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Expect More Schools, Better Roads in Second Term - Obe

By Abolaji Adebayo

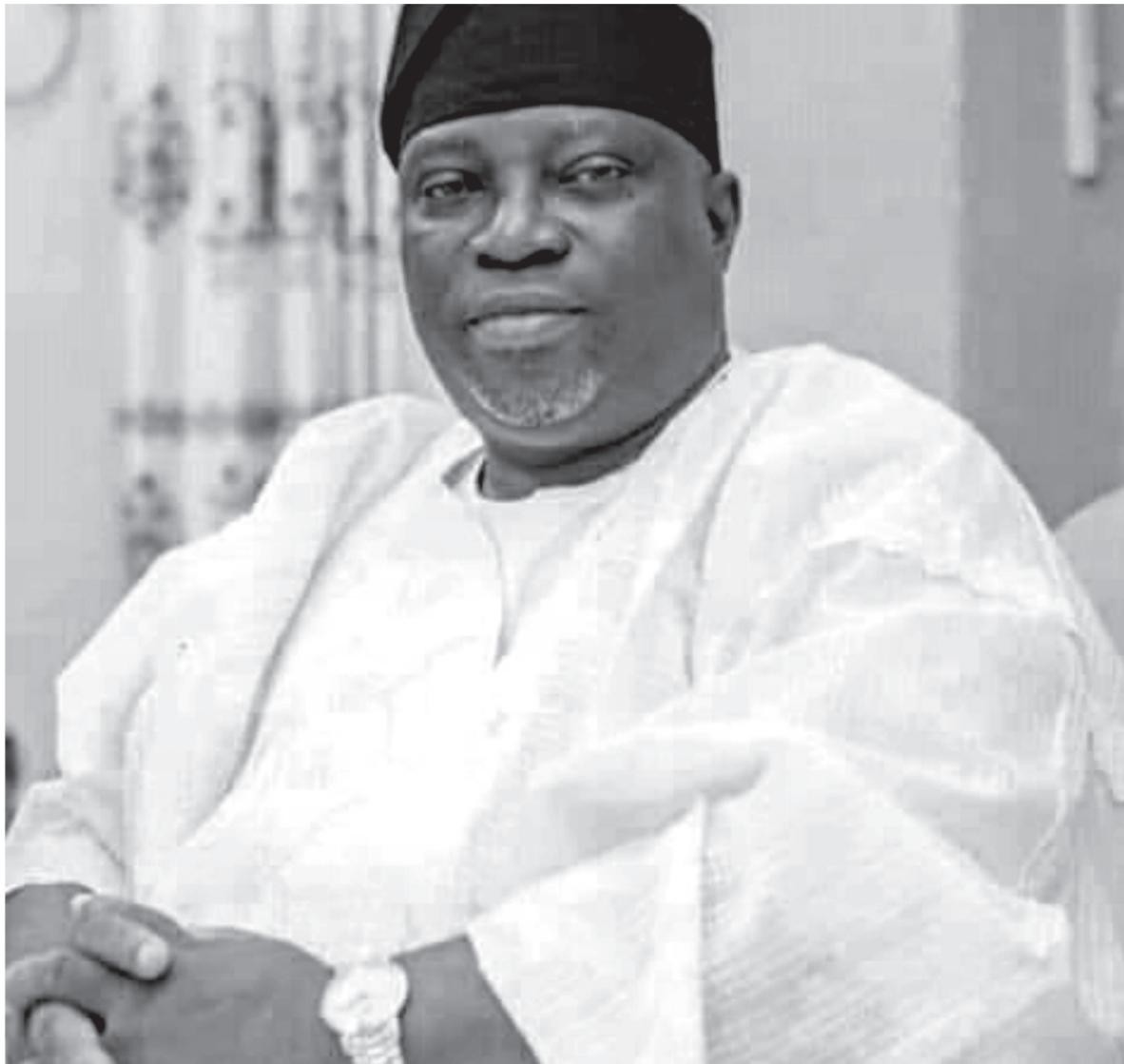
Tackling the menace of bad roads and inadequate public schools will be the priorities of Hon. Monsuru Bello Obe, the chairman of Ejigbo Local Council Development Area if he wins the July 24 council polls.

Speaking in an exclusive interview with Echoneews, Obe said a survey of the expectations of residents of the LCDA of the incoming administration highlighted the need to fix the bad roads and improve access to education.

He said most of the respondents clamoured for the rehabilitation of Ifoshi road, the main street in the traditional part of the town.

In response to the demand, Obe said he has resolved that, although it is under the purview of the Lagos State government, his administration will ensure the road is properly fixed from Iyana Ejigbo down to Ejigbo Police Station if he wins the second term ticket.

His words: What we plan to do differently in our second term in office is to assist the government at the state level being a government that is running on the same political platform. The trunk B roads in Ejigbo are so many that we believe that the suffering of our people can also be alleviated by fixing some of those state government roads particularly the ones that have to do with all the travellers in Ejigbo be it inward or outward movement in Ejigbo. For example, the Ifoshi road over the years has been a menace to people of Ejigbo, but this time around, because of the experience we have gotten in the last four years; because of the commitment and because of the way we understand the management of every public infrastructure, we intend going into that kind of big project now to just sustain the loyalty we have for the people of Ejigbo. We are seriously committed to improving on what we have done and to also give a fresh hope that local government



Hon. Monsuru Bello Obe

too could be a source of joy to any resident of Ejigbo.

Obe also promised to make the construction of schools a priority.

Assuring that the ongoing construction of the first public primary school in the Ilamose ward will be commissioned before his first term ends, he promised that the first primary school in Aigbaka ward will be built by his administration if elected for another term of four years on July 24.

According to him, the completion of the primary school in the Aigbaka ward will enable his administration to achieve the feat of ensuring that there is no ward in Ejigbo LCDA without a primary school.

"This will empower poor parents who have to put their children in private schools where they pay high fees the ability to reduce their budget by patronizing the free public schools. The children will be able to go to school near

their homes.

Recalling that the land to be used for the primary school was previously planned for a cemetery, he said his administration bowed to the wishes of the residents by replacing the project with a public primary school.

Obe said the remaining three plots will be donated to the Lagos State Ministry of Education to build a secondary school beside the council's proposed public primary school.

Explaining the rationale and expected impact, Obe said:

"The number of secondary schools in Ejigbo LCDA, including Ejigbo and Oke Afa/Jakande Estate is just two. They cannot accommodate the number of pupils that graduate from primary to secondary school. So, we determine that, in our next approach, we will donate about three plots of land out of the one-acre that we have just purchased to the state

government for the construction of another secondary school in Aigbaka. That will make it to be three. And with that one alone, I know that taking our pupils to Okota, to Idimu, after graduating from primary school will reduce because the new school will accommodate more. So these are the little surprises that we pray that God gives us the capacity to deliver as we have said."

Apart from road and school infrastructures, Obe exclusively told ECHONEWS that his administration in its second term is planning to upgrade the local council secretariat by scaling up the structures to accommodate more offices for council staff and government agencies.

"What we have just done in the last three and a half going to four years is just a restructuring of the building and probably a major rehabilitation. We are

coming up now with two floors on the existing building. It means that we are going to expand the local government secretariat in such a way that it will accommodate every facet of the government. We are talking about the marriage registry that is outside the compound, we have to provide a place for it within the Secretariat. We are looking at the two religious bodies to have places of worship there. By the time we have two more floors on the existing structures, we will have enough offices to even accommodate some of the federal government agencies that are supposed to work directly with the local government such as the National Orientation Agency (NOA) as well as other state agencies. These were not possible because of the inadequate offices. So, by the special grace of God, we are coming back now to make sure that we build

another two floors on the existing structure of the local government meaning that the council will be reconstructed that is just the idea.

Commenting on the scorecard of his first term in office, Obe said the residents have scored his administration well considering the support for his second term from the community development associations, the youth and indigenes.

He noted that he has delivered over 16 out of about 18 promises he made during his campaign.

On his preparation for the July 24 election, Obe said: "Well, in the first instance, winning an election in Ejigbo LCDA shouldn't be a very stringent one because we've done that several times over the years. We have also put in place a lot of security measures that would guarantee the safety of our people during the electoral campaign of the party. Number two, we have also lined up structures, institutions, people that we have to meet, people that we have to talk to starting from the CDC level, the ward level, the LGA level, the traditional institutions, the Christian association, the league of Imams, the civil societies and some other artisans in Ejigbo. So, we have lined up different programmes that would have to meet people at different times between now and the 22nd of July when the electoral campaign is believed to be over."

Speaking on how to manage the crisis that may emanate from his vice especially now that he will be working with another person, the legislators and party leaders, Obe simply said "We must manage one another, there is no perfection in life. Nobody is perfect, we just need to learn how to manage each other." He advised the electorate to be calm during the forthcoming election and do things within the civil arrangement and also ensure they meet up with the Covid-19 rules.

Computer gadgets coming for pupils of Dele Ajomale Pry Sch

By Damilola Kushimo

Dele Ajomale Primary School, Ilasamaja, Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), has been selected as one of the schools in Lagos State to pilot an education upgrade programme facilitated by the DAWN Commission.

The programme, which is a Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) between the government and stakeholders in the private sector is seeking to sustainably integrate technology usage into educational activities for teachers and students in the state.

The development was made known when a team comprising delegates from DAWN Commission led by Mrs Abiola Taylor; the Director of Public-Private-Partnership, Lagos State Ministry of Education, Mr Adeyemi Adebayo; an official of Airtel Nigeria, Mr Ekpenong Umoh and Mrs Abimbola Osikoya visited the headmistress of the school, Mrs Ngozi Onyekaba last week.

Although, technology has been introduced to public primary schools in the state through Eko Excel; an invention of the state government, Adebayo noted that the programme is seeking

to make technological gadgets available for teachers and pupils with an internet connection to enhance teaching and learning activities.

He further explained that the program will help in making education more fun and seamless for the pupils and ultimately improve the quality of knowledge passed across to the students.

He explained that following the team's visitation to the school an expanded and all-inclusive stakeholders' meeting will be held in the next few weeks.

He said the implementation of the project will be piloted with the school as he commended the headmistress for her co-operation.

His words: "The school is willing to co-operate with us and we've seen that every teacher in the school has a tablet given by Eko Excel. They can monitor attendance but what they are using presently is technology in education, what we are bringing is a technology for education. The children, teachers, parents and investors will benefit. So, we are opening up the whole thing about education. Education is the bedrock of everything; the economy, all professions start from the classroom so, there is a need for us to strengthen the



ICT gadgets

classroom.

According to him: "DAWN Commission is facilitating that (integration of technology into education). We want to bring the whole world to the classroom. We want our children to be digital natives and not aliens. We don't want them to learn about the computer when they get to University, we want it to be part of their lives right from primary school and that's the essence of this coming. And we are very happy at what we see, the school is well disposed, they are ready to work with us and I

can assure you that there is going to be a tremendous transformation when the

programme is fully implemented."

Mrs Ngozi Onyekaba appreciated the selection of the school for the programme.

PDP councillorship candidate, Agbabiaka promises to set new standard

By Damilola Kushimo

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) councillorship candidate in Akinbaiye Ward, Adeoye Agbabiaka, said he is contesting to set a new standard for qualitative representation in his ward. Agbabiaka said the performances of the incumbent and previous councillors of the ward were not satisfactory, claiming that they did not put in their best to qualitative representation.

He explained that he is pursuing his aspiration in PDP due to its democratic nature, saying he joined the party in 2012.

A Computer Science graduate of Lagos State



Adeoye Agbabiaka

Polytechnic (LASPOTECH), who is currently into real estate, Automobile sale and clearing and forwarding

business, said that he is getting involved in politics to correct some wrongs.

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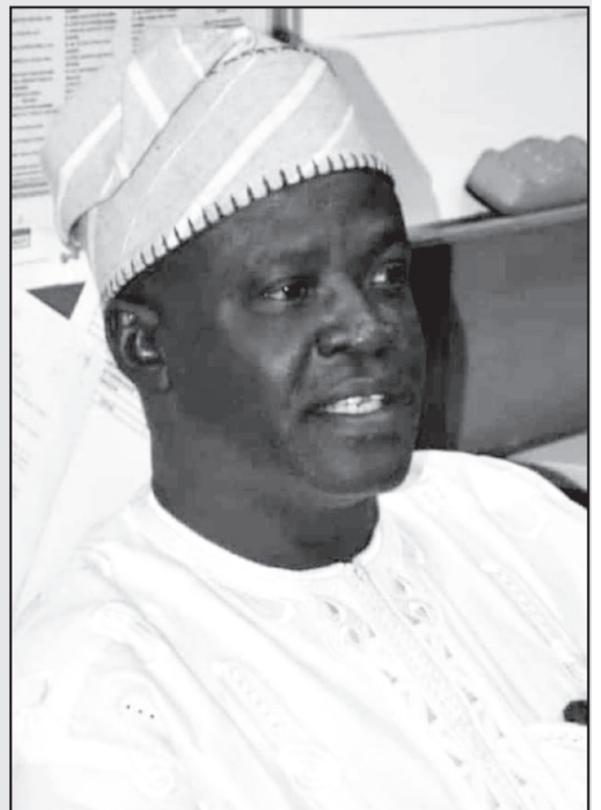
By Damilola Kushimo

The chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area (LGA), Hon. Sunday Olaifa has revealed that his party is wooing aggrieved aspirants of the ruling All Progressives Congress in the countdown to the July 24 polls.

Olaifa, who also called on the Lagos State Independent Electoral Commission (LASIEC) to ensure free and fair elections, urged the Police to provide tight security for the candidates and the electorate during and after the elections. Olaifa doubles as the Chair-of-chair of PDP LGA chairmen in the state and the National Deputy Chairman of PDP 774 LGA Chairmen.

He said his party is ready for the election with consummate candidates for all positions in the LGA, urging the electoral umpire and the security agency to exhibit professionalism at the polls.

He boasted that his party will massively mobilise the electorate for the election and defend its votes, saying any unprofessional conduct from the electoral officers or the security operative will be strongly resisted.



Hon. Sunday Olaifa

He, however, pledged that his party will willingly accept the outcome of the election if it is free and fair.

Olaifa told ECHONEWS that his party would leverage on any opportunity that may be created by the ruling party to hijack some of its (APC) members, saying his party

has been wooing some of the aggrieved members of the ruling party.

He warned those who were destroying banners belonging to PDP's candidate in Ishagatedo/Ire-Akari Ward F4, stating that his party would not hesitate to take legal action against such person

Seagold Super Cup: Bright Star FA, Peculiar FC qualify for semis

By Saheed Afolabi

Two Ejigbo football powerful teams, Bright Star FA and Peculiar FC are through to the semi-final of the Seagold Super Cup. The two semifinalists secured their place after winning their first two matches to garner 6 points each in the group stage of the Seagold Super Cup. Peculiar FC edged Mercy FC in their first game 1-0 and came up from a goal down to

defeat Madu FC 2-1 to cement a place in the last four of the Seagold Super Cup. Bright Star FA on the other skipped past Rolag FC 1-0 and knocked off Golden Stars 2-0. The other 5 teams who are jostling for the remaining two seeded pots in the semi-final of the competition and whose final group game will determine who is going to qualify are Future Stars FC (4 points), Great Success FC (4 points), Rolag FC (One point),

Golden Stars FC (One point) and Madu FC (One point). Mercy FC are already out of the tournament after losing their first two games, having zero point. Future Stars FC and Great Success FC need just a point each in their last group game to advance to the semi-final while Rolag FC, Madu FC and Golden Stars must win their last match with a wide margin and their competitors (Future Stars FC and Great Success FC) lose their final match.



Seagold Super Cup

Kroos wants Ramos to stay at Real Madrid

By Saheed Afolabi

Germany international and Real Madrid pivotal midfielder, Toni Kroos, wants Sergio Ramos to stay with Real Madrid as the defender's contract is due to expire at the end of June. Sergio Ramos has been touted to leave the Santiago Bernabeu at the end of his contract with Sevilla mooted as his likely destination, but Kroos hopes the classic defender renews his contract at the club for more years to come. Ramos can leave for free at the end of his contract as his deal runs out at the end of June. The Spain international has

been linked with the like of Paris Saint-Germain, Manchester City and Chelsea, while a return to Sevilla is reported to be an option. "I don't know how things are going with the club. Of course he is a top colleague and I enjoyed very much playing with him and I really hope that we'll have some more years together. "But in the end it is not my decision. What I can say is that he is a great guy – and the best captain I ever had in my career." Ramos has made over 670 appearances in all competitions for the Spanish giants and has scored a total of 128 goals but was limited to just 21 games in 2020-21.



Sergio Ramos

The 35 years old defender was signed from Sevilla and has won 5 La Liga titles and 4 Champions League titles with Los Blancos.

North York FC skip past Team 360 FC

By Saheed Afolabi

North York FC returned to winning ways after defeating Team 360 by a lone goal which was scored in the 54th minute of play. The Isolo Boys (North York FC) got the winning edge against Team 360 with their breathtaking performance in the game. The first half of the game was a barren one as both team lacked the finishing touches to score in the first 45 minutes. North York FC showed

glimpses of great talents at their disposal but their opponent also gave them a good run for the game. The tactical brilliance of North York FC's coach, Azeez Alebiosu, came into play in the second half as the team took the much needed lead in the 54th minute through Anuoluwapo who was brought down in the 18 meter box by the defender of Team 360. Anuoluwapo stood up to convert the resulting spot kick to give his side a slim advantage in the game. The introduction of substitutes

into the game by the coach of Team 360 FC to get a goal in the match met the ever solid and discipline defensive line of North York FC who were able to remain steadfast in breaking the attacking threat of Team 360 FC. Isolo giant North York FC were able to snatch an important slim win against Team 360 FC at Nitel ground, Oshodi. The win means North York FC are back to winning mode after losing to Iganmu FC 1-0 and playing a 1-1 draw with B E Arena FC in their last two matches.

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Birthday

Eze Dr. Reuben IBEAKANMA

On behalf of Obiudo Oshodi Palace. I Chief V.C. Onwuso. Onowu Ezeigbo Oshodi/Isolo and members of the cabinet congratulate our Eze Dr. Reuben Ibeakanma the Ezeigbo of Oshodi /Isolo LGA, Lagos.

May God Almighty bless your New age with good health and happiness our digital Ezeigbo.

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Wijnaldum joins PSG, shuns Barcelona

Netherlands international Georginio Wijnaldum has joined Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) from Liverpool, thereby shunning Spanish La Liga giant Barcelona in the process. Wijnaldum said Mauricio Pochettino was instrumental in his joining the PSG side and the deal will be finalised when his (Wijnaldum's) contract with Liverpool expires at the end of this month. Barcelona originally was the favourite destination of Wijnaldum but he decided to continue his career at PSG and Pochettino was instrumental to the decision made by Wijnaldum. Dutch man Wijnaldum, who has enviable trophy collection of a Premier League title and Champions League winners medal during his five years sojourn at Liverpool, said Pochettino contacted him personally to join PSG. "I'm happy to join a club like Paris Saint-Germain," Wijnaldum said in his first official interview at Parc des Princes. He added: "Obviously it is a club with really good players, a good manager who spoke to me before I joined the club. We know each other from years ago. "As a football player, you always want to play with the best players around you and when I look at the team and also when I spoke with the manager, I saw a team full of talented players and big players. "And on top of that, I also saw a manager who can make the players even better and also capable of bringing all those players together to make a strong team. I come here trying to write history with this unbelievable team." Wijnaldum said he hoped he could help PSG win the Champions League.

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Congress (APC) for the chairmanship position of Isolo Local Council Development Area. We are convinced that his emergence as the party's candidate is an attestation of his proven capabilities and leadership traits needed for the smooth and progressive administration of the council's affairs.

In anticipation of his victory at the local government election coming up on Saturday, July 24, 2021, it is our sincere prayer that throughout his time as the council chairman, Isolo LCDA will experience remarkable turnaround on all fronts of development.

Congratulations

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HAPPY Birthday

On behalf of the entire cabinet member of Eze Ikem. W. Agbasi. The Eze Igbo Isolo LGEA, we rejoice and celebrate the Eze Ibeakanma Reuben, the Eze Igbo of Oshodi on his birthday.

You have been consistent, loyal, supportive, humble and reliable leader. May your New age usher in more pleasant surprises for year ahead.

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Residents commend Ayodeji for desilting drains

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The residents of Low-Cost Housing Estate, Jakande Ejigbo have commended the All Progressive Congress (APC) vice chairmanship candidate, Ayodele Ayodeji aka SMA, for desilting the drains along the major roads in the Estate.

Ayodeji was said to have rehabilitated the road last year after several attempts by the community.

According to the residents, the drain had become an eyesore because some portions were eroded.

While appreciating the efforts of the vice chairmanship candidate, the chairman of Double Star Community Development Association (CDA), Engr. Fatai Oloko, who

supervised the exercise, said the drain has to be desilted before filling the potholes on the road with hardcore.

He said the idea of desilting the drain first was adopted as the most appropriate to retain the durability of the road to avoid quick damage.

He noted that the desilting of the 200/250 meters drainage will help the free flow of water and prevent the erosion of the sand-filled road and also prevent flood in the rainy season which has been the state of the road.

He explained that the drainage would be desilted through Jakande-Gate Oja second gate down to Double Star junction to make the road motorable for all road users.

He appreciated the efforts of all APC Oke Afa Ward stakeholders who suggested



Ongoing drainage distilling

the Double Star road project to the politician last year while commending the councillor representing the ward, Hon.

Ismail Omoniye for working with Ayodeji to facilitate the rehabilitation of the road last year December.

Ejigbo DPO explains reason for releasing suspect

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The DPO of Ejigbo Divisional Police Station, Akinsola Ogunwale, has explained why a suspect, Wasiu Jimoh, was released on bail after being detained in the station for more than 24 hours.

The suspect, who was allegedly caught stealing a big Fireman generator and small Homa generator belonging to a church and another resident at Taiwo Fayemi Street, Ejigbo, was handed over to the police by the residents.

However, the suspect was released by the police on bail to be summoned later for the prosecution at the court of law. Meanwhile, the residents have frowned on the act by the police as they were expecting the suspect to be detained for as long as the police could interrogate him to reveal the identity of his accomplices.

They claimed that other valuable items such as Toyota Camry with number plate LND BR 452, two plasma televisions, 40 big turkeys and other items have been stolen in the community and reported at the station without any headway.

The Taiwo Fayemi Street security committee chairman, Mr Kamar Afolabi, while speaking to ECHONEWS, said the residents were disappointed to see that the suspect has been released by the police.

He explained that the suspect was caught in the act and they decided to take him to the police to avoid jungle justice, expecting that the police would do a thorough investigation to bring the suspect to book.

His words: "We sometimes get information from reliable sources about the suspect and others but we can't just accuse them without firm proof and

that is why we insist that he should be detained to get more information from him. And if at all it is against the law to detain him, we expect that appropriate procedure is followed before his release as we didn't even know when he was released; we just saw him in the community some days after he was taken to the station.

"We have from time to time informed the CDC chairman and he has been following up this matter. The pressing thing we want from the police is to help us interrogate him to get his accomplice and make them all sign and undertaken to take responsibility for any other missing items in the community. By this, we believe they would stop their illicit activities."

Responding, the DPO said the police have been working hard to curtail crimes in the local council area.

He explained that the police could not detain a suspect for more than 24 hours and that the suspect could not be charged to court as judicial workers are still on strike.

According to him, the alleged offence of the suspect is bailable after 24 hours of being held in police custody before temporary release was granted by law.

"No one is disputing that it is a stealing case. If it was a murder or rape case we would have transferred it but with this type of case at hand, we have to hand the accused to reliable sureties who must produce him at any time we intend to probe further. We have informed the assumed owners of the stolen generators to bring substantial clearance to claim their properties.

"We will probe further and take the case to court according to the law once the court resumes fully," he said.

Expert launches guiding books on automobile engineering

By Motolani AbdulGafar

An automobile engineer, Engr. Ganiyu Fayomi has launched two books on automobile engineering to guide auto engineers.

According to him, the books "Automotive Guide Troubleshooting, Principles and Services" and "Glimpse into the Essential of Auto and Mechatronics Part II", address likely troubleshooting complaints and remedies.

The Automobile Engineering graduate of College of Engineering and Technology, India harped on the importance of practice rather than theory by the learning institutions, stating that students learn perfectly if subjected to practical aspects of their fields.

He urged professionals to be practically committed in their various areas of specialisation

rather than being only engrossed in the theoretical aspect of their fields.

He noted that overseas graduates have an advantage over their Nigerian counterparts due to the practical mode of teaching overseas.

Speaking on his publication, Fayomi, who is currently an 'industry trainer for the graduate programme' in Lagos State, explained that the first publication - a 180-page book - is an explanation of automobile basic faults and repair which a university graduate should be able to swiftly resolve while the second publication is a continuation of the first that leverages on high tech vehicles.

He added that his 78-page 'Mechatronics' publication is meant to dispel the fear that the operation of a gas energy vehicle completely differs from gasoline-powered vehicles stating that the difference is the



Engineer Fayomi launching his publications

storage of natural gas in the fuel tank or where a cylinder is typically stored at the back of the vehicle.

He, therefore, charged education institutes to have foresight by subjecting their

students to more practical training than theoretical teaching, stating that the means to succeed in life is facing every moment with experience and practice to survive.

Residents appeal to IKEDC to review debt policy on transformer repairs

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Residents of Segun Awolowo Street, Ejigbo, have appealed to Ikeja Electricity Distribution Company (IKEDC) to review its policy as they agitated for repair or replacement of their faulty transformer and restoration of power to the community.

Following a power outage due to a faulty transformer, the distribution company has refused to supply power to the community, insisting that the transformer would not be repaired or replaced until all defaulting customers in the community pay their bills.

The company said all defaulting communities must pay up their debts before power can be restored.

However, those who are not

owing the company are agitating for the restoration of power, asking the company to use other means to recoup its money from those owing rather than punishing all customers. They complained that several consultations with IKEDC officials have yielded no spark on the issue.

Speaking with ECHONEWS, the secretary of the street, Mr Peter Ojedokun, said the insistence of the company that all their customers in the community must balance their payment before they could repair the faulty transformer did not go down well with the residents especially those who aren't owing.

"Our street is a very long one of about 120/150 houses. We have an independent transformer but recently for

more than a month now, we have been living in darkness because our transformer got spoilt. When we approached IKEDC officials in their office, we had a thorough discussion with them, we were told that a greater percentage of residents in our area were owing bills and that they wouldn't repair it until they pay up their bills following the company's policy. As an association, we helped coordinate residents to pay their bills but the company insisted that the money has to be paid up to about 10 per cent or more of the N27 million debt before they could work on it. But then, not everyone is complying because the estimated bill for a particular household is too high and they refuse to pay such outrageous calculations."

"At present, our concern now is,

of what benefit is it for those of us that have no debt because we believe there should be a way by which they can disconnect those in debt and restore our light. We can't continue to be in darkness without owing the company," he said.

Ojedokun further complained that the electricity officials took away their transformer without notifying them.

He appealed to IKEDC to reduce estimated bills and provide prepaid meters for all customers to avoid outrageous debts, saying prepaid meter will equally save the company unnecessary struggle with consumers.

He also urged the company to return the transformer early and restore electricity in the community.

Dawodu facilitates UBEC support to Mafoluku, Ewutuntun pry schools

By Edith Igbokwe

Mafoluku and Ewutuntun Primary Schools are the two schools that benefited from the chairs and tables facilitated by the Member of House of Representatives in Oshodi-Isolo Constituency I, Hon. Dr Bashiru Dawodu. ECHONEWS gathered that the educational equipment is part of the support distributed by the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) to the 360 constituencies across the nation. Speaking to ECHONEWS, the South West Zonal Officer of UBEC, Alhaji Baba Asaju, said the Commission shared the resources within its capacity among all the schools in the constituencies according to the

lists submitted by the reps members across the nation. He explained that members of the House of Representatives had submitted names of schools in their constituencies to UBEC for support such as school renovation and or sharing of instructional materials whenever they are available. "I am done with the distribution of educational materials in Lagos. I am going back to Abeokuta where I have my office. The assigned personnel to Lagos has confirmed that the materials (chairs and tables) have been duly delivered to the schools." While speaking, Dawodu said he listed the schools for the intervention to ensure pupils learn conveniently, promising to do more in the education sector to ensure qualitative education in his constituency.



Chairs and tables facilitated by Dr Bashiru Dawodu

Our community is now flood free - Old Ewu, Ogunyika residents

Finally, the entire community of Old Ewu/Ogunyika has been relieved of the perennial flood as the residents appreciate the member of Lagos State House Assembly representing Oshodi-Isolo constituency I, Hon. Hakeem Shokunle, for facilitating the rehabilitation of road and drainage, making the community flood-free. Unlike previous years, the community has not experienced flood during this rainy season.

The chairperson of Old Ewu/Ogunyika Community Development Association (CDA), Mrs Durotola Akinyemi who was visibly elated, confirmed to ECHONEWS that the community has not witnessed any flood since the rainy season began saying the drainage was well constructed to contain the flood.

According to her, though the construction is still ongoing, the community is now free from flood, adding that residents no longer resort to the use of canoe or rain boots to move in and out. She informed that the community members have



Hon. Hakeem Shokunle

cleared the drainage to allow the engineers on-site to break the interception disturbing the flow of water. The engineers working on the project said the first wing of the drainage is almost completed and that work would commence on the other section this week. They said they are not disturbed by the rains and that the job will continue after the rains to ensure that the drainage is completed in due time.

Oshodi Eze Ndigbo, Ibeakanma tells life experience as he clocks 61

By Edith Igbokwe

To mark his 60th birthday, the Eze Ndigbo of Oshodi-Isolo LGA, Chief Dr Reuben Ibeakanma, spoke exclusively to Echonews on his story from grass to grace.

Also known as Eze Udemba Ezinifite, he said he was born on June 12, 1960, and his desire to do business led him into trading in LG Thermocool Home appliances.

Today, the birthday boy has a big showroom on Oyetayo Street, Bolade Oshodi.

Narrating his experiences, he said he served JOJ company owned by three masters - John, Joseph and Nicolas in the seventies.

When the company collapsed, the masters shared the leftover capital, having N20 each while each of the servants was given N10.

Ibeakanma teamed up with his master by joining his N10 with his master's N20 and they started their own business with the little capital, hoping to rise again from there.

Though the capital was too small to start a business, they forged ahead against difficulties with the intention that things would fall in line and they would get back to robust business.

In December 1977, he left his master and followed Mr Cyril Uwaogaranya to Lagos and helped him in his business pending his settlement from his former master.

He realised N18,000 profit for his new master and was settled with N500 by December.



Eze Ndigbo (Eze Udemba Ezinifite) Chief Dr. Reuben Ibeakanma

He later went into 'kaya' (load carrier) business for about six months from which he realised N300 which he used wisely to get himself into another business.

He ventured into radio cassette sales by offering one Mr Wegas yams, drinks and hen bought with the money he made to collect radio cassettes on credit and then return money after-sales and Mr Wegas agreed to assist him through that way.

Not less than 150 radio cassettes were given to him at the rate of N50 each which he sold from house to house at

the rate of N150 per cassette, and within two weeks, he had sold all and he realised N15,000 as his profit.

This was the beginning of his success in business because he built six rooms and a parlour in his home town, bought a bus to carry his goods and established his own business in Oshodi main market with his profit and the business yielded to what he has today as Thermocool Home appliances showroom at Bolade, Oshodi.

In his life struggle, Ibeakanma said he also served the community through the police

force work for about three years (1978- 1981) but resigned willingly to face his business which he has a passion for.

"And today, I settle a dispute between my community and Ndigbo association. My policy today is to assist the community settle differences and my station is my office."

As Eze Ndigbo in the Oshodi-Isolo community, Ibeakanma said he has shouldered a lot of challenges fighting for the right of the association members, making peace in the market among traders and the union and the like.

Court orders husband to renovate wife's house before divorce

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The customary court sitting in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Secretariat has ordered a husband (the petitioner), Mr Isaiah Robinson, to renovate the house built by his wife for conducive accommodation of their children, especially the 11-year old sickle cell daughter before the divorce. Mr Robinson had dragged his wife, Mrs Yetunde Robinson, to court seeking a divorce.

The petitioner accused his wife of infidelity and being diabolical, adding that their marriage lacks the required love to sustain the relationship and that his wife does not care for their four children.

He prayed the court to dissolve the 35 years old marriage which has produced four children - three girls and a boy with the last-born clocking 11 years this year.

Having listened to his plea, the court president, Mrs Adebisi Laditan, ordered that

the husband should renovate the house built by his wife to be conducive for their little girl who is a sickle cell patient because of her health.

She said the girl could not be with the father because of her age and health.

The court advised that he should give the other grown-up children access to his house to maintain the family bond and create no room for disparity even as he is about to divorce their mother.

The court said he would also be responsible for the school fees of the little girl and ordered the mother to always allow the girl to spend holidays with her father.

Responding, the petitioner, who agreed to carry the responsibilities he was saddled with by the court, asked the court to give him till June ending to settle the accommodation.

The court adjourned the case till Thursday, June 17, 2021, for final judgment as both parties have agreed to divorce.

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