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# Isolo GH launches first clinic for ENT patients

By Damilola Kushimo

**R**esidents of Oshodi, Isolo and Ejigbo battling with infections of the ear, nose and throat now have a public medical facility to take care of their challenges.

After 45 years of operation, Isolo General Hospital, last week, set up an Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) clinic to treat such diseases.

The clinic, which was officially inaugurated last week by the Medical Director/CEO of the hospital, Dr. Godwin Akhabhoa, is considered a major landmark in the development of the hospital.

Common diseases of the ENT include ear infections, strep throat, sinusitis and sleepapnea.

While sleep apnea is a disorder causing patients to stop breathing for periods of time while sleeping, sinusitis occurs when germs enter the four hollow recesses of the skull surrounding the eyes and nose.

Throat infections caused by a category of germs called streptococci are called strep throat while ear infections

can manifest as difficult in hearing and blockage of air passages by objects.

Until last week, patients with such complaints who visit the Isolo General Hospital were referred to other ENT medical facilities.

Hoarseness of voice and problems arising from poor ear cleaning pose regular problems from patients who attend ENT clinics.

A study of ear cleaning practices revealed that the prevalence of self ear cleaning was 93.4%.

The study, carried out by Dr. Gabriel Olatide and Dr. Clement Nwankwo noted, among others, that

"Common reasons for self ear cleaning were 35.1% personal hygiene, 21.8% dirty/earwax and 11.8% itching. Both ears were most commonly cleaned among the patients in 46.9%. Right ear in 31.8% was commoner than left ear in 21.3%. Commonest object used in ear cleaning was cotton bud in 44.5%. Other objects were finger, feather and key in 24.6%, 15.6% and 14.7% respectively. Common clinical presentation were



Dr. Godwin Akhabhoa

dirty/earwax in 35.1%, otalgia in 29.4%, hearing loss in 27.5% and itching in 24.2%. Long time (chronic) ear cleaning accounted for 63.5% while short time (acute) ear cleaning accounted for 36.5%.

Frequency of ear cleaning in these patients were daily in 49.3%, weekly in 17.1%, monthly in 13.3% and occasional in 20.4%. Major diagnosis was 34.6% personal hygiene, 22.7% allergy and 18.5% earwax

impaction."

In a chat with ECHONEWS, Dr. Akhabhoa delightedly said the initiative was taken to fulfill the hospital's vision statement which is "To be a world class one stop shop secondary Health care facility

for the people of Isolo and its environ."

"I feel great that a great milestone has been achieved as one of the cardinal part of our vision statement and 2020/21 strategic plan for the hospital," he said.

Speaking further, the Medical Director said he was motivated to set up the clinic because it had always been his desire to provide medicare for a large majority of the people, adding that there had been much agitation for the clinic following a large number of ENT cases being referred to other hospitals.

Dr. Akhabhoa described the development as a dream come true for the entire staff and management of the hospital.

He particularly thanked the Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Health Service Commission, Dr. Benjamin Eniyewun and Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Health, Dr. Olusegun Ogboye, for their encouragement and support.

ECHONEWS gathered that the clinic has started admitting ENT patients for treatment

## Late goalkeeper's family says ECHONEWS is voice of the voiceless

**E**lder Wale Akinlusi, head of the family of Taiwo Akinlusi, the goalkeeper who was electrocuted to death, has praised ECHONEWS Newspapers as the champion of the oppressed.

Speaking on a thank you visit to the premises of ECHONEWS Newspapers Limited in Ejigbo, Akinlusi, who ran for the chairmanship of the Ejigbo Local Council Development Area in the 2017 polls on the platform of the People's Democratic Party (PDP), said the family was surprised by the consistent support of the newspaper in seeking justice for their departed son.

Apologising that the wife of the deceased could not join the delegation in deference to the cultural obligation that expects widows to avoid public engagement, Akinlusi, who came with his wife, said the family unanimously mandated him to convey appreciation for the support that the newspaper gave.

"Our intention was to go it alone, but the Community Development Association came to our support and rallied round us. They didn't take a dime from us. Nothing excites us as the manner in which

ECHONEWS took the matter. You gave us your all. You showed so much interest in the matter. God will empower ECHONEWS. You will get helpers to take your dream forward.

"The news was all over the world. People called me from all over the world that they saw it in ECHONEWS. Lawyers volunteered to take up the case. These happened because of the reporting that ECHONEWS did. We really thank you," Akinlusi said.

Also speaking at the event, the secretary of the Unity CDA, Boniface Mega, praised ECHONEWS for supporting the community development association by making it a matter of urgent importance.

He conveyed the appreciation of the community for the role played by the newspaper and prayed for its growth.

Responding, the Chief Executive Officer of ECHONEWS Newspapers Limited, Mr. Kehinde Bamigbetan appreciated the visit, adding that the company was happy that the family and the community saw value in the role it played.

"We acted in line with the social responsibility obligation of the press, our duty to make private



Elder Wale Akinlusi (left) Mr. Kehinde Bamigbetan, Mrs. Akinlusi, Mr. Fakoya and Mr. Boniface Megai pose for a photograph during the visit

and public organisations accountable for their actions and to support the underdog. Death is the final destination of everybody but nobody wishes to die by electrocution. This means those responsible for electricity must ensure that it does not constitute danger to the general public," he said, noting that no amount is enough to replace the life that was lost.

He, however, commended the IKEDC for demonstrating initiative and responsibility in managing the unfortunate incident.

He also praised the secretary of the Community Development Committee, Ejigbo LCDA, Barrister Bimbo Olawale, for her leadership role in securing justice for the victim.

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# Igbo Community honours Ajomale, Osolo, commends councillors

By Damilola Kushimo

The leadership of Igbo speaking community in Lagos led by its President General, Chief Sunday Udeh, has honoured the immediate past Lagos State Chairman of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC), Hon. Henry Ajomale, the Osolo of Isolo, His Royal Majesty, Oba Kabiru Kolawole Agbabiaka and other community leaders in Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) for being receptive towards the Igbos in the community and for giving the Igbos opportunity to participate in politics and occupy political offices.

Chief Ajomale was honoured with the Pan-Nigerian Personality award while the Osolo was conferred with the Champion of Peace award at his residence in Okota.

Udeh said the awards were to further appreciate the community leaders for their magnanimity towards the Igbos in the community.

He particularly appreciated the two councillorship positions and other political positions

accorded his tribesmen in the council area.

In his words: "We are here to say a big thank you for giving us two councillorship posts in the present administration of the local council. We have Hon. Kanayo Osondu representing Okota Ward and Hon. Magnus Chidiebere Iheasirim representing Ajao Estate Ward. In the executive arm, we have Hon. Franca Ene Udogwu as the Senior Special Assistant (SSA) on Ethnic Affairs and others. Also in the party, you gave us the Assistant General Secretary in the person of Prince Sylvester Obi, Paulicap Kpatuma, Mr Sunday Damian and other Igbos are also occupying various positions in the wards executive of the party. We are happy that Isolo is leading other Local Governments in building the ethnic bridge of peace and harmony. We are proud and we hold you in high esteem."

Urging the former party chairman to facilitate more positions for Igbo in politics, Chief Udeh said the community was satisfied with the performance of the two



Chief Henry Ajomale (second right) receiving the award from the Special Adviser to the State Governor on Drainage and Water Resources, Engineer Joe Igbokwe (first right) and the Chairman Igbo Stakeholders Forum, Lagos, Prince Nixon Okwara (second left) as the President-General Igbo Speaking Community in Lagos, Chief Sunday Udeh looks on.

councillors.

Appreciating the recognition and award, Ajomale remarked that the Igbos who represent 45 per cent of the total population of the community have contributed enough to the development of Isolo council area hence, the need for creation of conducive environment for peaceful coexistence.

He, however, maintained that the fall out with the Igbos in

Okota Area of the council during the 2019 elections which reflected in their decision to vote for the opposition party has since been rectified, assuring them of more chances in the party in the forthcoming elections especially in the local council polls.

Other awardees include the LCDA party chairman, Barr. Gani Bello who bagged the Ethnic Bridge Builder Award, the immediate past Party Chairman,

Alhaji Wahab Raji who received a similar award while the Chairman, Igbo Stakeholders Forum, Lagos, Prince Nixon Okwara, was conferred with the Igbo Personality Of Repute in Isolo.

Special Adviser to the state governor, Mr Babajide Sanwoolu on Drainage And Water Resources, Engr. Joe Igbokwe was among the personalities at the event.

## LGEA pledges to rebuild fence at Ilasamaja school

By Damilola Kushimo

The Education Secretary (ES), Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Education Authority (LGEA), Barr. Femi Ogunwusi has assured that the fallen fences of the complex of four public primary schools in Ilasamaja Ward will be put up soon.

Ogunwusi, who spoke with ECHONEWS, confirmed that the State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) is duly aware of the situation, explaining that preparation is in the pipeline to rebuild the fences.

"I am highly concerned about the situation we have here. The board is aware of the challenges and we are confident that something will be done soon," he assured.

The residents had complained that since part of the front yard fence of the schools - Kusoru Primary School, Ire-Akari Primary School, Dele Ajomale Primary School and Olokun Primary School fell on Tuesday, July 7 due to heavy rains, hoodlums and cultists have been using it for nefarious activities.

One of the residents who preferred anonymity told ECHONEWS that no one could prevent the cultists from entering the school compound to perpetrate nefarious activities and vandalise the schools' properties.

He added that residents from neighbouring communities have been taking advantage of the other broken fence at the left side of the premises to encroach on the school compound to dispose and burn their wastes.

He said: "The other fence had been broken since February and residents from the next compound have taken it as an opportunity to encroach, dispose and burn their wastes in the school premises. We hope something can be done about these two issues soon, especially as the pupils are planning to resume."

"In addition, flooding is another challenge schools here face. Whenever it rains, the pavements of some buildings get submerged in flood, making it hard for pupils to walk about. We hope that government can come and take a holistic look at the challenges schools here have been dealing with especially for the convenience of the students."

## Residents praise Yayi for solar-powered street lights

By Damilola Kushimo

The residents of Lagos State Development and Property Corporation (LSDPC) Estate, Ile-iwe Metta, Isolo have praised the senator representing Lagos West district, Senator Solomon Olamilekan Adeola (Yayi), for providing street lights in the estate.

The lawmaker has equally urged the residents to take ownership

of the 10 solar-powered street lights, charging them on the maintenance.

Adeola, who spoke with ECHONEWS through his Lead Coordinator for Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area (LGA), Hon. Emmanuel Olojede, advised the residents of the estate to guard the infrastructure against vandalism.

LSDPC estate is one of the two communities in Oshodi-Isolo

LGA that benefitted from the installation of 130 solar street lights in six of the 10 LGAs in the district.

Olojede who is also the Secretary to the Local Government (SLG), Isolo LCDA explained that the project is one of the many constituency projects the senator has lined up to be executed which, he said, would spread across all LGAs in the senatorial district.

He, however, appealed to communities that were not captured in this project to be sure of benefitting from others that will be carried out soon.

Sehinde Callisto Street in Oshodi is the other area that benefitted from the solar-powered street lights.

He said: "We advise the community to take ownership and take good care of the infrastructure and make sure that

it is not vandalised.

Assuring other communities of similar dividends of democracy, Olojede said Oshodi-Isolo and Ejigbo will benefit from the next round of projects. His words: "This isn't his only constituency project. Others are still coming. Any other one (project) coming now to Oshodi-Isolo LGA, before Oshodi and Isolo can ask for anything, Ejigbo will be considered."

The Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC), Aswani Division, Isolo LCDA has condemned the move by the Lagos House of Assembly to hold parents of suspected cultists responsible for the offences of their wards.

The amendment was moved by Hon. Kehinde Joseph representing Alimosho Constituency 1 during the debate in the House of Assembly on the Anti-Cultism Law.

According to report, the bill was sent to the Lagos State House of Assembly on Tuesday by the Attorney General of the State, Mr. Moyosore Onigbanjo (SAN) seeking amendment to the state's anti-cultism law.

During the debate, the lawmakers suggested thorough investigations of suspects, rehabilitation of minors and empowerment of security agencies.

Reacting, the PCRC chairman, Hon. Adeleke Adegboyega, said the law could be amended but the punishment for the cultist's parents should be removed.

Considering the reflection of the

## PCRC denounces punishment for cultists' parents

By Damilola Kushimo

law in his community, Adegboyega said if amended, it would tame the rate of cultism in the community, emphasising that the inclusion of punishment for the parents of cultists should be removed on the basis that many parents have narrow knowledge of what their children are into especially when they are in school.

He said: "If the amendment is

granted, it is suicidal. You can never identify these boys if they live with you. How do you suffer for an offence you never committed. Cultism is run with utmost secrecy."

Also, a lawyer in Isolo council area, Barr. Habeebulahi Boladale, argued that being a parent of a cultist is not enough reason for punishment.

"I am of a strong opinion that the idea of punishing the parents of cultists should be jettisoned. It is

unheard of for a parent to be punished just because he or she is the father or mother of a cultist.

"However, if it can be established that a parent of a cultist is involved in the cultism or he is aiding his cultist child to perpetrate the evil then, the parent can be punished. In this case, he is being punished not just because he is a parent but because he himself has committed the crime of cultism.

"All these are based on the fact

that in law a person is presumed to be innocent until he or she is proven guilty. Hence, a suspect must be linked with a crime before he can be said to have committed the crime. So, where a person is just a parent to a cultist and nothing more, then it will be unfair to punish the parent. A Yoruba proverb says it is the finger that commits a crime that the king will cut. That means it is the person that commits a crime that should be punished."

## Council leader highlights achievements

By Damilola Kushimo

The leader of Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Remy Shittu Remy has given an account of his three year stewardship as a councillor.

Presenting his achievements to constituents during a virtual meeting, Remy, who is representing Apena Ward, explained that in addition to the

exemplary fulfilment of his constitutional obligations as a councillor, he has effectively bridged communication between his constituents and government and facilitated several developmental projects to his ward and the council area at large.

These projects, he said, cut across various sectors including Education, Environmental Sanitation, Security, Electricity,

Empowerment for youths, aged and physically challenged ones.

According to him, the achievements include hosting 1,200 nursery, primary and junior secondary schools students on Children's Day; distribution of JAMB and WAEC forms to indigent students; settling disputes between communities and service providers such as LAWMA, IKEDC and the Police.

Others include mentorship

programmes for students of public secondary schools, presentation of packs of education materials for 120 students and facilitating COVID-19 palliatives in partnership with Unilever Nigeria PLC through one of its household product, Knorr, where 10,500 residents were fed.

Thanking God, the residents and party leaders for making the achievements possible, Remy said the opportunity to serve has exposed him to knowledge locally and globally.

# We'll hold CY Unity Cup when govt eases lockdown - Ukpai

By Saheed Afolabi

The organiser of the annual CY Unity Cup, Cyprian Ukpai, has disclosed that the form to participate in the annual football competition would be on sale as soon as the lockdown on football is eased. Ukpai, who promised that the tournament would still hold said the management was waiting for the green light from the government for football to resume, saying it is only then that CY Unity Cup could hold. He noted that the competition form was supposed to have been on sale since first week of July but due to the lockdown on football as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, it has been put on

hold.

"The government has not given the football community clearance to resume activities so, we are still expecting government to lift the ban on football.

"The form for the competition was supposed to have been on sale since the first week of July but due to the ban on football related activities as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, we had to put it on hold for now and await further information from the government."

He appealed to government to consider reopening football, saying the grassroots football clubs across Lagos State have started inquiring about when the competition will hold.



Cyprian Ukpai



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# Jubilation as govt eases lockdown on tennis

By Saheed Afolabi

Lawn tennis lovers have continued to jubilate following the relaxation of the lockdown on the non contact sports.

The federal government had in March placed a restriction on sporting activities following the outbreak of Covid-19 in the country.

However, with the intervention of the Minister of Youth and Sports, Sunday Dare, the government last week eased the lockdown on tennis and other non contact sports.

To resume the sport activities at Adejumo Sport Center in Ajao estate, the management has provided soap and water to be used when entering the sport center while players are always mandated to use hand sanitizer before entering the tennis court.

Speaking with ECHONEWS, Babatunde Adebayo, a former captain of the club, said he was happy to return the tennis court after some months of absence due to the lockdown.

Another tennis player who simply identified himself as Buchi was delighted over the reopening of the sports as he commended the government for returning them back to the court.

He, however, disclosed that it will take time before the sport



Babatunde Adebayo

center comes back to it usual state.

"I am glad that activities have resumed slowly at the club. We had been unable to play tennis for the past four

months due to the lockdown on sport activities. So, it's a great feeling to be back and to make sure we regain the time wasted off the sports center," he said.

# We hope football will be opened soon - coaches

By Saheed Afolabi

Just as the ban on the non contact outdoor sports has been lifted by the federal government, football coaches at the grassroots have expressed hope that such would be extended to football as soon as possible.

Coach of Diadem Stallions FC, Ayodeji Adebayo, said he was optimistic that something positive would come up for football.

He noted that the reason why government is delaying reopening of football might be higher population attached to it which may aid spread of coronavirus.

Ms Success FC coach, Musbahu Oseni said "I salute the Minister of Youth and Sport, Sunday Dare, for putting pressure on government to ease lockdown on non contact sports. I am hopeful that in few weeks time football and other sport activities would receive government attention too for talents to continue developing at the grassroots."

An Ejigbo based coach, Christopher Ogar popularly known as Obeleze he was disappointed over the continued lockdown on football related activities despite the fact that some

other countries have eased the lockdown on football.

He said: "The government has done well to ease the lockdown on non contact sports, the same should also be extended to football. Still keeping us on lockdown is not the best for us because most of my fellow coaches are not happy about this situation but we hope the government will understand our plight."



Christopher Ogar

Ayodeji Adebayo

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# Youth group demands chance to make change

By Olushola Okewole

The youths under the aegis of Innovative Youth Volunteers in Oshodi-Isolo Constituency II, have charged the political leaders to create opportunities for them to take over the leadership at all levels of government for the progress of the society.

This call was made during a webinar discussion organised by the Innovative Youth Volunteers to commemorate the 2020 International Youth Day with the theme 'Youth Engagement for Global Action'. According to them, despite their potentials, the youths are being sidelined by the older political leaders from fully participating in politics.

They also complained that the age barrier put on the youths seeking employment is another factor inhibiting them from

participating in the economy. They urged the politicians in Oshodi-Isolo constituency II who are occupying positions in the legislative arm at the local government, state and federal level to sponsor bills that would remove age barrier in seeking employment as it is done in other developed countries.

Responding, the leader of Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Lanre Akinbowale said the jurisdiction for making the law to remove age limit in seeking employment is beyond the power of the local government, saying that can only be handled by the state and federal law makers.

One of the guest speakers on the programme, Sola Odukoya said youth engagement and involvement in decision making is not majorly about political process, saying it also involves changing the narratives of the

process through dialogue, pressure, protest and signing petitions.

"So we are not majorly focusing on being in active politics but influencing the political process, decision making and national objectives," he said.

The APC Youth Leader, Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Babajide Ogunmefun emphasized the need for youth involvement, charging the political office holders to facilitate job employment opportunities for the youths, get them into leadership positions and give them support to participate fully in politics.

However, one of the participants, Mrs. Olufunmilayo Abbe said the youths should uphold integrity, noting that most youths are also corrupt and their aim of attaining leadership position is to embezzle money.



Members of Innovative Youth Volunteers celebrating International Youth Day

She therefore implored the youths to have a rethink and perfect their aims and objectives before going for leadership positions.

Earlier in his opening speech, the Co-Founder of Innovative Youth Volunteers, Mr. Oluwasheunfunmi Adekoya

who is the organizer of the event said what is expected of the youths as young leaders is to come together and proffer solutions to the challenges in the country

"What is expected of us as young leaders across board is to come together at time like

this to discuss issues affecting our lives ranging from the outbreak of the pandemic to the economy and to x-ray all the SDG goals that we feel one way or the other needs to be addressed by our government," he said.

## Fish farmers blame low sales on eateries' lockdown

By Olushola Okewole

The Secretary of All Farmers Association of Nigeria (AFAN), Ejigbo chapter, Mr. Bukunmi Akinbehinje, has lamented that the lockdown of bars and restaurants due to the Covid-19 pandemic has greatly affected the fish farming business, saying many fish farmers lost their capital to the pandemic crisis.

According to him, many farmers found it difficult to cope with the little sales since their major market has been locked down.

Akinbehinje, who is into fish farming in Ejigbo, added that some of the farmers have lost millions of naira invested in the business and were subsequently forced out of the business.

He explained that though it is a capital intensive one, fish

farming business is a a lucrative one which could yield 50 per cent return on investment if all precautions were fully taken and there is enabling business environment.

Analysing the requirements to start the business, the AFAN scribe said a would be fish farmer must get good power generating machine, well drilled bore hole water, well constructed ponds, and importantly proper drainage in the environment where the fish farm is located to control the drainage of the used water in the host community at huge cost.

He added that at least 1000 fish feeds should be procured to start the farm, explaining that the fishes would mature for harvest between three and seven months.

He further explained that some species of fish reared

for six months are the best for the farmers, analysing that feeding a fish of such species for six months cost N600 while 1000 fishes would consume feeds worth N600,000, meaning that a farmer would need N600,000 to feed 1000 fishes.

He stressed that if well managed, the farmer could get about 50 per cent returns on his investment.

He therefore encouraged youths and others to venture into the business rather than waiting for the government to provide white collar jobs for them, advising the would be farmers to always seek information about the business.

Akinbehinje said though Covid-19 is currently affecting the business, he assured that it would bounce back as soon as the country gets over the coronavirus pandemic.

## Council leader supports 30 private school teachers

By Olushola Okewole

The councillor representing Ilamoshe Ward in Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Lanre Akinbowale, has given packs of food items containing Semo, wheat, Spaghetti and bread as palliatives to 30 private school teachers in his ward to cushion the effect of the lockdown on them as many of them have not received salary since March this year.

The councillor, who doubles as the council leader, said giving such support became necessary

especially at the time the teachers struggle to survive.

He explained that teachers are developers, who groom children to become leaders, saying such set of people in the society should not be neglected as he promised to continue giving the support.

Commending the gesture, the Secretary of Coalition of Ilamoshe CDAs, Mr. Dele Olokobi, said the councillor has done what was needed at the time it was really needed.

He noted that the councillor has made his presence felt in the community, adding that he has been doing so much for the residents in terms of

empowerment, organising football completion, giving palliatives and many more as a way of giving back to the community.

Olokobi then urged the residents to appreciate the councillor and the All Progressives Congress (APC) party by supporting them to continue in office, urging them to get their voters card and LASRA cards to be able to vote during the next year election.

One of the beneficiaries, Mrs. Module Otunuyin, appreciated the councillor for the gesture and prayed for God's grace to do more.

## Chief Imam says fear of God will defeat virus

As worship resumed across the state, the Ejigbo LCDA Chief Imam, Alhaji Mukaila Sanni, has admonished the Muslim faithful to fear God more than how they fear coronavirus, saying God is the most powerful who can remove the virus from the world.

The Chief Imam gave this message to the worshippers on Friday during the Jumat service held at Ejigbo Central mosque as Muslims observed second Jumat service after the reopening of worship centres.

Although the Jumat service was well attended, there was strict compliance with the government

directives on hand washing, use of nose cover and social distancing.

Speaking to ECHONEWS after the Jumat service, the Chief Imam said every worshiper complied with the measures because they knew the value of worshipping which they had been denied for some months.

He noted that the mosque management mandated all worshippers to comply with rules and regulations of the government as long as it does not prevent them from worshipping their Creator.

He added that the mosque was thoroughly cleaned and

fumigated before commencing Jumat service.

Meanwhile, he emphasised that the core message of his sermon is to draw people to God, seek His power over the virus as the only way to fight Covid-19.

His words: "If we all could fear coronavirus because of death the way we did for the past five to seven months then, we should fear Allah who is more powerful and strict and severe in punishment to those who disobey Him than coronavirus.

"We should fear and obey the commandments of the God who created coronavirus and has the control over the virus and death."

## PSP decries low payment by Fadu landlords

By Olushola Okewole

The refuse carrier better known as Private Sector Participant (PSP) in waste management operating in FADU ward of the Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Dorosas Global Service Limited, has decried low payment of bills for services rendered to households.

According to the company, despite packing their refuses weekly, some of the residents have been defaulting in their payment for months.

The company's Managing Director, Mrs. Doris Chioma Denis-Akano, stressed that the major challenge the company is facing in the community is non-payment of their bills adding that this has been affecting the running of the company.

She explained that a room apartment is charged N300 while a flat is charged N500 monthly.

The PSP Director, noted that since the company has been operating in the community, it has never failed to pick refuse.

She, however, commended the council chairman Hon. Monsuru Bello and the CDA chairmen in Fadu for their support urging them to further sensitise the residents against indiscriminate waste disposal and discourage them from patronising cart pushers.

Denis-Akano said they should complement the effort of the government to have a cleaner Lagos by co-operating with the PSP and the Lagos Waste Management Authority (LAWMA).

## PCRC builds parade stand for Ejigbo Police

By Olushola Okewole

The Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC), Ejigbo Police Division, has embarked on the construction of parade stand for the station as one of the structures needed for the commissioning of the newly built police office.

The PCRC Secretary, Mr. Antonio Moore, said the project is to put the place in proper shape for the yet-to-be-dated commissioning of the new office block.

The parade stand is said to be part of the ceremonial part of the police force which serves as a point where dignitaries are saluted during ceremonies.

Meanwhile, Moore informed that

the date for the commissioning of the one storey building will be announced as soon as all stakeholders meet and the local council chairman gives the go ahead.

He noted that all necessary things have been put in place for the commissioning, saying it has been delayed due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

# Ikeja Electric restores power to community

By Edith Igbokwe

Ikeja Electricity Distribution Company (IKEDC) has fulfilled its promise to the residents of Ajibulu Ayodele in Mafoluku Oshodi by replacing the burnt cables at 7/8 Junction and restoring light. As reported by ECHONEWS

last week, the community had earlier complained that the company was incentive to their plight, which prompted the company to respond to the situation.

While enjoying the return of power supply to the community, the residents commended the power

distribution company for its prompt response to their complaint, saying it showed that the company took its customers in high esteem.

Commending the company, the Chairman of the Community Development Association (CDA), Mr. Alabede Shamsudeen noted

that the swift response has given the community the access to enjoy power supply again without having to wait for months.

He said the restoration of the power back to the community has prevented some loss which would have been recorded by business owners

who depend solely on electricity, adding that there would have also been some damages to the health of some people if the cables were not repaired on time.

He said: "The community is happy that the power supply was restored in good time without much delay as

promised by Ikeja Electric, we all appreciate the effort of the company."

He therefore urged the management of the company to maintain constant and quick response to customers in order to solidify the mutual relationship with its customers.

## Covid-19: Muslims abide by govt's rules at Jumat

By Edith Igbokwe

Second week into the reopening of worship centres, the Muslims at Ajumoni Central Mosque, Oshodi and other Mosques have continued to maintain the government's directives on the measures to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

One of the measures is the reduction of the number of worshippers which was seen in the mosque during the Jumat service last week as observed upper week.

There was adjustment of 'safuu' (lining up) positions for the prayer to abide by the social distancing order as the congregants kept five meters apart from each other, the practice unusual of the Islamic congregation.

In his sermon during the Jumat service, the Chief Imam of the Centra Mosque, Imam Adeyemo Rabiu Adeleke, stressed the need to keep the rules of the government as the next authority to Almighty Allah, admonishing the worshippers

not to be far from the presence of Allah.

He advised that the government should keep up with the protection of lives and properties of the citizens as he prayed for all the dead victims of COVID-19 while enjoining the living to take precautions against the pandemic as directed by the government.

Prior to the commencement of the Jumat service, the Mosque Committee chairman, Alhaji Hon. Saheed Animashaun summoned all the executive members to put the necessary measures in place as directed by the government before the service commenced.

Part of the measures taken includes fumigation of the mosque, provision of washing hand taps, sanitizer and adjustment of safuu positions to accommodate social distancing while praying.

Most importantly, no worshiper was allowed into the mosque for the Jumat service without the use of the nose/face mask. In the same vein, the Chief Imam of



Jumat service worshippers at Ajumoni Central Mosque

Allahu Lateef Central Mosque, Aimasiko Street, Charity Oshodi, Imam Abdulqudiri Abdulkareem, said inability to meet up with the requirements stated by the state government deprived them the opportunity

to hold Jumat service upper week but they held it last week Friday having met up with the requirements.

His words: "I am happy we were able to hold Jumat service last week. The

necessary requirements that deprived us upper week especially the thermometer and the demarcation needed to create spacing for social distancing have been taken care of."

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### CORRECTION

The story on Ojude Ajanaku Alakoso Day published in the last edition should not have been abbreviated as Alakoso Day. The error is regretted -Editor

### Lagos Govt to commence construction of second outfall along Community Road, Okota

By Damilola Kushimo

The Assistant Director, Office of Drainage Services and Water Resources, Lagos State Ministry of Environment and Water Resources, Engr. Adegboyega Nureeni Ogunyemi has confirmed that the construction of second outfall along Community Road, Okota, Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) will soon commence as contractor has already taken possession of the project site.

Ogunyemi informed that the project is expected to be completed within six months, disclosing that some structures along the road would be affected.

He therefore appealed to the residents for their cooperation during the course of the project.

In his words: "The contract has already been awarded and the contractor has taken the possession of project. We are working on the survey presently. As soon as it is concluded, the contractor will move fully to the site."

"We discovered that the capacity of the existing one on the right is not adequate to take the volume of water coming from Ago Place Way, the new one will be wider than the existing one and it is going straight down to the canal. The only challenge we might encounter is that, it might affect part of the the building where tolls are being collected. It will hit that part of the building and all those attachment along its path. For project of that kind, it will take six months."

## Students flood tutorial centres

By Edith Igbokwe

In preparation for their West African Senior School Certificate Examinations (WASSCE), final year secondary school students last week flooded the coaching centres in Oshodi-Isolo to get enough coaching to write and pass the examination.

At one of the coaching centres in Oshodi-Isolo, Adams Tutorial College, students were seen registering for both offline and online coaching.

The college known for grooming examination students resumed teaching on Tuesday August 4 to make sure that students were well equipped academically for the 2020 WAEC examination despite the short period between the school resumption and commencement of the

examination.

For the offline teaching, few students were allowed into the class while others were asked to follow up online from their various homes to maintain the social distancing order by the government.

To maintain the directive of the Lagos State government on school resumption, the college

Head of Administration, Mrs. Bimpe Adebola, said hand washing bowls, thermometers were provided to test student's temperature before being allowed into the class while the use of nose cover was compulsory.

She said: "We make sure that every student present in the class passes through the

cleaning, testing and the use of nose mask to keep safe from COVID-19. Meanwhile, only few students are accommodated in the class while the rest joined online at home."

She said she was optimistic that with the coaching, the students would do well in their examinations.

## Police settle communal clash among Mafoluku residents

By Edith Igbokwe

The Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Makinde Police Station, Mafoluku, Oshodi, CSP Francis Ebuoma, has intervened in the communal clash between Arewa youths living in the community and some Yoruba youths.

Although the cause of the crisis could not be verified, it was gathered that the chaos broke out Monday August 3, as a result of attempt to retaliate the previous attack.

The 'Boys' from Temidire Street and Garage had engaged the Arewa 'Boys' in a fight that almost degenerated into tribal clash in which a vehicle was vandalised.

However, the DPO told ECHONEWS that the dispute has been settled and that normalcy has since returned to the community

He explained that the leadership of both parties in the community have written a jointly signed letter to the police in which they agreed to

settle the crisis amicably and caution their children against further engagement in such fracas.

To maintain orde in the community, the police boss said he has deployed police officers to frequently patrol the community to forestall any such occurrences.

However, none of the members of the two parties involved in the crisis community was ready to talk to the media over the crisis as they all maintained that it had been settled.

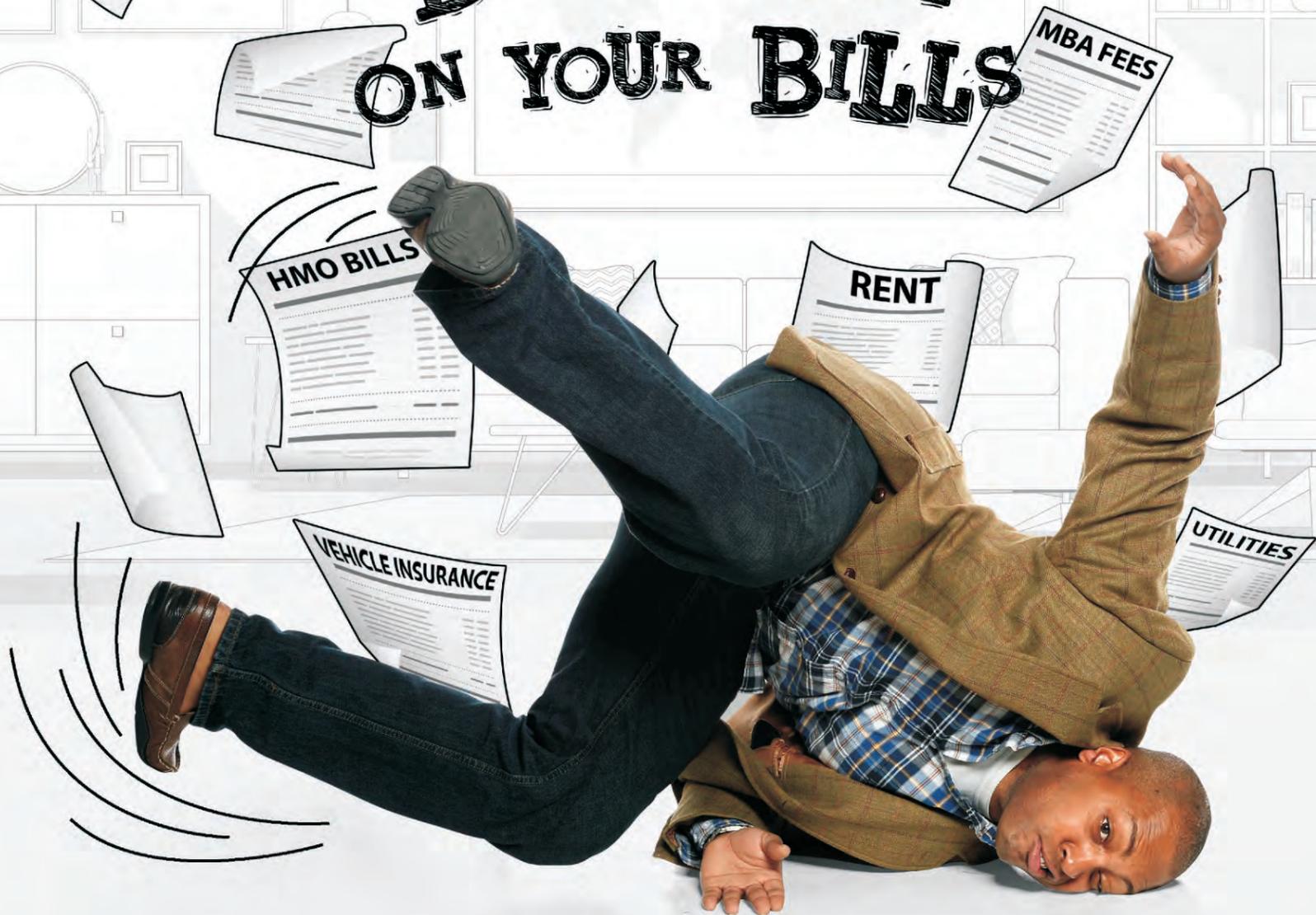


An aftermath of the fight

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