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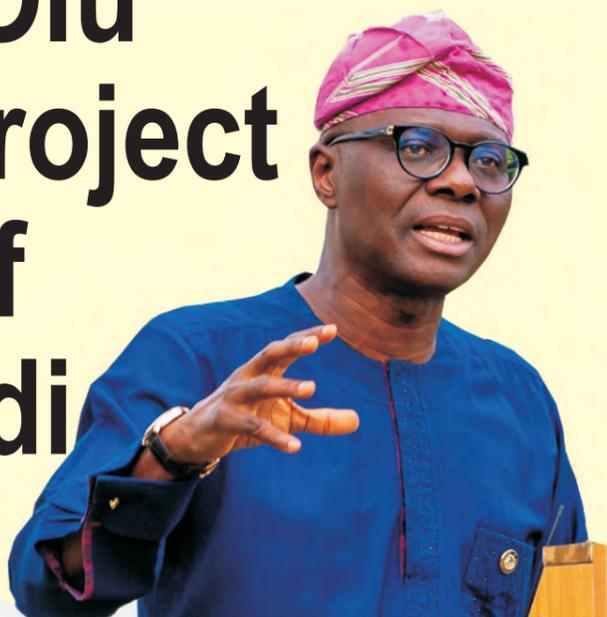
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# Ilasa Leaders panic, want police back

By Damilola Kushimo

Upper Monday's daredevil attack on Ilasamaja community that left the chairman of Odua People's Congress (OPC) in Isolo LCDA Comrade Muhammed Yusuf injured in the wake of the wanton destruction of the police station where the hoodlums also carted away more than six guns have sent the community into panic mode forcing the leaders to demand the return of the policemen.

The policemen had relocated to Area D headquarters in Mushin since the station was razed down during the EndSARS violence exposing the town to the reign of street cults.

The attacks, according to the residents, were goaded by the absence of police station in the community since the only police station, as well as the police post on Ajose Street had been burnt by the hoodlums during the EndSARS protest.

As at the time of going to the press, community leaders were still making frantic efforts to get a space that could be used as a temporary station so that everyone can sleep with the two eyes closed.

According to the councillor representing Ilasamaja Ward, Hon. Akeem Adeyemi, in view of what is happening in the community and to avert preventable crisis, it has become

so important for the stakeholders and government officials to meet and find the similarities in their reasons and reach an agreement on the provision of temporary place for the police to secure the community.

The bone of contention between the community and the council authority is which of the two uncompleted police stations in the community should be prepared for the police officers as a temporary station since both the community and the council have standard structures on ground for the police station and both are situated in Ilasamaja International Market.

It was learnt that the community had raised funds to complete the police station abandoned in Ilasamaja Market when the market was relatively undeveloped because the now-burnt station was too small for the police and that the building had since been constructed to decking level.

However, the new developer kicked against the idea of citing a police station inside the market due to business reasons and this made the council initiate the construction of another structure on the outskirts of the market, adjacent to Alhaji Jimoh street.

During the stakeholders' meeting held recently at Ilasamaja Public Health Centre, the Secretary to the Local Government (SLG), Hon.



The temporary police station

Emmanuel Olojede, reiterated the council's readiness to complete the other one in order to swiftly relocate the police officers there.

Also in attendance at the meeting was the DPO of the division, SP Segun Rafiu who regretted the security challenge the community is facing.

He promised to relocate his men to the community anytime a suitable station is made ready, urging the community and the local government to reach a consensus soonest.

He stated: "We've been directed by the Commissioner of Police to accept anywhere the community provides for us as a temporary station. We are the ones that want to use the place. It's an office not a house."

Confirming that the absence of his men might have emboldened

cults to go on rampage, Mr. Rafiu said he has been able to keep them away in the last seven months.

"I have a testimony that this is my seventh month in Ilasamaja. Since my assumption, no cultist has ever struck. Even during their 8/8 and 7/7 anniversaries, I was able to nip their trouble in the bud before anything. I'm just surprised that with this little issue now they have started disturbing and disorganising the community and that's why I want to beg the elders that there is need for us to cooperate with the government and let's make things fast."

Speaking with ECHONEWS, the Baale of Ilasamaja Community, High Chief Fatai Abereijo, explained that there is a need for the community to meet with the council chairman to finalise

discussion on which place to settle for, adding that the old structure might have to be used for another thing should the community finally settles for the one the council is building.

"My own suggestion is that we need to go back home and have a think-tank meeting with the local government chairman in order to have a way forward. The most important thing is that we really need a police station in Ilasamaja to curb all this insurgency.

"Within the small period of time that the police have not been here we've recorded all sorts of anarchy. So, we all need to rise up and pay heed to the clarion call. Right now we need a station either front or back. Either the one we built or the one built by the government, the important thing for us is to have a police

station as possible as it can be."

The idea of meeting the council chairman was supported by the PCRC chairman, Elder Tundeola Falujo who explained that the community is scared due to the heightened insecurity in the community, advising that individuals in the community have to be vigilant and always be on the alert for any security emergency.

He recalled how the PCRC and community residents tried hard to repel the hoodlums during the daytime before they relaunched their attack at night.

Meanwhile, it was gathered that Ilasamaja police officers have temporarily moved into the old building while waiting for the local government to complete the other one adjacent to Ajose Street which will serve as permanent one.

## Shammeh supports NURTW campaign for peace, says Isolo is peaceful

By Damilola Kushimo

Here in Isolo, you have no issue to address because we are together and we give you all the support you need. So you can tell Asiawaju that Isolo is peaceful and would remain so," he said.

With these words, Chairman of Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye (Shammeh) declared support for the Lagos State Chairman of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), Alhaji Musiliu Ayinde Akinsanya (aka MC Oluomo) who visited him on his Peace and Unity campaign on Friday.

Akinsanya, who was on a state-

wide working visit to Isolo LCDA to further spread the peace and unity effort between members of the union and the local government authorities across the state, was the first visitor to be received in the new ultra-modern chairman's office complex together with other members of his state executives including his Special Adviser, Hon. Bola Ahmed Oseni.

In his remark, Akinsanya said his visit to the council chairman who he described as a man of honour was sequel to the peace initiative of the National Leader of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Asiawaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu to promote cordial relationship among the



Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye

youths, union members and the local government authorities across the state.

He said the visit became inevitable due to the recent wanton destruction of lives and properties by hoodlums who

hijacked the peaceful EndSARS protest to perpetrate their nefarious activities, adding that unity among the youths and other critical stakeholders would have helped to checkmate the recent

protest from being hijacked.

He added that his visit was also designed to allow him to gather first-hand information on the state of affairs among members of the union, the youths and authorities of Isolo LCDA.

Responding, the council chairman praised the NURTW boss and his entourage for the visit and pledged his support to the peace initiative.

Shammeh explained that the visit would not have been necessary if not that it was a state-wide affair because Isolo LCDA is a peaceful council area, which he attributed to cordial relationship among the youths and the excellent personal relationship he has with the critical stakeholders of

the council area.

He added that the cordial relationship among the youths ensured they mobilised and safeguarded the council secretariat and other public infrastructure during the EndSARS protest crisis.

While acknowledging the frosty relationship between union members and council leadership in some local governments, Shammeh noted that he has no issue with the leadership of the union as presently constituted in Isolo LCDA.

"I believe this is purely a union affair. I cannot dictate to the union for as long as they won't dictate to me on how to run the council.

## District VI Maths test candidates know fate Nov 30

By Damilola Kushimo

The 230 public and private students in primary, junior and secondary schools, who participated in this year's Mathematical Championship organised by the Mathematical Association of Nigeria (MAN) in District VI will know their fate on Monday, November 30, this year.

The district covers Ikeja, Mushin and Oshodi-Isolo local government areas.

Based on their performance at the examination written last weekend at Ikeja Senior Grammar School, Oshodi, the four best candidates will be honoured during the grand event that will be held in Adeyemi Bero Hall, Alausa.

According to the District

Coordinator, Mr. David Olaegbe, the yearly competition should have been held in March but was delayed due to the outbreak of Covid-19 pandemic.

He explained that the national conference would not be held this year for the states' champions to compete at the national level.

He advised the participants to visit their portals from Monday,

November 30 to check their results, stating that the results of the 10 best students won't be uploaded until December 7.

Olaegbe, however, bemoaned the low turnout of students from the district, appealing to school authorities and parents to encourage their students to participate in the competition next year as he revealed that registration for the next edition

will start in January.

He said: "It's just a way of encouraging our students to participate in Mathematics competitions and for them to sustain their interests in the subject.

I think our (the district's) attendance this year is low and that can be blamed on the low awareness and because it requires tokens as registration

fees which are N1,200 and N1,000 for senior, junior and primary students respectively. Because of the registration fees, some parents and school authorities did not show interest. But, I think it's something that should be encouraged as it will help the students develop great sportsmanship skills and most importantly, encourage them to study hard."

## EndSARS: How we repelled hoodlums from burning police stations in Isolo - Aswani DPO

By Damilola Kushimo

More facts are emerging on how policemen and stakeholders repelled attempts by hoodlums to burn police stations in Isolo town during the EndSARS violence.

The Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Aswani Police Station, CSP Oyin Frances, who disclosed the tactics, said the police worked closely with the residents to protect the assets, adding that the police officers were on alert to tackle the hoodlums.

The DPO commended the community leaders for cooperating with the police during the crisis, saying their

efforts greatly helped the police to protect the community.

Ilasa Divisional Police Station was the only police station destroyed out of the five stations in the entire council area.

During the crisis, one police officer at Ilasa police station was reportedly killed by the hoodlums, who also carted away more than six rifles and vandalised Police Patrol vans.

Frances described the situation as a 'trying time' as she explained that her established community policing technique and cordial relations with the community paid off even as she ascribed all glory to God.

She explained that having

heard the news of the hoodlums razing and destroying some police stations in the state, she reached out to Osolo of Isolo, Oba Kabiru Alani Agbabiaka, the council Chairman, Hon. Shamsudeen Abiodun and the Chairman of Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC), Hon. Adeleke Adegboyega, who provided support for the division by ensuring that the youths in the community had their hands on deck in supporting the police officers to form an impenetrable defence in all strategic places that lead into the community.

She recalled how she ensured that the round-the-clock surveillance was intensified and sustained

during the crisis by sufficiently providing meals and drinks for the youths to encourage them.

"On that very day when Ilasa and Orile Stations were burnt, we felt their (the hoodlums) presence here too in Aswani Division so, we decided to stay outside so that we won't be caught unaware, we planted boys at the entrances of Isolo and the station to avoid infiltration and any form of attacks. I had to do what I have to do to sustain the efforts, to encourage the boys, I got a caterer on the street who started cooking for us daily.

"They (the hoodlums) tried to enter through the expressway but we repelled them. They made two or three other



CSP Oyin Frances

attempts which we forestalled the international market, the council secretariat, our station and other community heritage were protected during the crisis," she said.

## Akinbaiye Councillorship aspirant wants incumbent to step down

By Damilola Kushimo

A councillorship aspirant in Akinbaiye Ward, Hon. Yusuf Abolaji, is urging the incumbent to step down for him as pay back for his decision to allow him to clinch the ticket in 2017.

Abolaji said he is sure of the party's support for his candidacy having bowed to party's supremacy during the last election to allow the incumbent councillor to go for a second term.

Promising to make human development his priority if elected, the aspirant said he will work towards quality

representation and improve on what the ward is currently enjoying.

He said though the incumbent councillor, Idris Agbabiaka, has been performing well, he intends to continue the race with more innovative ideas.

He also commended the council chairman, Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye, saying he has really done greatly for the ward in terms of infrastructural development and youth empowerment.

Speaking on what he would do differently if eventually elected, Abolaji, who is the incumbent Supervisory Councillor for Works, said he would facilitate empowerment



Hon. Yusuf Abolaji

programme for the youths and indigent residents in the community while diligently performing his lawmaking and oversight functions.

Abolaji, an indigene of Isolo, hails from Apena and Farombi royal families.

## Muslim group lists gains of N50 zakat

By Damilola Kushimo

The Ameer of Ishagatedo Muslim Community (IMC), Al-hajj Sherifdin Salahudin has explained how the association is using the daily N50 donations made by Muslims in the community to cater for the needy, especially the widows and widowers.

He made this known during an endowment programme for widows in Ishagatedo Central Mosque where about 10 widows and 10 widowers in the community were given food items.

According to him, the association receives the N50 daily contributions in addition to other donations from well-meaning members to promote

oneness amongst Muslims, look after the less privileged and defend the rights of the Muslims.

Noting that the association has been able to reach out to Muslims and the non-Muslims since it was formed, Salahudin listed its modest achievements as the distribution of drinks and meat during the Eid-el-fitr and Eid-adha celebrations, sponsorship of two indigent pupils on scholarship and career talk for new JSS 1 students to prepare them for the future ahead.

"Though, at times we may have some people supporting us but what we see as our backbone is the power of that N50 daily donations. Though, we are working to see if we can have like 100 or 200 N50 donations in a

day and if we are able go have 100 that's N5,000 in a day and that's N150,000 in a month. With that amount of money every month, we can move mountains. We've designed our programme in a way that we won't wait until we have money before we organise one. Immediately the money is coming, we are spending it on the programme of the moment so, that will not give room for any misconduct in the areas of finances."

Lauding the Mosque's leadership for setting up such platform, the Secretary to the Local Government (SLG), Isolo LCDA, Hon. Emmanuel Olojede, promised government's support for the association so as to ensure increase in its financial capacity for its programmes.

# Golden Star crush Invisible United 4-0

By Saheed Afolabi

**G**olden Star FC beat Invisible United hands down in a friendly encounter that ended 4 goals to nil. The Ejigbo based team led by Emeka Athentius defeated Invisible United as Emeka Athentius grabbed a brace of goals while Nnamdi Ambrose and John Favour got on the score sheet as well. Golden Star FC who opened the goal account of the match in the 35th minute through Nnamdi Ambrose who was set up by Emeka Athentius to lift the team away from deadlock. Golden Star FC pushed to add to their tally in the first

half but were wasteful in front of goal as they took the lead to the break. The second half started with Golden Star FC dominating proceedings with impressive play as Emeka Athentius added to the tally in the 58th minute with a beautiful strike which found the right corner of the net with assist from China Uzoma. Emeka Athentius grabbed his brace of the match in the 66th minute to dash the hopes of Invisible United in an enthralling encounter. Highly enterprising winger Chinedu Nchoje provided the assist for Emeka Athentius. Golden Star FC showed more hunger and desire for more goals as the match



Golden Star Vs Invisible United

was grinding to an end and fortunately for them, John Favour scored the 4th goal to add to the misery of Invisible United when Emeka Athentius provided his second assist of the game.

**G**hetto Light FC's Centre defender, Olajide Daniel scored a screamer from 25 yards out but it was not enough as Ms Success ended the team's 7 matches without being defeated with a 2-1 victory. A minute silence was observed in honour of the late

## Ms Success FC end Ghetto Light FC unbeaten run

By Saheed Afolabi

Mr Onalapo, the father of Olawale Onalapo, a midfielder in the Ghetto Light FC camp. The match bursted into life in the first half with a fantastic

free kick which was scored by the impressive Pascal of Ms Success FC which the goalie of Ghetto Light U15 Mafuz Osolo failed to deal with. Captain Olajide Daniel of Ghetto Light FC led by example by leveling terms

with Ms Success with a 25 yards screamer that wowed the Eko Boys audience as the game ended 1-1 in the first half. After the restart, both teams created chances upon chances in an highly

entertaining encounter. MS Success FC got the winner when Bamidele Quadri could not get his defensive header right and sent it straight to the path of a rushing MS Success attacker. He buried clinically and

cemented his team's victory. The game ended in two goals to one against Ghetto Light FC under 15. Ghetto Light FC U15 will head to the Prince Gas Championship which will kick off in few days to come.

## Great Success FC play barren draw with Young Talent FC

By Saheed Afolabi

**G**reat Success efforts to get a win after the relaxation of the ban on contact sport have been Herculean as they played out a barren draw with Young Talent FC. The game did not live up to expectations as both sides failed to provide any spark in the first half. Both teams had a turbulent time connecting play as the

ball spent much time of the encounter in the air instead of the ground to provide goal scoring opportunities. The first half ended in a stalemate as both teams lacked the cutting edge in a dull first half. The second half proved lively a bit for both teams when Great Success FC striker pulled a great save from the goalie of Young Talent FC in the 60th minute. Great Success FC had

another chance of going ahead in the match but the effort was ballooned over the bar from close range. One of the spectators said the coach of Great Success FC has to assemble his players together and lecture them on how to create chances in the final third. The game ended without any team being able to find the back of the net as they played a fruitless match.

**G**hetto Light FC suffered a shocking 2-0 defeat in the hands of a weakened FC Robo team in the first round of the Ilupeju Township Games. The Ghetto ballers gave their faithful flashes of positive things to come but they still faced the issue of wastefulness in front of goal as it also cost them the match. Ayo of FC Robo guided home

## FC Robo knock out Ghetto Light FC

By Saheed Afolabi

a well placed left footed free kick to give the underdogs the lead to the surprise of many spectators. As the Ghetto ballers were aggressively chasing an equaliser in 5 minutes to the end of the game, a defensive howler from Owoseni Damilare gifted the ball to an

onrushing FC Robo attacker and he rounded up the goal keeper before slotting the ball into an empty net. The team has now registered victory over Future Stars, Onemco FC and Zik FA, a score draw against Lyon Blessing and Peace FA and an agonising loss against FC Robo.

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## ECHONEWS publisher hosts LASU PGD Students

By Damilola Kushimo

It was an educational and interactive session between the publisher of EchoneWS Newspaper, Mr. Kehinde Bamigbetan and postgraduate students of Lagos State University (LASU) when they visited ECHONEWS recently to conduct research on community journalism. The students explained that ECHONEWS was chosen as their research sample being one of the two leading community newspapers in the state and the only weekly community newspaper in the country. According to them, ECHONEWS is the only community newspaper to get practical knowledge on how a better community newspaper could be produced for the University. While engaging them on the nitty-gritty of standard community newspaper production, the publisher, Bamigbetan said it involves

commitment, expertise and capital.

Recalling how the country's earliest newspapers were community-based, Bamigbetan said his media company was set up to publish in niches identified in the media market.

EchoneWS started with the schools' edition in 2004, added the National Women Edition in 2006 and the community edition in 2007. The weekly edition of the community newspaper began in November two years ago.

The former Lagos State Commissioner for Information and Strategy analysed the various functions of each of the five departments in the publishing firm and their interdependence as he also commended the sheer brilliance and doggedness of his



EchoneWS Publisher, 4th left in group photograph with the students

workforce.

He also educated the student researchers on the challenges of community media which he said are relatively much more than the ones endured by mainstream media which include low recognition from the public and private sectors.

He said his conviction that information is a right of the audience and should not be outrightly commercialised in order to bring about social and

behavioural change as well as infrastructural development to the community has sustained his passion for producing the paper. EchoneWS publishes weekly by circulating between 3,000 and 10,000 copies free in over 30 stands in the communities every Monday morning, while sending out more than 10,000 electronic copies and also making the news accessible on the world wide web.

He disclosed that he is

passionate about making the publication available on a daily basis.

Besides, Bamigbetan talked about the various ways ECHONEWS has strengthened the bond with its host communities as well as among the residents by promoting peaceful political, religious and civil relations which he said includes the dissemination of unbiased, fair and accurate reporting.

In his remarks, one of the students, Charles Alom, said: "From the knowledge he has shared with us we can go back there and put ourselves together and come up with something better. The session with him was so educative, I never found any boredom in the cause of our discussion. He was so eloquent, did complete justice to all our questions. We couldn't ask most of them because he'd answered them. He is so eloquent. He did a standard introduction which covered the whole."

"We've learnt that there's news every day and everywhere. He has made us understand that we don't need to go to the Island to get news all we have to do is have a nose for news. Even within LASU we can have a production of 18 pages newspaper."

## Malaria can cause death in pregnancy- Dr Adelodun

By Saheed Afolabi

A medical parasitologist, Dr. Adeniyi Adelodun has warned pregnant women to be vigilant in preventing malaria infection because it can lead to death. Doctor Adelodun spoke at a health talk held in Ejigbo. According to him, Malaria infection during pregnancy can

have adverse effects on both mother and fetus.

He explained that Malaria is a life-threatening disease typically transmitted through the bite of an infected Anopheles mosquito.

He added that the mosquitoes carry the plasmodium parasite and when they bite, the parasite is released into the bloodstream. "Once the parasites are inside the body, they travel to the liver,

where they mature. After several days, the mature parasites enter the bloodstream and begin to infect red blood cells.

"Within 48 to 72 hours, the parasites inside the red blood cells multiply, causing the infected cells to burst open.

"The parasites continue to infect red blood cells, resulting in symptoms that occur in cycles that last for two to three days at a time," he said.

He listed some effects of malaria during pregnancy as maternal anaemia, fetal loss, premature delivery, intrauterine growth, and delivery of low birth-weight infants.

"Malaria can occur if a mosquito infected with the plasmodium parasite bites one. Four kinds of malaria parasites can infect humans: Plasmodium vivax, P. ovale, P. malariae, and P. falciparum. P. falciparum causes a more severe form of the disease and those who contract

this form of malaria have a higher risk of death. An infected mother can also pass the disease to her baby at birth, which is known as congenital malaria." He said.

"He said the World Health Organisation now recommends that all women in the second or third trimester of pregnancy who have uncomplicated P. falciparum malaria should be treated with artemisinin-based combination therapy."

According to Adelodun, the

symptoms of malaria typically develops within 10 days to four weeks following the infection.

He explained that in some cases, symptoms might not develop for several months and some malarial parasites could enter the body but will be dormant for long periods.

"Common symptoms of malaria include shaking chills that can range from moderate to severe high fever, profuse sweating, headache, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, diarrhoea, anaemia, muscle pain, convulsions, coma and bloody stools," he said.

## Alashe chairs Oke-Afa Senior College committee

By Abolaji Adebayo

Former Supervisor for Agriculture and Community Development in Ejigbo Local Council Development Area, Mrs. Yemisi Alashe has been elected chairperson of the school-based management committee of Oke-Afa Senior College. She was unanimously elected by other nominees at the committee's inaugural meeting on Wednesday November 3, this year.

Other members and their positions on the committee are Mr Akinyele Akintunde - Vice Chairman. Mrs Bello -Secretary. Alhaji Yinus Abdulkabir - Treasurer. Mr Ayanbajo Ibadapo - Financial Secretary and Revd IO A Olaomo Member. The SBM was established to link the school, the community and

government for the development of the staff, students and their facilities.

Addressing the inaugural meeting, the school's principal, Mrs Rafat Ogunbiyi stressed the challenges the school is facing. These include 16 classrooms to cope with over 1,000 students. There are 544 students in Senior Secondary Class 2 and 343 students in SS3. The new senior secondary 1 students are expected to join soon.

Mrs. Akindele said there is enough space to build new classrooms to reduce the number of students per class. She also urged the committee to raise funds to make existing facilities conducive for teachers and students.

The principal decried the habit of students roaming around the estate during school hours and

urged parents to monitor the welfare and attendance of their wards.

"Parents are to visit the school once in a term but majority don't," she said.

The principal took the committee members on a brief tour of the facilities to see their state and make amends. Responding, the new chairperson said all hands will be on deck to bring changes to the school.

Mrs. Alashe, who is also the vice-chairperson of the All Progressives Congress in Oke-Afa ward and Social Secretary of the Community Development Committee of Ejigbo LCDA said education remains a priority of the party and the government because it is a worthwhile investment in the future of the next generation.

## Jakande Estate residents seek police patrol to curb crime spike

By Abolaji Adebayo

The residents of Low Cost Housing Estate, Jakande, Ejigbo have called on the police to beef up security, claiming that the rate of criminal activities in the area has been increasing. Speaking, the Chairman Estate Youth Parliament, Yusuf Adeyemi, said the level of insecurity is becoming alarming in the community as residents are prone to various criminal attacks.

According to him, the residents have become worried as so many cars have been vandalised while residents are robbed.

"Other criminal cases are trailing some residents and dispossessing them of their properties, using cutlass on them.

He cited the case of a man who was rushed to the hospital from Zone 9 area of the Estate where a robbery took place recently.

"The security guard of one of the zones in Iyana Isheri got cut with cutlass recently by three criminals as two of them did the dirty job while the third one was on the bike to pick his fellow criminals after the robbery.

"Another criminal case that was recorded recently was that of some boys bursting into a beer parlour, taking their valuables from the customers

at gun point, on leaving the beer parlour, the same boys matcheted a young man near salvation church area in the Estate.

"There are so many cases actually as we are now open than ever before to insecurity and reports gathered revealed that they often escape through Ijegan road anytime they come for their devilish act. However these activities do not have a specific time as there are night robbery and early morning robbery among the cases reported."

While commending the police for their efforts, Adeyemi urged the new Ejigbo DPO to beef up security patrol in the Estate to tame the criminals.

# Sanwo-Olu wards projects takes-off in Oshodi

By Edith Igbokwe

The rehabilitation of Raji Street in Mafoluku Oshodi, one of the projects recommended by the councillors under the State Governor's Ward Projects Scheme, has commenced with drainage construction in earnest.

The drainage construction has been done up to 70 percent level on the 120 meters street as the work is expected to move to the next phase of road reconstruction.

The councilor representing Mafoluku Ward, Hon. Bukola Lawal, who presented the project under the scheme, expressed her satisfaction on the job done so far, saying she is monitoring the project to make sure the engineers in charge of the project do a quality job.

Although the residents of the street are affected by the ongoing construction work



Raji street drainage ongoing construction work

as many could not drive in and out of the street, they declared their cooperation with the workers as they commended the governor for fulfilling his promise and expediting the project.

"Vehicles can't ply the street nor go into the houses on the street for now until the whole

process is completed and residents are expected to bear with the development that will be enjoyed by all community members in the long run.

"We all chose this project under the scheme as one of the challenges we face in this community. Before

arriving at this, all the stakeholders in the ward came together, deliberated on various challenges and unanimously chose the rehabilitation of this street.

"We appreciate the state governor for fulfilling his promise under the scheme on time. If you look at Oshodi

generally, if we discover that road rehabilitation is the common project chosen across the wards. Our local government authority has been doing greatly in terms of infrastructural development, we all chose road because that is our major challenge," Lawal

said.

She promised that the road would be maintained by the community, hence the thorough supervision to make sure a quality job is done.

## CHANGE OF NAME

I, Oduwole Omolola Olanike formerly known and addressed as Akinmola Omolola Olanike Now I wish to be known and addressed as Oduwole Omolola Olanike All former documents remains valid, the general public and authorities concerned should please take note.

## Lagos, CHAI screen Oshodi women for cancer

By Edith Igbokwe

Many women within the child bearing ages of 25-50 years in Oshodi-Isolo LGA turned up for the Lagos State Government screening for the deadly cancer disease as they visited the centre to know their status.

The women, who made themselves available, were screened for pre-cancerous infection which could lead to the deadly cancer disease.

The free training and screening for cervical cancer, which was held at Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Staff Health Centre, was also used to enlighten the women on how to discover the disease at its earlier stage and prevent it.

The programme, championed by Lagos State government and supported by a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) seeks to educate

participants to discover the disease early to give room for treatment and recovery.

The training and screening exercise lasted one week, starting from Monday, November 9 till Friday, November 13, 2020.

Meanwhile, all Primary Health Centers (PHCs) in Lagos State that run 24 hours service have been directed to commence the free test exercise for women in the respective communities.

One of the health workers

who spoke to ECHONEWS revealed that the system is incorporating the screening and treatment of precancerous infection through the process of Visual Inspection with Acetic-acid (VAI), stating that if any positive case is detected, such patient will be treated as well.

The source further explained that early detection of the infection would give the opportunity to save the life of such patient, assuring 100

percent recovery as the disease could be treated at its early stage.

## Motorists in traffic jam laud Oshodi-Apapa road reconstruction

By Edith Igbokwe

Passengers and motorists are going through hell passing through Osolo Way due to ongoing reconstruction work on the Oshodi-Apapa Expressway which has left them with no other alternative to Five Star Bus stop to DHL Bridge.

As the reconstruction work progressed to the service lane of the express way, the influx of vehicles on Osolo Way has been building heavy traffic jams on the axis.

The traffic has already built up along Oshodi route as vehicles share one lane, turning it to one-way due to the ongoing work on the service lane.

The engineers on the road have barricaded the major road to give them access to seamlessly work on the road.

To avert traffic delay, some vehicles divert to plying Osolo Way down to 7/8 junction to connect back to Oshodi route. However, despite the alternative means, commuters are still held up in the traffic on Osolo Way as more vehicles concentrate on that axis as an escape route.

Some of the commuters who spoke to ECHONEWS said though it was annoying facing stress in the traffic on a daily basis, they expressed their joy over the project, saying the development would yield a convenient transportation system worth waiting for.

Meanwhile, the commuters would have to endure for a long period of time as the level of the ongoing project is still at preparatory level of digging and laying of pipes after which the engineers would move to the surface level of grading and other works.

## Community laments as IKEDC fails to restore power

By Edith Igbokwe

Hopes of residents of Oshodi for light remained bleak at the weekend no thanks to the Ikeja Electricity Distribution Company (IKEDC's) failure to live up to its promise.

For more than a week, the community has been living in darkness. At the time of filing this report on Saturday, power has not been restored.

ECHONEWS gathered that the community's power supply was cut because the transformer serving the community could no longer carry its load. To save the transformer, IKEDC proposed maintenance service before power supply could be returned.

Following the development, the officials visited the transformer, took note of the condition and promised to boost the transformer so that

maximum power supply could resume by the weekend.

Worried, the Community Development Association (CDA) has started deliberating on how to resolve the issue to supply power back into the community.

According to the CDA Chairman, Nurani Lawal, one of their strategies is to collaborate with the company on what they could do to support themselves as a community.

Lawal said the company has not responded to their enquiries adding that IKEDC should be sensitive to their plight.

He also charged the company to issue prepaid meters to the community to solve the problem of huge bills.

Meanwhile, the Head of Corporate Communication, Ikeja Electric, Felix Ofulue said the matter would be looked into and resolved soon.



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