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# Isolo 2021: Olasoju battles Muniru and Adam for the ticket

By Damilola Kushimo

The intra-party struggle for the party's ticket to contest for the chairmanship position is becoming tougher among the six contenders under the platform of All Progressives Congress (APC) in Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA).

Meanwhile, only six - Hon. Adebayo Olasoju, Hon. Toheeb Aregbesola, Hon. Akeem Muniru, Hon. Eletu Atinshola, Hon. Mojeeb Adam and Hon. Taoheed Taiwo were finally screened by the APC State Screening Committee on Saturday, last week.

Initially, it was a struggle among the Secretary to the Local Government (SLG), Hon. Emmanuel Olojede, the council vice chairman, Hon. Adebayo Olasoju and other aspirants such as the former House of Representatives member, Hon. Akeem Muniru; the former vice chairman of Isolo LCDA, Hon. Mojeeb Adam; the former sole administrator, Oshodi-Isolo LGA, Hon. Taoheed Taiwo; Hon. Toheeb Aregbesola and Hon. Eletu Atinshola.

The six are going for the party's primary on May 29, 2021.

As exclusively reported by ECHONEWS, Olasoju is being backed by Fuji maestro Chief Ayinde Anifowoshe popularly known as KWAM1.

The highly influential musician has been able to gather the support of political heavyweights such as the former chairman of the APC in Lagos State, Chief Henry Ajomale, grassroots political strategist, Otonba Jide Oni and their followers behind the ticket.

Hon. Mojeeb Adam is flying the indigenes' flag as supported by the monarch and some other indigenes.

ECHONEWS reported that the Osolo of Isolo, Oba Kabiru Kolawole Alani Agbabiaka and 46 chiefs, community leaders and some political stakeholders in Isolo LCDA have endorsed the former vice-chairman of the local council, Hon. Mojeeb Adam as the chairmanship aspirant to contest under the platform of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in the July 24 local council elections.

The monarch had written a letter to the party leadership and other political leaders in the community and across the state communicating his endorsement of Adam's chairmanship aspiration.

Adam, who doubles as the Balogun of Isolo, is to represent the indigenes' effort to have their son as the next chairman of the local council.

At the beginning, the incumbent SLG had the backing of the council chairman, Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye but was later advised to step down for Akeem Muniru.

However, the recent



Hon. Bayo Olasoju



Hon. Mojeeb Adam



Hon. Akeem Muniru

development has indicated that only three out of the six aspirants who have obtained the party's form and undergone screening are the major contenders - Adebayo Olasoju, Mojeeb Adam and Akeem Muniru.

While Olasoju is being backed by the coalition of Alhaji Wasiu, Chief Henry Ajomale and some other political bigwigs in the community including Alhaji Jide Oni, Alhaji Jimoh Ajao (Milanko), Monsuru Agbabiaka (Alagba), Mojeeb Adam has the support of the monarch and other indigenes and Akeem Muniru has become the sole candidate of Hon. Ganiyu Johnson, Shammeh and Hon. Jude Idimogu.

Recently, the three political big wigs in Isolo together with their allies formed a Unity Forum through which their candidates

for the chairmanship and councillorship positions were announced and endorsed.

The Forum, which consists of Friends of GAJ, Turaki Support Group, Abundance Team, Aiyedun Support Group and Emmakool Support group associated with the Member representing Oshodi-Isolo federal constituency 2; Hon. Ganiyu Johnson, the outgoing council chairman; Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye, the lawmaker representing Oshodi-Isolo constituency 2 at the State House of Assembly; Hon. Jude Idimogu, the former House of Representatives member and also a chairmanship aspirant Hon. Akeem Muniru and the incumbent Council Secretary, Hon. Emmanuel Olojede, jointly presented Akeem Muniru to

contest for the chairmanship.

In a communique issued after their meeting titled "A Strategic Meeting Of Unity Forum" held on May 19, 2021, at the Ajao Estate residence of Chief Martins Ayo Adegboyega, the Forum explained that the decision to adopt Muniru was reached out of its genuine interest to sustain the developmental stride of the outgoing chairman, in the interest of all residents.

In addition to that, it also announced the endorsement of the incumbent council leader, Hon. Remy Shittu Remy as its councillorship candidate for Apena Ward as well as Hon. Chidiebere Iheasirim for Ajao Estate, Kehinde Ajala for Ire-Akari Ward, Hon. Nofisat Shobayo-Lawal for Ilasamaja, Adele Oladipupo for Okota Ward,

Wasiu Durojaye for Alagbeji Ward and Abolaji Yusuf for Akinbaiye Ward.

The Forum urged its supporters and other party members across the seven wards to vote for the aspirants in the forthcoming primaries.

The communique read in part: "A strategic meeting of Unity Forum, a coalition of support groups, political leaders and elders in Isolo LCDA have decided to work together to actualise victory at the forthcoming local government election primaries of the All Progressives of Congress (APC).

"The coalition of support groups which include Friends of GAJ, Turaki Support Group, Abundance Team, Aiyedun Support Group and Emmakool draws inspiration from eminent

leaders and elders such as Chief Martins Adegboyega, Hon. Gbolahan Okuneye, Elder Francis Makinde, Engr. Ganiyu Abiodun Johnson, Pa Ogunbowale, Hon. Shamsudeen Abiodun Olaleye and Hon. Jude Emeka Idimogwu.

"Others include Deaconess Iyabo Obasa, Alhaji Adele Shamsideen (Shamtao), Alhaji Hakeem Adeshope, Hon. Hakeem Abiodun Muniru and Hon. Kolawole Emmanuel Olojede.

"The Forum among other things resolved as follows: The Unity Forum is genuinely committed to the continuation of the sterling development of Isolo LCDA under a pragmatic and vibrant council chairman who shares a better and resounding future for the people of Isolo council area.

The Unity Forum therefore unanimously agreed to endorse the candidature of Hon. Hakeem Abiodun Muniru as the coalition's candidate for the forthcoming APC chairmanship primaries in Isolo LCDA. The coalition also agreed to endorse councillorship aspirants across the seven political wards of Isolo LCDA. They are: Remy Shittu Remy (Apena), Kehinde Ajala (Ishagatedo/Ire-Akari), Nofisat Shobayo-Lawal (Ilasamaja), Chidiebere Magnus Iheasirim (Ajao Estate), Adele Usman Oladipupo (Okota), Wasiu Durojaiye (Alagbeji) and Abolaji Yusuf (Akinbaiye).

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As part of the usual political marshalling and permutations expected in election period, the Ojon of Ejigbo, Oba Moroof Adisa Ojoola (Imakiyo II) in collaboration with all indigenous family heads has unanimously announced their endorsement and support for Hon. Monsurudeen Bello (Obe) in the race to emerge the flagbearer of the All Progressives Congress, APC, in the next local government elections.

At a special rally to mark the event at the palace of the monarch, Oba Ojoola announced that the meeting was held to unite the entire indigenous families of Ejigbo and to endorse Obe, the son of the land.

He noted that Obe has achieved remarkable feats in the last three and a half years and the indigenes are happy that he has proven to be a good ambassador.

This, he said, influenced the decision to endorse him for re-election.

Urging the families to forgive each other and embrace unity for the peace and development of the community, Oba Ojoola appealed to indigenes of Ejigbo to come out enmasse and vote for the candidates of the ruling All Progressives Congress in the forthcoming council polls.

## LG Polls: Ojon, family heads endorse Obe

By Motolani AbdulGafar

While speaking to EchoneWS on behalf of the entire indigenous family heads in Ejigbo, the family heads of Abereijo and Ojomo families, Alhaji Nureini Sulaiman (Odofo of Ejigbo land) and Alhaji Yisa Oseni, respectively pledged to mobilise their family members to vote Obe and his councilors at the next polls.

They revealed that aside from various community projects executed, Obe has significantly contributed towards the development of the entire indigenous families in Ejigbo.

In his closing remarks, the Grand Chief Imam of Ejigbo, Alhaji (Dr) Mukaila Sanni appreciated the efforts of Obe for his credibility which has enhanced community trust in him while advising him to continue to do better when he gets the ticket.

The heads of the families include:

Alhaji Shakir Odofo-- Olori Ebi Ilamoshe family Ejigbo.

Alhaji Yisa Ayinde Oseni-- Olori Ebi Ojomo Chieftancy family Ejigbo.

Alhaji Chief Yusuf Gbadamosi Kako-- Olori Ebi Aigbaka phase II family Ejigbo.



Family heads lifting up Obe's hand

Alhaji Chief Musiliu Subair-- Olori Ebi Balogun Igunde family Ejigbo.

Alhaji Chief Nasiru Lukman-- Olori Ebi Aigbaka phase I family Ejigbo.

Alhaji Chief Kabiru Ogunde-- Olori Ebi Ageke family Ejigbo.

Alhaji Chief Iskilu Kazeem-- Olori Ebi Fadu Mewon family Ejigbo.

Alhaji Chief Musiliu Akije-- Olori Ebi Ifoshi Family Ejigbo.

Alhaji Chief Muftau Ogunseye-- Olori Ebi Ilo-Ogunseye family Ejigbo.

Alhaji Billiamin Akinsanya --Olori Ebi Adekan-Akinsanya family Ejigbo.

# Durojaye battles Kayode to fly APC flag for councillorship seat

By Damilola Kushimo

The Supervisory Councillor for Market and Revenue, Hon. Wasiu Durojaye aka Indomie has again entered into a battle with the incumbent councillor, Hon. Olanrewaju Kayode to win the All Progressives Congress (APC) ticket to contest for councillorship position in Alagbeji Ward.

Durojaye, who stepped down for the incumbent councillor in

2017 as ordered by the 'supreme authority' as he claimed, said he is ready to reclaim his mandate, saying he has obtained the party's nomination form.

He explained to ECHONEWS that though the incumbent councillor, Hon. Olanrewaju Kayode has been trying his best, and he needs to come in to bridge some gaps, stating that residents of the community deserve better representation and

developmental projects.

Soliciting residents' support to win the election, Durojaye said he is confident of victory at the party's primary.

He promised that in addition to his legislative activities, he would maintain a cordial relationship with the council chairman in the interest of his people.

He said he had delayed his declaration because he had to make wide consultation, adding that he would have

aspired for a higher political position but he was limited by the desire to represent the interest of his immediate community.

He, therefore, appealed to the party leaders to consider him based on his loyalty and regard for the supremacy of the party. "I've not just conceived this aspiration, I contested in the last election but I was asked to step down for the incumbent councillor in the interest of the party. It's been four years now.

I think it is time for me to take my mandate back and that is why I'm appealing to the party leaders to consider me this time around. I will make sure Alagbeji becomes better. I will draw and sustain government attention to Alagbeji Ward for developmental sake. I will put my people first and ensure that there is a cordial relationship between myself and whoever the council chairman becomes."

Meanwhile, the incumbent

councillor has also boasted of winning the party's primary, insisting that his achievements would fetch him a return ticket. He said: "Excellent account of stewardship since I became the councillor in 2017 is enough to earn me a return ticket and the people's support. I am not challenged by any aspirant. Everyone is free to contest and it will be more interesting to have more aspirants on board, that's the beauty of politics."

## PDP chairmanship aspirant, Orji reveals plans for local council devt

By Damilola Kushimo

As part of his preparation for the forthcoming local government election, a leading chairmanship aspirant of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) in Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Tajudeen Bamigboye (Orji), has revealed plans to re-develop the local council if elected the next chairman.

He emphasised that he aspires to contest again after failing two attempts as a councillor.

According to him, he is aspiring for the council chairmanship this time having felt the need for him to occupy the position to reposition the council area.

Bamigboye, a two-term councillorship candidate of PDP in Ilasamaja Ward, said he lost the election on two occasions

due to alleged fraud in the electoral process.

The PDP aspirant boasted of victory, saying his party is stronger and well-prepared for the election.

He told ECHONEWS that the division amongst the party members during the last election has since been sorted out as he appealed to the electorate to come out in their multitude to vote for him.

He believed that he would be favoured since he is the only chairmanship aspirant from Ilasamaja ward though under the opposition party.

He said since Ilasamaja residents want one of their people to be the next chairman and the aspirants under APC in the ward have all stepped down, the residents would give him total support to win the election.

Bamigboye insisted on winning the election, saying the party is consolidating its winning strategy.

He added that his party will painstakingly screen and re-orientate its polling agents to avoid the repetition of what happened in 2011.

Explaining his capability and readiness to serve, he said he is known to be selfless and goal-oriented, promising to give priority to infrastructural development in the aspects of roads, healthcare institutions, education and others.

"We will empower our people, the aged, widows, indigent students and others that need supports. We will make Isolo LCDA work for everyone in the community and reposition it to its glory as one of the most and developed council areas in the



Hon. Tajudeen Bamigboye (Orji),

state. My appeal to the electorate is to do away with any form of electoral apathy and come out to vote, let's work

together in order to open doors to endless possibilities," he appealed.

## I've done well for my community to deserve re-election - Alarape

By Damilola Kushimo

The Deputy Leader of Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Akeem Adeyemi (Alarape), said he has done well for his community to be considered for his re-election as a councillor representing Ilasamaja Ward.

Alarape, who is struggling with other two aspirants under the platform of the All Progressive Congress (APC) to win the party's ticket, claimed to have been successful during his first term in office by creating a strong cordial bond between his community and the local government.

The aspirant told ECHONEWS that he is seeking re-election to reap the reward of his sterling performance in the community and his loyalty to the great powers in the political circle.

He said he has to be considered in ECHONEWS the forthcoming party primaries and local council election for him to consolidate on his legislative and developmental agenda in Ilasamaja and Isolo LCDA at large.

He listed the construction of Ilasamaja Townhall sponsored

by the state government, rehabilitation of Ilasamaja Primary Healthcare Centre (PHC) and other developmental efforts of the council chairman in Ilasamaja which he claimed to facilitated as part of his achievements, adding that he also gave out stipends to indigent residents as a personal project.

He explained that coronavirus pandemic hindered his effort to

meet up with his initial targeted 100 persons with N5,000 support each instead of the 31 who received, promising to extend it to students and others indigents residents if elected for the second term.

While commending the council chairman, Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye (Shammeh) for his sustained developmental efforts in Ilasamaja including rehabilitation of Araromi Street,

Fabiya Street, Alarape said it was possible due to his cordial relationship and loyalty to the council boss, promising to do the same with the next chairman.

He also commended the community members for their support in his first term in office, saying their steadfastness made him succeed as he appealed to them for support on his re-election.



Hon. Akeem Adeyemi (Alarape)

## CS Adekile warns residents against assaulting LNSC officers

By Damilola Kushimo

The Corps Superintendent (CS) of Lagos Neighbourhood Safety Corps (LNSC), Isolo LCDA, CS Funmilola Adekile has warned residents including road users and traders in the neighbouring Ladipo Market to desist from assaulting the corps officers especially when they are on duty.

She made this call-for-caution in response to the recent face-off between the corps officers and some unknown traders from Ladipo Market which resulted in an attack on one of the officers, ACS Adesemowo Adewale recently.

The incident happened when

Adesemowo and some other officers led by the CS were having a routine monitoring exercise and got stuck in traffic congestion at Five Star area of Isolo.

It was learnt that the team's patrol van got damaged by a bike rider who was impatiently navigating through the traffic jam and that while re-fixing the fender, some men sensed to be traders at Ladipo Market who were also in transit began hurling insulting words on the officers for causing the hold-up. The unknown men later pounced on Adesemowo, inflicting injuries on him and robbing him of some personal possessions.

According to the CS, the incident

was prevented from escalating into fracas as the police were immediately alerted to take control of the situation, adding that the police are currently carrying out an investigation on the matter.

However, Adekile said the corps officers deserve respect from the public for the great work they are doing in the community but should not be subject to attacks and assaults.

"The attack on our officers and damage on our patrol van is becoming too often and most times it is always from these Ladipo boys and reckless drivers. The police are doing their investigation on the matter and we've also informed our superior but we want to appeal to

them (Ladipo boys, bus drivers and Okada riders) to stop what seems to be a deliberate attack on us. We don't even understand why they're attacking us by damaging our vehicle and assaulting our men. They don't have any justifiable reason for always attacking us.

"Our activities are within the scope of our mode of operation which has been to maintain peace and order in the community. We control traffic and other social activities. We've tried to engage their chairman (Ladipo Market) but we realised that they have many chairmen. We deserve to be regarded and respected and not attacked in whatever manner," she lamented.

## Akhabhoa lauds LASG for improving on facilities in Isolo GH

The Medical Director (MD) of Isolo General Hospital, Dr Godwin Akhabhoa has lauded the State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu for the ongoing upgrade of some facilities in the hospital.

Akhabhoa gave the commendation when he inspected the ongoing facility upgrade being carried out by the state government in the hospital as being done in other general hospitals across the state.

The Medical Director, who spoke through the Public Affairs Officer of the Hospital, Patricia Mordi in a statement after returning from a two-week leave, expressed satisfaction over the level and quality of the transformational efforts going on in the hospital.

He said the effort by the government would make hospitals in the state confidently compete with international hospitals in terms of facility and quality healthcare delivery.

He, however, charged the contractor handling the projects, Engr. Banji Oloyede of Uriel Properties to carry all stakeholders along as the project progresses and ensure perfect finishing of projects.

The hospital boss also appreciated the Director of Medical Services and Training Consultant, Dr. Shuaib Muhammed for taking up the affairs of the hospital while he was away.



Dr Godwin Akhabhoa

# MS Success FC crowned champions of Extra Quality Ramadan Cup

By Saheed Afolabi

**M**S Success FC defeated Diadem Stallion FC 4-2 in penalty shootout to emerge champions of the inaugural edition of the Extra Quality Ramadan Cup. Both teams played a 2-2 draw at full time leading to penalty shootout to settle the fascinating encounter. MS Success FC came out as eventual winner by showing their clinical prowess in the penalty shootout. Diadem Stallion FC also justified their comeback King title after coming back from a goal down twice in the match to settle for a draw. MS Success FC took the lead in the first half after their player beat the central defender of Diadem Stallion to find the back of the net by sending the goalie the wrong way. Diadem Stallion FC maintained their composure and discipline in the game and equalised

minutes later. Substitute Anthony Ndubusi scored in the 60th minute to restore the lead of MS Success FC. Diadem Stallion FC made their mark by leveling the scores for the second time in the game. The game was dragged to the penalty shootout by both teams. Diadem Stallion FC failed to hit the net in their first two attempts which eliminated them. MS Success FC had 100 percent success rate in the penalty shootout, which contributed to their winning of the competition. Coach of the winning side, Omotayo Orogbemi, while appreciating God for the victory, said his team showed a good fight till the end. The coach of Diadem Stallion, Ayodeji Adebayo noted that his team gave a good account of their performance in the competition. Organizer of the competition, Musbahu Oseni appreciated the sponsor of the competition and all participating clubs.



MS Success FC celebrating

# Cristiano Ronaldo's mother wants him to return to Sporting Lisbon

By Saheed Afolabi

**D**olores Aviero, Cristiano Ronaldo's mother, has hinted Sporting Lisbon fans that she will persuade Ronaldo to return to the club he once played for this summer. Ronaldo presently tops the goal scorers chart in Serie A this season and just scored his 100th goal for Juventus in their 3-1 win against Sassuolo. Cristiano Ronaldo's boyhood club, Sporting Lisbon, just lifted the Portuguese title for the first time since 2002 by ending Porto and Benfica 19 years reign as champions. Cristiano Ronaldo's mother Aviero who is a strong Sporting Lisbon fan told fans during the title celebration that she would try her best to bring Ronaldo back to Sporting Lisbon. "I'll talk to him [Cristiano] to bring him back," she said from her balcony as she spoke to Sporting fans who had taken to the streets to celebrate. "Next year he will play in Alvalade Sporting's stadium," she added.



Dolores Aviero and Cristiano Ronaldo

## FIFA approves Aymeric Laporte's switch from France to Spain

By Saheed Afolabi

**M**anchester City defender, Aymeric Laporte's nationality switch from France to Spain has finally seen the greenlight of FIFA. Laporte was granted Spanish citizenship recently and he

would now be available for selection for the Spanish national team for the Euro 2020 this summer. The 26 years old player has failed to appear for the French senior national team but played for the youth teams. Laporte, who was born in France, joined City for a then club-record £57m in January 2018 from Spanish side Athletic Bilbao. Last year, FIFA's annual congress approved a rule change which meant players could switch countries if they have not played more than three matches for a country before the age of 21 and had not featured at a World Cup or continental tournament.

## NBA: New York Knicks qualify for playoffs for first time in 8 years

By Saheed Afolabi

**T**he New York Knicks cemented a place in the Eastern Conference playoffs for the first time in 8 years after the Boston Celtics were beaten by the Cleveland Cavaliers 102-94. Boston's loss cemented a place in the top six of Eastern Conference

for the Knicks, Celtics will be provided another opportunity of going to the playoffs by a new tournament for teams seeded in 7th to 10th in the conferences. The Atlanta Hawks also sealed a place in the playoffs after a five years absence from the playoffs. They defeated Washington Wizards 120-116. The loss means the Wizards will miss out on the East play-in tournament, keeping Chicago's hopes alive. Meanwhile, Kyle Kuzma ensured the Los Angeles Lakers remain in contention for direct entry to the play-offs. His layup with 6.9secs left earned them a 124-122 victory over the Houston Rockets, which leaves the seventh-placed Lakers a game behind Dallas and Portland.

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## Learn to be self-reliant - CDA sensitises youths

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Worried by the level of youths involvement in illicit acts to find money and the consequences of their acts, Olive Estate Community Development Association (CDA) has sensitised the youths and young adults in the community to learn how to be self-reliant as they progress in life.

While addressing the youths in the community, the CDA chairman, Barr. Clement Olajolo urged them to learn vocations that could fetch them money legally and do away with illicit acts they engage in at their youthful ages.

Olajolo raised concern over the waywardness of the young ones while appealing to them to avoid being a failure, saying

the community is planning to engage, empower and activate environmental minded youths and support them with the right tools to succeed in life.

While speaking on the attitude of youths for a greater future, the Association's Treasurer, Mr. Barnabas Asika said the positive mindset a youth has in achieving a particular task is a guide to achieving greater things in life.

He told the youths that the positivity of a man towards life enables him to have a breakthrough in all endeavours as he only perceives difficulties as present challenges while believing that the trial period is just for a while.

"A positive attitude gives you a positive and better perception of life despite different hurdles you might be facing or by mere

following up on the present situation of the country.

"Having a good attitude will take you a long way in life because capable people would be driven to help you and you can make a breakthrough from there."

Also speaking during an interactive session with the youths, the Financial Secretary, Sunday Nwachukwu while enlightening them on the adverse effect of excessive alcohol disclosed that the mental state of an individual is affected as a result of his persistent consumption which may hinder him from succeeding in life.

He, therefore, cautioned them against alcohol consumption, saying it would lead them to only see the negative side of life.



CDA Chairman addressing the youth

## LG Polls: NURTW declares support for Obe

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), Ejigbo branch has joined other loyalists to declare total support for the reelection of Hon. Monsurudeen Bello (Obe) as Ejigbo LCDA chairman.

Obe has remained the only aspirant since his main contender, Hon. Peter Ajayi, the Senior Special Assistant to Governor Babajide Sanwoolu on political matters, has been disqualified by the APC Screening Committee.

Speaking to ECHONEWS, the union chairman in Ejigbo, Alhaji Femi Olowu, said the entire members of the union are giving their mandates to Obe to win the election.

He disclosed that the union is supporting Obe having been satisfied with his administration in his first term in office, noting that in his first tenure, Obe embarked on mass road rehabilitation which eased the movement of road users within the community.

He said the road project greatly enhanced their work as road transport workers.

According to him, the union had enjoyed the service of Obe throughout his tenure as it did not only benefit in the area of road construction but also economic revival.

He said the aspirant has also in his own way alleviated the economic challenge of the community.

"We are glad that during Obe's



Alhaji Femi Olowu

tenure more roads have been constructed as he even went to the extent of linking internal feeder roads to reduce the pressure on the major roads and with this, it would help reduce the rate at which the major roads develop potholes over time.

"In fact, the road rehabilitation has not only eased our job as drivers, but it has also helped

sellers of perishable goods with easy transportation and unhindered movement, giving them the opportunity to make enough profit from their goods," he said.

Olowu called on all APC party members to take advantage of the direct primaries to vote for the right candidate to fly the party's ticket during the local government election.

## PDP chairmanship candidate, Otegbola vows to be accountable

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The chairmanship candidate of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) in Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Rasheed Otegbola, has assured residents of Ejigbo community-based governance if elected,

promising to be accountable to the residents.

Otegbola and his vice, Hon. Solomon Obboh, in an exclusive interview with ECHONEWS, disclosed their manifestoes towards the development of Ejigbo ahead of the upcoming local government election.

According to Otegbola, his administration will be aimed at

actualising three pertinent projects on education, health and empowerment programmes within the community.

"Majorly, we intend to increase the level of education within the community especially the youths, we will sponsor them to further their studies and also provide educational

materials for the less privileged children in schools.

"Our children's health is deteriorating day by day because they are the category not easily understood when in pain. We intend to promote the health sector. We shall cater for the aged within the community just as they do abroad as most people with an Africa mentality usually

abandon their elder ones without giving them the care they need.

"We want coordinated and responsible youths in our community which is why we aim at empowering them and as well as the women in Ejigbo council area," he said.

Also speaking, Hon. Obboh added that their administration would not only

provide soft loans to market women but also ensure stakeholders meeting is held regularly to work together with them because they are more closer to the people.

He said their administration would ensure the provision of adequate security and rehabilitation of roads across the local council area if elected.

## We intend to revamp Nigeria from the grassroots level - PDP chairman

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Chairman of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) in Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Gbenga Fajuke, has expressed the

party's intention to improve the state of the country from the grassroots level.

He disclosed that the party has re-strategised on pertinent issues affecting the community in order to provide lasting solutions for better

development.

According to him, the upcoming local government election is an avenue for the party to reform the nation from its basis.

"We want to start reformation from the grassroots as we are

not relying on all the propaganda because our party has what it takes to restore Ejigbo community and the nation as a whole.

"Our campaign team has been set and we are on the verge of enlightening

residents of various benefits they will enjoy as a community if they vote for our party," he said.

Fajuke also noted that the party, though prepared for the election, is not just coming to power for governance sake

but rather with the interest to serve Ejigbo community.

He claimed that the party is made up of organised members who are selfless, urging them to strive more in order to become upright leaders in any political office.

# I wasn't threatened to step aside - Moshood

By Edith Igbokwe

One of the councillorship aspirants in Mafoluku ward D3, Rahman Moshood, has debunked the rumour that he was threatened to step aside after purchasing nomination form, saying he did so in the interest of the party after much deliberation with the party leaders. The aspirant, who was contesting under the platform of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC), also discredited another rumour that he withdrew from the race because he was not qualified to undergo the party screening. According to him, he willingly agrees to withdraw his ambition for the interest of the party and the community at large.

Moshood said nobody threatened him neither was he afraid of the party screen, claiming to be more qualified than many other aspirants.

He, however, reassured the community of his consistent commitment, stating that his withdrawal will not have an effect on the developmental plans earlier made for the community but rather, more efforts would be made to fulfil his promises.

He appealed to his teeming supporters not to be discouraged, stating that he stepped aside for good as he assured them of better days ahead, saying his withdrawal would not terminate his political struggle.

To other aspirants still in the struggle, he wished them good luck and promised to support

the candidacy of whoever emerges at the primaries.

The young aspirant, who earlier took the decision to contest for the councillorship position, emphasised that he voluntarily decided to step aside from the 2021 race after obtaining and submitting the party's nomination form to focus on building and rebuilding his plans for the community.

He stated that he has always believed that leadership is about service and sacrifice and that he is ready to play his part to ensure that the opportunity of a new song is not missed now and in the future.

He's pledged his loyalty and commitment to APC, adding that his unflinching support and commitment to the community will also remain intact.



Hon. Adebajani Atewogboye

## School owner canvasses parents' support for Kendoo

By Edith Igbokwe

The proprietress of Oluwaseyi Kiddies College, Oshodi, Mrs. Oluwaseyi Bashorun as urged all the parents of her students to give their support to Mr. Kehinde Oloyede aka Kendoo, one of the chairmanship aspirants in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government. Bashorun, who is a staunch supporter of Oloyede disclosed that she has mobilised the parents of her pupils for the aspirant to win both the party's primary and the main election. The school owner made her stand clear in a chat with ECHONEWS as she promised to continue mobilising people in the local council area to make ensure her candidate win the election. Giving assurance on the capability of Oloyede to rule Oshodi-Isolo LG, Bashorun said

she has total belief that he is fit for the task.

According to her, the residents are tired of empty promises as they have been witnessing, saying they need someone who would make the real changes they desire.

She explained that Oloyede is trustworthy, reliable and able to deliver in terms of infrastructural development and other needs of the community.

She noted that the aspirant has always been helping out to solve community problems and not just during the festive periods alone.

"I have benefited from him and I will not deny him of my vote. I will mobilise others to join his camp just as I have captured the parents of my pupils."

She, therefore, appealed to others in the local council area to give their mandates to Oloyede who, she vowed, would make Oshodi-Isolo LG greater.



Hon. Kehinde Oloyede

## Sustain the teachings of Ramadan, cleric tells Muslims

By Edith Igbokwe

Imam of Allahulateef Central Mosque, Charity Oshodi, Imam Abdulkareem AbdulQuadir, has urged Muslims to maintain a good lifestyle taught by the holy month of Ramadan to keep a peaceful society.

He emphasised that social vices are always on the low side during the fasting period because lectures and prayers have a great influence on the actions of the people.

He gave the advice when chatting with ECHONEWS on what is expected from Muslims after Ramadan.

He charged the Muslims to imbibe the habit of constant prayers and reading of the Holy Qur'an, saying the act would continue to prevent them from all kinds of calamities.

He reiterated that prayers and fasting should not fade away with Ramadan but rather, supplications, prayers and almsgiving should be a continuous practice.

He noted that to get full rewards from Allah, Muslims must accept that Muhammad (SAW) is a prophet of Allah, adding that they should remain faithful and observe special fasting after Ramadan.

## Disqualification: Ajayi kicks, to present pvc, original credentials to Screening Committee today

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Chairmanship aspirant for the Ejigbo Local Council Development Area on the platform of All Progressives Congress, Mr. Peter Ajayi at the weekend disputed reports by Echoneews that he has been disqualified from the primaries by the Babatunde Ogala-led screening committee. However, a report of a conversation between him

and the Secretary to Ejigbo LCDA, Paul Fregene stated that he confessed that he could not produce his Permanent Voter's Card before the committee.

Facts available to Echoneews are that the resolution of the committee members to disqualify Ajayi was overruled by its chairman, Mr. Babatunde Ogala, SAN who gave Ajayi up to Monday May 17 (this morning) to submit the originals of his credentials. Sources close to the

committee said the credentials include his birth certificate, certificates of his academic qualifications and his Permanent Voters Card.

Ajayi is the sole challenger of the incumbent, Hon Monsuru Bello Obe.

When Obe appeared before the committee at 11.30 am on Friday, May 14, 2021, he was asked to simply take a bow and leave.

The committee had screened his achievements and found them okay.



Hon. Peter Ajayi



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