team Grassroots Voice for Asiwaju is a member of the Coalition of Tinubu Support Groups. Its leader, Remi Williams also co-ordinates the coalition on Oshodi-Isolo while Wale Fashola, another member co-ordinates the coalition in Ejigbo LCDA. While it maintains its headquarters at Isolo, the coalition has opened chapters in 10 other council areas including Eti-Osa, Yaba, Kosofe, Ikorodu North, On its part, the social media influencer Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu National Forum, co-ordinated by Mr Seyi Bamigbade has 85,000 members on Facebook including residents of Oshodi-Isolo LGA. Recently it flagged off a volunteers registration campaign to recruit millions of voters nationwide. It competes with the Asiwaju Grassroots Foundation that seeks to mobilise voters for the presidential ambition of Governor Tinubu.



Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu

I STAND WITH Asiwaju 2023.



NGOs sensitise Oshodi-Isolo residents on drug abuse prevention

By Damilola Kushimo

To tame the menace of drug abuse, Freedom Foundation in partnership with Drug Abuse Prevention Centre (DAPC) has sensitised residents in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area (LGA) on how to prevent abuse of drugs and other substances. The advocacy programme is in line with the new anti-drug use campaign launched by Freedom Foundation in conjunction with DAPC in January this year with the title "Substance Abuse and Life Skills Promotion Project" targeted at the youths in the community. According to the project

manager of Freedom Foundation, Mr. John Akinola, the project aims at creating awareness and providing information as well as resource dissemination to the in-school and out-of-school-aged youths on substance abuse to prevent early usage of drugs and other substances among them. Akinola, who spoke to ECHONEWS about a sensitisation programme held for the youths in Isolo Townhall, explained that the participants were expected to pass the advocacy messages on to their contemporaries in the community. He informed that caregivers and coalition of members of



civil associations in the community will also be trained on how to complement other efforts against the menace and that the programme would be

extended to other parts of the state. The Chairman of Lagos State Barbers, Hairdressers and Cosmetologists Association (LABHCA), Isolo chapter, Mr.

Deji Adewunmi, lauded the organisers of the programme, promising that the messages would be passed to others.

Shammeh promises work on Aniete bridge soon

By Damilola Kushimo

The Chairman of Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye (Shammeh), has assured residents of Aniete Crescent that work would soon commence on the dilapidated bridge. Shammeh, who was responding to a report by ECHONEWS in which the residents had urged the council boss to repair the bridge to ease their plight

appealed to them to exercise more patience promising that work will soon commence on the project.

During a media chat with our correspondent, the chairman noted that the council is adequately aware of their plight but stressed that the community would need to exercise more patience if they want a quality job done on the dilapidated bridge.

He emphasised that the council has other roads that require urgent attention hence, the need for them to be patient and be optimistic.

His words: "It is true, the residents came with an SOS message to the council. We listened to them and we took the necessary step and part of the necessary step is to go to the place and find a solution to the drainage issue. We have since awarded the job to a contractor and the contractor had visited the site. "Yes, the complaints of the residents as I've taken it is that the pace of work is slow and to us it is understandable. We've appealed to the residents to exercise more patience in order to get a good job done

there. They should equally understand that the council exists for all. We have many places begging for our attention and it is not possible to attend to all these requests from the residents all at once. They should exercise patience. We shall make sure that their pains are taken away.

"Their place is not the only place in the council area that is prone to floods, there are several others and we are attending to all simultaneously."



Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye

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Muyiwa Asalejo is Shammeh's new CPS

By Damilola Kushimo

The Chairman of Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye (Shammeh) has announced the appointment of the new Chief Press Secretary, Mr. Muyiwa Asalejo.

He made this announcement while re-presenting the 2021 appropriation budget before the councillors on Friday. Shammeh explained that the appointment of a new CPS was necessitated by the honourable resignation of his brother, Lanre Olaleye who previously held the position.

According to Shammeh, his brother had earlier tendered a resignation letter in response to an article titled "A Sour Grape" he wrote and circulated on social media on Thursday to address the fragile polity in Isolo.

The former CPS had, in the article, called on the party leaders and elders within the council area and state to save the council from political destruction by brokering peace among all warring political leaders and stakeholders in the council area.

Although, the Secretary to the Local Government (SLG), Hon. Emmanuel Olojede, immediately released a disclaimer dissociating the council chairman from the article, Shammeh noted that the resignation of his brother became more important to affirm his (Shammeh) personal resolve for establishing and upholding peace in the council area.

Shammeh said: "As an individual, I'm committed to peace in all ramifications and I've been taking the necessary steps to make sure that there is peace in Isolo LCDA because progress can only live in

a very conducive atmosphere that is made of peace.

"I will continue to play the role of the leader of Isolo LCDA administration. I've taken a step forward to remove anything that is going to be on the path of peace. There was a story trending on social media on Thursday, I did a disclaimer to that story and I directed the SLG to equally do same. And I am mentioning it to this House that I have received the resignation letter from Lanre Olaleye, the erstwhile CPS and equally brought onboard Mr. Muyiwa Asalejo to take over from him.

"This is one of the steps that I want to take to guaranty peace because I recalled that members of this hallowed chamber have at one occasion or the other made complaints about the erstwhile CPS and as a step to the direction of peace, I have asked him to resign and he has done exactly that. So, on my part, it should be clear that I am endorsing and having my signature on peace."

He, however, appealed to all stakeholders to make sure that the LCDA is saved from negative reports henceforth.

"I seek the opportunity to appeal to all stakeholders to allow us, at least, be popular for good reasons. Enough of the negative publicity about Isolo LCDA. It has not been like this since we started, we have always been brothers and sisters. And with the little time of the administration remains, I hope that we will return to the way we had been adding great value to the people of Isolo LCDA."

The new CPS is a graduate of Yaba College of Technology (YABATECH) and holds a degree from Nigerian Institute of Journalism according to his Facebook profile.

I won't be distracted by critics - Remy

By Damilola Kushimo

The councillor representing Apena Ward, Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Remy Shittu Remy, has hit back at his critics, saying he won't be distracted by their comments.

Remy, who doubles as the council leader and the deputy chairman of Lagos State Councillors Forum, made this assertion in response to criticisms from a councillorship aspirant from his ward, Hon. Isiaq Oladimeji Shonubi (IOS), who had, in a previous report by ECHONEWS, called out Remy for failing to deliver on his campaign promises.

Shonubi, who is aspiring to unseat Remy as the councillor of the community under the platform of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) said the incumbent councillor has failed to deliver on his campaign promises which

includes qualitative representation and facilitation of infrastructural and human capital developments into the community.

He said he has to put himself forward to occupy the position to be able to restore the hope of the people in the community and get the jobs done.

Reacting to the criticism, Remy said Shonubi was being economical with the truth and only wanted to score cheap points.

He emphasised that since he was sworn in, he has exemplified the qualitative representation and progressive governance he campaigned about.

He explained that beyond his way as a councillor, he has been able to influence numerous developmental projects into the council area.

His words: "The fact is known to progressives and mindful residents of our community. Since I got elected and sworn in

as the councillor and leader of the House, I have hit the ground running to raise the bar of representation at the local level here. I have been doing my best in that regard. I have bridged the obvious gap between the government and the people as well as between basic service providers in the community and the residents. I have organised and facilitated numerous developmental projects into the community and put our LCDA on the international scene for reasons we can all be proud of.

"Some of these projects are well reported by national and community media. On the occasion of my third year in office, I gave an account of my 3-year activities, so far, via my social media platforms and an unprecedented virtual town hall meeting that was observed by a significant number of residents in the community. I am aware that all these need to be sustained and worked on and that's why I said



Hon. Remy Shittu Remy

"I'm working till the last day and will not give in to any form of distraction or criticism from mindless critics."

Remy, however, advised aspirants against false accusation and the use of propaganda as political or campaign strategies, stressing that such will not make the community a better place.

Aspirant Aina says it is indigenes' turn to be councillor

By Damilola Kushimo

A councillorship aspirant in Ishaga/Ire-Akari Ward F4, Hon. Sheriff Aina a.k.a Scarx, is hinging hope of becoming the next councillor on his indigene status.

This factor, he believes, puts him at an advantage over the incumbent, Hon. Abisodun Odusina-Adeoye who is seeking a second term. Aina, who is contesting under the

the same party, the All Progressives Congress (APC), explained that stakeholders and residents of his community are clamouring for an indigene as the next councillor and will no longer tolerate the overbearing influence of the party in the community.

Speaking about his qualification and experience, he said he has been a revenue officer in the council since 2005 and has garnered vast knowledge and insight about the operation of the council.

He said: "I'm an indigene of Ishagatedo Ward, I was born and brought up here. I am an architect by profession but I've been a revenue officer in the council since 2005. It is heartbreaking that in the last three political dispensations in Isolo, we have not had an indigene as councillor. We have been having councillors that are from Isolo and we are not happy with it but we don't have a choice. The incumbent and her predecessor are not from Ishaga. My aspiration was inspired some

years back and now we are saying that we want to get what is ours.

"I've met with major stakeholders in the community and they have given me their support. They all want indigene. My agenda is not open. I'm going to ensure that the voice and clamour of my people are heard in the council. I will maintain a cordial relationship with the chairman of the council and make sure that great developments come into Ishagatedo.

LCL: Ibrahim Adeleye inspires Diadem Stallion to vital away win

By Saheed Afolabi

Diadem Stallion have been in on the high level lately by winning four consecutive matches in a row. The Isolo giant still rooted 2nd on the Lagos City League (LCL) table after beating Soccer City FC 2-1 despite being one man down, as Goriola of Diadem Stallion was shown a red card in the 50th minute of the game. Diadem Stallion went ahead after the start of the second half, then midfielder Goriola was shown a red card in the 50th minute, Soccer City equalized through a set piece before Bekebi Torofani scored the winner from the penalty spot late in the game. The sunny harsh weather made it uncomfortable for both teams

to play well in the first half as it affected their performance, which made the center referee allow both teams to go for a water break in the 25th minute. Diadem Stallion towering striker, Jonathan Onyebuchi gave the Isolo giant the lead from a counter attacking move. Soccer City dominated the game after Diadem Stallion midfielder Goriola was given a red card. Soccer City equalised through a set piece in the 59th minute. Soccer City applied pressure on the defense of Diadem Stallion but could not get past them. Diadem Stallion Defense marshal Ibrahim Adeleye (Jagun) who doubled as the captain of the side coordinated the defense of his team to contain the attack of Soccer City.

Ibrahim Adeleye led by example by winning a penalty for Diadem Stallion in the 78th minute which was converted by the experienced Bekebi Torofani to give Diadem Stallion the lead despite having 11 men on the field. Soccer City tried to get a draw in the game but met a resilience from Diadem Stallion defense. Ibrahim Adeleye was awarded the Man Of The Match (MOTM) following his mouth watering performance to lead his side to victory. The coach of Diadem Stallion, Ayodeji Adebayo, while speaking to ECHONEWS, said he was delighted with the win as the team displayed maturity and composure despite being one man down, adding that he was glad that the maximum was secured.



Diadem Stallion to vital away win

Arsenal, Man U zoom to final of Brave Sport Fans Game

By Saheed Afolabi

Team Arsenal sailed past Team Juventus 2-1 to book a place in the final of the Brave Sport Fans Game, while the game between Team AC Milan and Manchester United ended in penalty shootout after the match ended goalless with Team Manchester United triumphing with a 4-1 victory. Team Juventus were the only team who had a 100% record in the group stage before Team Arsenal knocked them out in the semifinal. Team Juventus got the lead in the 20th minute while dominating the first half with their tenacious foot work but Team Arsenal came back on level terms in the 36th minute. Substitutions made by Team Juventus affected their performance in the second half as they lost their best players through wrong substitutions.



Arsenal VS Juventus

Team Arsenal took advantage of the wrong substitutions of their opponent by dictating proceedings in the second half and got the winner in the 82nd minute. Team AC Milan and Manchester United settled for

a goalless draw in full time before the penalty shootout which was eventually won by Team Manchester United. Team AC Milan lost 2 spot kicks in the penalty shootout, while Team Manchester United were clinical in the

penalty shootout scoring 4 spot kicks and winning the tie 4-1 on penalty shootout. Both Team Arsenal and Manchester United came out of group A, Team Manchester United won the encounter in the group stage 3-2.

LCL: FC Brave crush TCN FC

By Saheed Afolabi

FC Brave beat TCN FC with 7 goals to 4. The match recorded highest scores in the Lagos City League (LCL). FC Brave players - Seun Fashina, Habeeb Azeez, Lateef Aborishade, Junior Dike, Jamiu Bankole, and Aliu Ali got on the score sheet. Daniel Udele, Chukudi Onuoha, Peter Damilola and Adeoba Opola grabbed the goals for TCN FC. Seun Fashina opened scoring for FC Brave in the 10th minute with an assist from Aliu Ali. Dolapo Lekan provided the assist for FC Brave second goal, which was scored by Habeeb Azeez. Tricky winger Lateef Aborishade linked up with attacking starlet Aliu Ali to score FC Brave's 3rd goal in the 22nd minute. Daniel Udele pulled a goal back

for TCN FC in the 42nd minute to draw the curtain for the first half. Junior Dike put the game beyond TCN FC in the 47th minute by netting FC Brave's 4th goal. Chukwudi Onuoha grabbed the 2nd goal for TCN FC in the 49th minute. TCN FC fought back into the game by making it 4-3 in the 52nd minute through Peter Damilola. Jamiu Bankole reversed to the 2 goal lead of FC Brave by scoring the 5th goal in the 57th minute. Adeoba Opola showed TCN FC's readiness to fight it till the end by scoring the 4th goal in the 60th minute. An own goal which was conceded by TCN FC in the 63rd minute demoralized the team. Aliu Ali netted the 7th goal from close range to complete the defeat on TCN FC.

National Under 18/21 Handball Championship ends in Lagos

By Saheed Afolabi

The National Under 18/21 Handball Championship has ended amidst funfair at Rowe Park Sports Centre in Yaba, Lagos. The underage national championship organised by Handball Federation of Nigeria (HFN) saw several young teams grace the competition in the male and female categories of the two age grades. In the Under 18 female category, Bayelsa defeated Gboko Volunteers of Benue 18-8 to win the title while Gboko settled for second. Lagos defeated Ekiti 38-16 to come third in the category. In the Under 18 male category,

Lagos defeated Niger 33-27 to win the category while Niger had to settle for second position. De King's of Ogun had to wait till after extra time before they were able to defeat FCT 47-44 to come third. In the Under 21 female category, Lagos comfortably defeated Suleja Shooters 36-25 to win the category. Suleja Shooters were second while Kwara came third after defeating Plateau 40-26. In the Under 21 male category, Lagos defeated Niger 37-33 in a keenly contested tie to emerge winner of the category as Niger settled for second position. Kwara overcame the stubborn MindScope Academy with a 40-35 victory to come third

Mbappe set sight on Madrid

By Saheed Afolabi

Kylilan Mbappe has decided not to renew his contract with Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) as he is contemplating moving to Real Madrid. Real Madrid President, Florentino Perez, and coach Zinedine Zidane are keen admirers of the 22 years old World Cup winner. Kylian Mbappe's contract at PSG will come to an end in the summer of 2022, the French international has already set his sight at

donning the jersey of Real Madrid. PSG president, Nasser AL-Khelaifi, is known to always set a price tag on his players. He will also be remembered in his ferocious transfer negotiation with Barcelona which brought Neymar Jr to the club. Mbappe will have to reject all PSG offers for a new deal to frustrate the French Ligue 1 side to put him up for sale. Real Madrid will resist the urge to start negotiation for Mbappe until he has been up on sale by the French Ligue 1 side.



Kylian Mbappe



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State House of Assembly commends Obe's administration

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Lagos State House of Assembly Committee Members on Local Government Administration has commended the efforts of the present administration of Ejigbo LCDA led by Hon. Monsurudeen Bello (Obe) for the jobs well done. The commendation was made during the inspection of monumental projects initiated by the Obe some of which are still ongoing while some others are completed. The Chairman of the Committee, Hon. Sobur Olayiwola, also scored Obe high on the welfare of councillors, pensionable staff

and other projects initiated by him.

The council leader, Hon. Lanre Akinbowale told the committee that there has been a mutual consensus between the management, executive and legislative arms as they grant requests from time to time which has also helped the community.

While responding to the committee, Obe stated the reasons for selecting the projects, saying they are the ones that have transformed Ejigbo so far.

The projects include the rehabilitation of the council secretariat, rehabilitation of roads, building of a new school, rehabilitation of

healthcare centres, provision of security and others.

He also stated that the projects were in line with the requests of the community in different areas which the council has tried to meet up with, stating that his administration only engaged in projects that are in the interest of the general public.

One of the committee members, the member of House of Assembly representing Mushin Constituency I, Hon. Nureni Akinsanya also commended the Obe led administration while encouraging him to put in more effort to record more achievements and sustain the tempo.



Lagos State House of Assembly Committee with council chairman and vice during the inspection visit

Olusumade warns residents against assaulting insane persons

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The vice chairman, Ejigbo Local Council Development Area, Dr. Olatunde Olusumade has warned against assaulting insane persons urging Ejigbo residents to cultivate the habit of using the rapid response system provided by the Lagos State government during emergencies.

Dr Olusumade made the call while speaking to ECHONEWS on the alleged assaults on yet-to-identified insane woman found at Jakande-Gate recently.

While condemning the act of assaulting insane people, Olusumade explained that using violence on mad victims does not change their state of mind.

He said they should be treated fairly urging the resident to call the right emergency agency to come and take them away rather than assaulting them.

"Although nobody saw anyone beating her but you would see the marks of physical assaults on her body. Marks of beating, matchet cut and so on. That was why we came to a conclusion that she was assaulted.

"The victim is already in an altered state of mind for her not to realise that she was naked. In fact, all her utterances and gestures were completely inappropriate so, there was no point treating her in an offensive way if at all she trespassed. All we should do as sane persons is to show compassion. It is advisable that residents should know that their responsibility is to get us informed or any other appropriate agency as early as they could, in times of emergency," he said.

He appreciated the effort of Ejigbo LCDA Supervisor for Agriculture and Youth, Hon. Joke Ndidi Adeosun who located the insane woman before informing medical practitioners.

His words: "It is very difficult for anyone of us to accurately gauge how she feels because her ability to respond to irritability or to be aware of her surroundings is altered.

"This community is a well structured one as we have a functioning CDA around. So, it is easy to pass public information to them which is why we were able to get this information on time. All thanks to Super for Agric who saw to the affairs of the community as her impact has been felt greatly in rescuing the woman."

Meanwhile, the vice chairman stated that the Lagos State Ambulance Service (LASAMBUS) has been



Dr. Olatunde Olusumade

contacted to come and take the victim for treatment before she is taken to the rehabilitation center.

He further informed that the local government has been planning to interface with the community on this case so that they will know how to reach out to medical officers when similar cases occur in moment practitioners or government officials are not in their midst.

Automobile technicians seek govt support on road rehabilitation

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Nigerian Automobile Technicians Association (NATA), Bungalow Unit Phase 3, Ejigbo has appealed to the local government for support on the reconstruction of their road and provision of other infrastructure to help their vocation within the community.

The chairman of the association, Mr. Ramon Babatunde told ECHONEWS that the poor condition of the road where the approved Mechanic Village is located has posed a great challenge to auto technicians.

Babatunde said the challenge which had lingered for so long has constituted a major setback to their job.

He said: "We are begging our LCDA chairman to come to our rescue by constructing this Ifoshi Mechanic Road so that more customers would be

encouraged to pass through the road to patronise us for the repair or servicing of their vehicles.

"This area we are closer to Estate and you know the class of people who live in the estate are elite yet, they are not encouraged by the state of our road to bring to patronise us, many of them go outside to repair their vehicles."

Babatunde added that the

government should also dig standard drainage in the street to avert the flood normally experienced in the area during rainy season.

He further appealed to the government to help resolve the challenge of electricity within the area, noting that other mechanic villages around have sales advantage as they enjoy frequent power supply



Infrastructure: Community lauds Obe over street grading

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Residents of Sarah Faboyede Street have appreciated the efforts of Ejigbo LCDA Chairman, Hon. Monsurudeen Bello (Obe) for grading their road. The street, which is under Ashamu West Community Development Association (CDA), is known as the longest in Bucknor area.

Speaking to ECHONEWS on the project, the CDA chairman, Mr Jimoh Adeola said the chairman, Hon. Monsurudeen Bello assisted the community in actualising their goal on the project as he gave them the required support.

"Our chairman actually provided road grader for us while other logistics were provided by the residents which I'm really delighted about.

"Residents brought the heavy objects which were used to patch deep potholes to make the grading work easier and faster."

Adeola informed that the CDA has been planning on its own to strengthen security in the community, noting that the residents have been contributing money to procure heavy iron gates to be fixed at the entrances of the community.

He said the provision of the gate is one of the projects the community is also trying to



The newly graded Sarah Faboyede Street

execute. Retired Commissioner of Police, Mrs Sarah Faboyede, on behalf of all residents,

commended the efforts of the local government for giving a helping hand.

She also noted the efforts of

the CDA chairman, saying his leadership is a blessing to the community.

Community urges Dawodu to get IKEDC to connect transformer

By Edith Igbokwe

Masking in the euphoria of a transformer recently donated by the House of Representatives member Dr. Bashir Dawodu, the two (Doot and Abaju-Odu) Community Development Associations (CDAs) in Mafoluku area of Oshodi-Isolo LGA are playing Oliver Twist. Last week, both returned to the rep with a request to assist them to get the IKEDC to power the transformer to save the community from load shedding. They complained that the

transformer has been left unused since last year as the electricity distribution company refused to install it. Meanwhile, it was gathered that the installation is being delayed because IKEDC is waiting for the approval by the National Electricity Management Service Agency (NEMSA). Aside from the approval, the community also complained that it could foot the N350,000 requested by the contractor to install the transformer. Ikeja electric had requested that the community get an internal contractor from within

the company who would process the connection of the transformer to power grid after installation. The communities involved said they could not raise such amount as they sought Dawodu's assistance on both the fund and the NEMSA approval. Speaking on the issues, the Doot CDA Chairman, Mr. Femi Awoyemi said: "We have written to Dr. Dawodu and he has sent his representatives to meet with us to ascertain the next step of action to make sure the transformer is functioning." Abaju-Odu CDA Chairman,

Mr. Sunday Adeboye, disclosed that the quality of the materials for powering the transformer has been approved and certified by NEMASA but they were worried over the demand for N350,000 by the internal contractor for the connection and powering of the transformer. While appreciating the lawmaker for his quick response to their letter, the concerned CDAs appealed that he should continue to use his good office to ensure that the community enjoys the transformer as they await his feedback.



Hon. Bashir Dawodu

Court orders husband seeking divorce to present payslip

By Edith Igbokwe

The customary court sitting in Oshodi-Isolo LG has ordered one Mr. Isaiah Robinson (petitioner) to produce his gratuity payslip the next adjournment date on Tuesday April 13, 2021 before divorcing his wife, Mrs. Yetunde Robinson (respondent). The petitioner, who retired last year from Nigerian Airforce filed divorce case against his wife after 35 years of marriage with four children. Mr. Robinson has accused his wife of infidelity, adding that she is diabolical as she always threatens his life and does not care for their children. He told the court that in 1997, he denied his wife's pregnancy because they had been apart for a year. In his statement, he disclosed how he always found female

condom in his wife's closet and how she frequently left home on the account that she was going to church which was not true as the pastor told him that his wife did not attend church.

He further narrated how he caught her pouring oil on his head at about 2am when he was asleep. He also explained how she left their daughter on sickbed to attend training and social functions on two different occasions.

Having stated all these, he told the court that he reported the wife's misdemeanours to her father and elder sister but nothing positive came out of it. He said he has left her since seven years ago to live with his new wife because he could not bear the problem anymore.

The petitioner told the court that he gave his wife N500,000 to boost her business from the gratuity he received



after retirement.

The president of the court, Mrs. Adebisi Laditan requested for the evidence of the amount he was paid as gratuity and how much he is willing to give as settlement to his wife who has spent 35 years with him.

He was also asked to state the amount he would be giving for their 12 years old daughter's monthly upkeep allowance and make provision for her

accommodation.

In response, Mr. Robinson promised to give N20,000 monthly upkeep allowance for the little girl but could not decide on the accommodation fee.

Mrs. Laditan, therefore, adjourned the case till Tuesday April 13, 2021 for the petitioner to provide the amount he was paid as gratuity and to hear from the respondent.

Young author seeks govt aid to publish "Lagos Today"

By Edith Igbokwe

A young writer in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area, Ibrahim Afariogun, has appealed to the Lagos State Government and the local government authority for financial support to publish his book.

Afariogun said the book titled "Lagos Today" contributes to the development of Lagos State by telling its story.

He noted that the book scrutinises the untapped resources that could be used for the development of the state.

According to him, Lagos State is one of the most industrialised cities in Africa which attracts visitors such as tourists, investors, businessmen and women, students and permanent residents.

He said the state deserves a structured road map to guide people's activities which the book sets out, adding that it also illustrates the outstanding transformational and developmental strides of the state over the years.

The author said the book was written to assist tourists and



Ibrahim Afariogun

investors through map guide and to boost the economy of the state where all other state network starts and ends.

He said: "I was inspired to write the book by my late father, Alhaji Rasaki Afariogun who loved tourism and development. He assisted in the development of Oshodi-Isolo Community by attracting a lot of white men into Lagos to invest.

"With the experience I learnt from my late father, I started writing the book "Lagos Today" in 2002 to give insight of Lagos at a brief glance and how to improve the GDP through tourism and investment..

YPP aspirant urges community to vote for youths

By Edith Igbokwe

A councillorship aspirant contesting under the Umbrella of Young Progressive Party (YPP) in Afariogun ward D3, Mr. Adekunle Somorin, has promised to initiate bye laws to ease traffic. Somori said he would do the unusual by providing the community with transportation that will ease current challenges..

According to him, there are plans and strategies already in place to achieve his objectives if elected.

"For the people residing in the community, I planned to ease their transportation, I believe it is possible by soliciting fund to embark on the project to bring

new innovation into the system."

Somorin also plans to support students from primary to tertiary level, canvass for the establishment of Primary Healthcare Center (PHC) in Afariogun ward and facilitate road reconstruction.

Urging the voters to give youths a chance, Somorin said the youths can turn things around if given the chance to occupy leadership positions.

He, however, appreciated his party (YPP) for giving him and other youths a platform to contest for political posts, to be involved in politics, to get themselves developed and to do away with hooliganism.

He said he is optimistic that the youth will eradicate



Adekunle Somorin

hooliganism, injustice, godfatherism if given the chance by other parties.

Okota Rotary Club donates food items to mark 34th anniversary

By Edith Igbokwe

Rotary Club of Okota has donated food items and wheelchairs to Spinal Cord Injury Home in Amuwo Odofin to commemorate its 34th anniversary.

The gesture was well appreciated by the home as the spokesperson, Mr. Obioha was full of prayer for the club.

Delivering the items, the club's president, Rotarian Gabriel Ogugua, explained that the gesture was one of the activities of the club as he stressed that there could not have been a better way to celebrate the 34th anniversary of the club in Okota than with them.

He assured the residents of more developmental projects to complement previous efforts in the community.



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