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After the ruckus between the Lagos legislative and the executive arms has been resolved, the state Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu finally swore in 37 commissioners and special advisers last Wednesday amidst funfair at the Adeyemi Bero Hall, Alausa Secretariat Ikeja.

He read out the portfolios of each of the cabinet members at the event and charged them to hit the ground running as there are enormous jobs for them to do.

Echonews takes a tour of a few critical ministries, which will define the story of the present administration in the next four years. In our researches and random sampling of the views of Lagos residents, our correspondent observed some key ministries mentioned by Lagosians that must deliver to make the state a better place to live.

Health Ministry
A resident, Mrs. Olubukola Ajayi expressed her displeasure with the service at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital. Apart from the fact that she has a brother who is a patient at the hospital, Ajayi condemned the recent news of alleged organ harvesting of a 13-year-old patient in the hospital. She said her regular visit to the hospital had revealed to her so many anomalies that the ministry of health must address.

Barring unforeseen circumstances, the Commissioner for Health, Professor Akin Abayomi will continue from where he left the ministry but with a special challenge to resolve. Abayomi's first tenure was faced with COVID-19 pandemic, which of course revealed his enormous capacity to curtail the spread of the coronavirus. He was sworn in alongside other commissioners in the third quarter of 2019 and had to face the first case of COVID-19 on February 27, 2020. Abayomi battled the pandemic for about two years of his tenure as the commissioner for health. As he assumed office last Wednesday for another term, Abayomi's first task is how to reset the workings at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital Complex. In the last three months, there have been accusation of negligence and maltreatment of patients by the hospital. In August one 13-year-old boy, Adebola Akin-Bright's intestines were found missing at the hospital. Investigation by our correspondent showed that there were various cases of patients neglect at the hospital. Some of the reasons were attributed to low number of bed spaces and resident doctors. According to the ministry's Permanent Secretary, Dr. Olusegun Ogboye, the health sector is complex and constantly under the scrutiny of citizens, Ogboye noted that the unbundling of the health sector into health districts for ease of administration will be of great help in



Prof. Akin Abayomi

achieving the health mandate. However, Abayomi has pledged to re-jig quality healthcare in the state. When he resumed last Thursday alongside the Special Adviser to the governor on health, Dr. Oreoluwa Finnih-Awokoya the commissioner said that he would intensify effort in working with all stakeholders to revamp, remodel, reposition, and repurpose the State health sector to be the medical tourism destination of choice in Sub-Saharan Africa. Speaking at the reception ceremony held in their honour by management and staff of the Ministry of Health, Abayomi and Finnih-Awokoya solicited the support and cooperation of all stakeholders in the health sector to drive the health mandate of the present administration towards improving access to qualitative and efficient health services and attaining universal health

coverage.

The Commissioner noted that one of the key initiatives his team will focus on will be transforming healthcare infrastructure and addressing the issue of brain drain in the medical field.

He disclosed that the Ministry of Health recognises the valuable contributions of alternative health practitioners and will work towards providing them with necessary training and accreditation, as well as integrate them into the State healthcare system.

Abayomi stated that his mandate in the Ministry is geared towards the progress of the health sector anchored on partnership, collaboration and friendship.

He noted that he would bring her years of experience in the health sector, particularly at the primary health level, to bear in the discharge of his duty, promising to

right all wrongs and work with everyone to deliver quality, efficient and equitable healthcare services to the citizenry.

Physical Planning and Urban Development Ministry

The newly appointed Commissioner for Physical Planning and Urban Development, Dr. Oluyinka Olumide has come at the season of rains when the state records high number of cases of buildings collapse. According to the Building Collapse Prevention Guild, Lagos has recorded about 20 cases of collapses between 2022 and September 2023. The ministry is blessed with various agencies that should curb building collapse and bring it to the nearest minimum but the agencies are lacking the political will to enforcement many of the state building laws. **The Lagos State Building Control Agency, LABCA, the Lagos State Materials Testing Laboratory**

(LSMTL) and the Lagos State Physical Planning Permit Authority, LASPPPA will have to maximise their potential in stopping criminal developers from erecting bad structures in the state.

Immediate past Chairman of the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners, Lagos Council, TPI Ayo Adejumo noted the incessant collapse of buildings in Lagos, which must be the first assignment for the incoming commissioner to address. According to him, many government officials compromise the laws and make it easy for criminal developers to erect bad structures.

To him, the current commissioner will have to look at the number of testing laboratories in the state and increase it from its present five to at least 10 before it can serve a population of over 25 million in Lagos state.

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Commissioner for Physical Planning and Urban Development, Dr. Oluyinka Olumide

Our correspondent observed during a recent enforcement activity by LASPPPA that developers flagrantly disregarded the "Stop - work order, seal up and other notices" served on contravening properties. Some properties previously sealed by the state Authority were discovered to have been unsealed with fake Planning Permit.

However, while speaking during his first day in office last Thursday, Olumide said that transparency in the built sector and zero tolerance to building collapse would be his watchwords.

The Commissioner, who arrived at the Ministry together with the Special Adviser, e-GIS and Urban Planning, Dr. Olajide Babatunde after the swearing-in ceremony by Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, promised to build on previous successes and introduce more progressive initiatives to further revolutionise the sector while working effectively with all stakeholders.

The Special Adviser, e-GIS and Urban Planning,

Dr. Olajide Babatunde, who returned to his former post, called for continued cooperation and teamwork.

Justice Ministry

Lagos has been lucky with its justice system over the years and the fact that the current commissioner for justice and Attorney General, Lawal Pedro (SAN) is a thoroughbred professional who cut his teeth in civil service, the dispensation of justice is expected to be smoother. A Lagosian and lawyer, Mr. Dotun Alabi said that residents would expect a more transparent and accountable justice administration under Pedro, especially in the rising cases of domestic and sexual violence, prison congestion due to delay hearing at the various courts.

Speaking as he resumed to the office on Thursday, Lawal said that the ministry would not disappoint the residents and the government as he urged law officers in the to brace up for change and effective service delivery in the administration of the justice sector.

To Pedro SAN, the story of the Lagos State Ministry of Justice has been of successes, achievements and innovations, adding, "the tradition of progressive governance has set the ministry apart and strengthened people's belief in its ideology."

He said, "It is imperative to understand that there will be obstacles left and right while discharging our duties, it is also up to us to know that we can overcome these obstacles. Yes, hard problems may confront us, but we will also confront them. Every problem will lose its potency to our unity in the ministry of justice", Mr. Lawal Pedro SAN, further explained that the impending change would be targeted at building a positive public image through effective feedback mechanism and prompt, timely and courteous service, urging law officers to embrace transparency and accountability in their official conduct

"I ask you to join me on this journey to pilot the affairs of the ministry to greater heights. Let us



Pedro

vow to ourselves and posterity that we shall collectively rise to build the legacy we have always hoped for", he said.

To the Solicitor-General and Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Titilayo Shitta-Bey-Jeje, the Ministry of Justice is saddled with the primary responsibility of ensuring compliance with the rule of law.

"Our mission here is to improve the delivery of Justice, through

robustness and professionalism while maintaining synergy with all tiers of government", she said.

The Solicitor-General further stressed that the Ministry is also a multi-point bridge and an intermediary between the people and the State Government and is the first point of call in the Justice Administration of the State.

She, however, assured the Attorney General that the staff will support him

at all levels to ensure quick dispensation of justice while strengthening the rule of law in the State.

The Director of Civil Litigation, Mr. Hameed Oyenuka expressed immense gratitude to the State Government, Solicitor-General and other guests for gracing the occasion while wishing the newly appointed Attorney General a successful tenure.



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500 Students To benefit From Lawmaker's Scholarship

By Edith Igbokwe



Oreta Primary school commissioning

500 Egbe-Idimu and Igando-Ikotun Local Council Development Area (LCDAs) students stand a chance to get scholarship programme of a Member, Lagos State House of Assembly representing Alimosho Constituency II, Hon. Kehinde Joseph. Eligibility criteria includes, applicants must be residents of Alimosho constituency II, possess 5 O'level results or awaiting results, with

or without jamb, birth certificate, and state of origin certificate. Eligible students are advised to apply for the scholarship opportunity by visiting the Constituency Office at 21, Egbeda-Idimu Road, Isheri-Idimu, Lagos, starting from Monday, September 11, 2023, to obtain the form. The scholarship will cover the tuition fees

for the National Diploma (ND) & Higher National Diploma (HND) for qualified residents of the LCDAs. The lawmaker has recently unveiled 2023/2024 scholarship programme, to sponsor 500 students in the Constituency. According to him the programme was made available through his

YESKJ Foundation, in conjunction with Aries Polytechnic, Ibadan. He noted that the 2023/2024 scholarship programme is designed to sponsor about 500 tertiary students in the Alimosho Constituency II. He disclosed that the idea behind this gesture was borne out of his desire to help humanity and contribute his quota in uplifting the well-being of his Constituents.

Famuyiwa Charges New CDC Executives To Support Government Policies

By Edith Igbokwe



(Inauguration of new CDC Executives in Agbado Oke-Odo LCDA)

The chairman, Agbado Oke-Odo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. David Famuyiwa has implored the newly Inaugurated Community Development Committee (CDC) executives to follow the footsteps of their predecessors in supporting government policies.

He also enjoined them to work as a team for the progress of the community and the State at large.

Famuyiwa appreciated the outgoing CDC Executives for their steadfastness, hard work, selflessness, and diligent service to the community.

He lauded them for

ensuring maintenance of peace in the community during their tenure and especially in the last elections.

He noted that their values are worthy of emulation and as well extended his appreciation to all the outgoing Community Development Association (CDA) executives.

He also advised the newly elected CDA executives to cooperate with the new CDC Executives to achieve great success.

The newly elected CDC Chairman, Comrade E.O. Kasunmu assured the commitment of his committee members to always support and cooperate with the

LCDA for the development and advancement of the people at the grassroots.

The new CDC Executives include Ernest Olabowale Kasunmu – Chairman, Sheikh Subair – first Vice-Chairman, Alh. Rotimi Olaide – second Vice-Chairman, Sakiru Oguntola – Gen. Secretary, Abudu Awoyemi Temitayo - Asst. Gen. Secretary, and Tajudeen Balogun – Treasurer.

Others include Engr. Taofeek Ali – Financial Secretary, Prince Olusegun Kolawole – P.R.O, Alhaji Busari – Auditor, Pastor Jaiyeola Ajayi – Welfare and Alh. Ayodeji Lateef – Ex-Officio.

Igando-Ikotun LCDA, NGO Partner To Provide Educational Materials To Pupils

By Edith Igbokwe

Pprimary schools in igando-Ikotun Local Council Development Area (LCDA) have benefited free back to school packs provided by the Chairman, Akinsanya Lasisi and a Non Governmental Organization (NGO), Seun and friends. The duo collaborated to Support primary pupils in their sound education pursuit.

The back to school packs include, school bags, writing materials, and mathematical sets. According to the chairman, the project idea was conceived to provide essential learning materials, for the practical application of knowledge in classroom and to avoid mishandling of learning items.

During the items presentation, the chairman was

represented by the vice chairman, Hon. Mojisola Badmus who handled the distribution exercise.

She disclosed that the chairman is determined to implement other programmes and projects in educational sector and other areas.

Present at the occasion are the Vice-Chairman, Hon. Mojisola Badmus, and Supervisor for Education, Hon. Norjim Obabiyi among others.



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Meet The New Lagos State Attorney General and Commissioner For Justice

The Principal Partner of the firm is a seasoned legal practitioner with wealth of experience in Civil, Commercial and Criminal Law. He obtained his law degree from Ahmadu Bello University with a second-class upper in 1985 and was called to the Bar in 1986 after completing the requisite course of studies at the Nigerian Law School. He had brief experience in the practice for about 2 years before joining the public service. He joined the Lagos State Ministry of Justice in December 1987 and worked in various directorates and became Director of Civil

Litigation in the year 2006; a position he held until he was appointed the Solicitor General of Lagos State and Permanent Secretary of the Lagos State Ministry of Justice in April 2008. In recognition of his contributions and dedication to the legal profession in Nigeria, he was called to Inner Bar in December 2008 as a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN). He also served as Head of Prosecution of High Profile Criminal Cases in Lagos State between 2008-2015. In this capacity, he prosecuted diligently numerous high profile cases up to the

Supreme Court. He retired from the public service of Lagos State Government in August 2015 to commence his private legal practice in the firm of Lawal Pedro, SAN & Associates with offices in Lagos And Abuja. Mr Lawal Pedro SAN is a fellow Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Nigeria, an examiner of the Institute of Arbitrators Nigeria and a certified Mediator (CEDR). Lastly, he is an author of various published law books:

1. Jurisdiction of Courts in Nigeria.
2. Nigeria's Quest for Egalitarian Federalism.
3. Contemporary Issues in Nigeria Constitutional Law (Contributor)



Lawal Pedro (SAN)

Lagos HOS Lauds Nurses' Roles In Healthcare Delivery



HOS with nurses

Lagos State Head of Service, Mr. Hakeem Muri-Okunola has lauded the contributions of Nurses to qualitative healthcare delivery in Lagos State, saying that Nurses are critical stakeholders in the health sector and their contributions

cannot be overemphasised. The Head of Service gave the commendation at the Year 2023 Lagos Nurses Week Conference, organised by the National Association of Nigerian Nurses and Midwives (NANNM) in Lagos.

He said that the State Government recognises the contributions of professional Nurses to the attainment of a healthy State and as such remains committed to providing an atmosphere suitable for professional nurses to operate and contribute their quota to

the overall wellbeing of Lagos residents.

Muri-Okunola, represented at the event by the Permanent Secretary of Health District III, Dr. Monsurat Adeleke, stated that the annual celebration has become a reputable

platform for critically analysing trends within the medical practice, especially as it concerns Nurses, with the objectives of coming up with intellectually-engaging and robust ideas that will translate into development and progress needed for the health sector.

The Head of Service said that the theme for this year's celebration: "Our Nurses. Our Future" is apt, as it brings to the fore, the importance of the nursing profession as well as the need to value their contributions to fully address global health challenges and improve the health of the teeming population. He advised all nurses, midwives and health workers that their primary responsibility is to continue to uphold the ethics of the respected profession

and strictly adhere to best practices in the overall interest of everyone.

In his words: "Let me emphasise that we must understand that we have been chosen to render a special service to humanity. Therefore, I charge you all to see this profession as an opportunity to make a positive difference and actively participate in saving lives.

"It is quite evident that the present administration of Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu is passionate about the health and wellbeing of residents of Lagos State, as it is a key component of the developmental agenda for the State. All healthcare workers are important to the State Government and will continue to receive maximum attention", he added.

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Epe Petitions Lagos State Governor Over Alleged Land Grabbing, Molestation by Nigerian Army

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Members of the Concerned Indigenes of Iraye-Oke, Eredo Local Community Development Area, Epe, have submitted a petition to Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, seeking justice and intervention in the alleged illegal takeover of their lands and reported molestation of community members by the Nigerian Army. The petition, by Muiyiwa Okesanya, Adebola Jacobs, and Seyi Ibrahim, has garnered support from prominent sons and daughters of the community. Notable figures endorsing the petition include Mr. Adedeji Ademuyiwa, former Chairman of Kosofe Local Government (2003-2011); Mrs.



Olayinka Olumuyiwa Okesanya, former Sole Administrator, Eredo LCDA; Mr. Adebola Jacob, former Director at Lekki Free Trade Zones; Mr. Babatunde Edu, former Managing Director of DHL Nigeria and West Africa; and Muiyiwa Anwoju, General Manager of LASACO Insurance Plc. The petition was also

copied to several government officials, including the Deputy Governor of Lagos State, the Speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly, Senator Adetokunbo Abiru, Hon. Wale Raji (Member of the Federal House of Representatives, Epe Federal Constituency), Hon. Abiodun Tobun (Epe I), Hon. Sylvester Ogunkelu (Epe II), and Hon. Monsuru Ismail, the

Executive Chairman of Eredo LCDA. In the petition, the affected landowners expressed deep concern over the recent military's alleged illegal takeover of their community land and the reported incidents of molestation of community members. They stressed their community's long-standing history and

attachment to the land in question, emphasizing that unauthorized actions that threaten their rights and well-being are a matter of utmost concern. The petition called on the state government to initiate a thorough and impartial investigation into the alleged illegal takeover of their community land by the military and the reported cases of molestation. It urged transparency in the investigation process and the sharing of with concerned stakeholders. If it is determined that military personnel acted unlawfully, the petition demands that appropriate legal action be taken against those responsible. The affected community members seek justice and accountability for the

actions taken against them. Regarding restitution and compensation, the petition called for appropriate measures to be taken if the military's actions have resulted in damages, losses, or emotional distress among community members. They emphasized the importance of involving the affected community in decisions related to their land and well-being. To prevent such incidents from occurring in the future, the petition urged the state government to implement measures that protect the rights and safety of communities and ensure that military personnel adhere to legal protocols when operating within civilian areas.

Man Dragged To Court for Allegedly Stealing Car Catalyst

By Nurudeen Adebayo

A 29-year old man, Idowu Olarewaju, appeared before an Ikeja Magistrates' Court for allegedly stealing a car catalyst valued at N500,000 belonging to his customer. The defendant, a painter who resides at No 11, Oremeji St., Oregun, Lagos, is tried for conspiracy and stealing. The prosecutor, Insp Innocent Odugbo, told the

court that the offences were committed on May 4, at Mechanic Village, Alausa, Ikeja. Odugbo said that the defendant was given a Toyota Venza car by the complainant, Mr Sarlome Elubiozo, for painting. The prosecutor said that thereafter, the complainant discovered that the three catalysts that came with the car, valued at N500,000 were missing. The offences, according to the



prosecutor, contravened the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

The defendant, however, pleaded not guilty charges. The trial Magistrate,

Mrs M. F Onamusi, granted the defendant bail at N200,000 with two sureties in like

sum. She adjourned the case until Sept. 20 for mention.

Lagos Govt Trains Agency's Heads on Reputation and Crisis Management

By Kunle Awosiyan

Heads of Agencies in Lagos have been exposed to series of courses including Reputation and Crisis Management, Winning with Influence, Practical Media Workshop and Persuasion and Strategic Leadership in the 21st Century. The state government in its effort to reposition and re-engineer the State's Public Service for the 21st century, the Ministry of Establishments and Training organised executive training for Heads of Agencies and Parastatal Organizations in the State. Apart from Reputation and Crisis Management, the government engaged the in the Art of Public

Speaking and Developing a Sustainable Executive Personal Brand among others.

In his address at the opening ceremony of the five-day training with the theme, "Lagos State and Reinforcing the Culture of Excellence", held at L'eola Hotel, Maryland, the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Mr. Olawale Musa, stated that the training offers a platform for the Heads of Agencies to interact, share experiences and collaborate.

While stressing the need for cohesiveness among the Head of Agencies, Musa informed that the training is expected to develop and sharpen their leadership skills



Heads of agencies after the training

and help them to understand more of what is required of them to achieve the goal of their Agencies. He expressed confidence that the training would give them a different view of what they had been doing in the form of knowledge which would help them solve

individual challenges that may arise in the course of their assignment.

Speaking in the same vein, the Director of Training in the Ministry, Mrs. Bisola Dokunmu-Adebite advised the participants to keep an open mind and put what the knowledge acquired

at the training into practice, adding that the Governor is passionate about leadership and he is prepared to support them to deliver on their jobs.

During the training participant were taken through a series of courses including Reputation and Crisis

Management, Winning with Influence, Practical Media Workshop and Persuasion and Strategic Leadership in the 21st Century. Other courses slated for the training are the Art of Public Speaking and Developing a Sustainable Executive Personal Brand among others.

Lagos Designates September As Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness Month

Lagos State Government has designated September as the Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness Month, the Executive Secretary of DSVA, Titilola Vivour-Adeniyi has said. She said during period various activities are organized to sensitise the public against sexual and domestic violence. "One such activity is the One-day Intergenerational Conversation on triggers of violence in the home," she said. Vivour-Adeniyi who spoke at a one-day Intergenerational Conversation on triggers of violence in the home as part of activities commemorating Sexual and Gender-Based Violence (SGBV) Awareness Month noted

that marriages require, amongst others, mutual respect, understanding, communication, respected boundaries and cooperation and partnership to achieve peace which were the key takeaways from the Symposium.

While welcoming participants drawn from different walks of life to the event, said the theme: "Because You Have Experience It, Don't Become It", was specifically curated to address reoccurring issues which contribute to triggers for violence in the home.

Vivour-Adeniyi stressed that the Lagos State Government has designated September as the Domestic and Sexual Violence Awareness Month,

during which various activities are undertaken to commemorate this important period. One such activity is the One-day Intergenerational Conversation on triggers of violence in the home. Her words, "According to data gathered by the Agency, the Executive Secretary revealed that third-party interference, lack of communication, lack of sexual satisfaction, financial dependency, unrealistic expectations, and infidelity have been identified as triggers contributing to domestic violence and intimate partner violence.

"The symposium aims to highlight the significance of Intergenerational Conversations on triggers of violence in



the home particularly between inlaws and or other extended family members by fostering understanding, promoting effective communication, and sharing valuable insights that create more harmonious and fulfilling family dynamics". "This symposium will

provide us with the opportunity to discuss and share realistic experiences between different generations (Baby Boomers-Generation Z). From this, we expect to achieve a family environment that nurtures respect, cooperation, and

mutual growth devoid of abuse, neglect and violence", she added.

Participants at the event include members of the NYSC, Marriage Registrars, Marriage Comperes (Alagaiduro/Ijoko) professional bodies, Religious associations and market organisations among others.

Ikorodu's Oriwu Club Celebrates 50TH Anniversary in Grand Style

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Ikorodu based lions association, Oriwu Club has celebrated its 50th year anniversary. The celebration started with every member of the club coming out in all-green top casual attire to move across the central part of Ikorodu. The movement led by the club President,



Ikorodu dressed in the club's green casual attire as he welcomed the executives and members. He congratulated them for commemorating the 50th anniversary in grand style, asserting that the club possesses a prestigious pedigree that can't be matched within the waterbed region. Oba Shotobi, also commended the President, Otunba Amid Adekunle Oduborisa, expressing that he's cognizant of the numerous laudable projects being executed by the current leadership of the club. Responding to the king's warm reception, Otunba Amid Adekunle Oduborisa praised the king for always catering

to the affairs of the club ever since his involvement. He cited how the king sponsored the club's meeting for the month of March 2023, adding that Oba Shotobi has been a force to reckon with for the continuous prosperity of the club. At the palace, the club was greeted by the Odofin of Ikorodu Kingdom, Chief Adewunmi Ogunsanya, who partook in photo sessions with the club. From the castle of the Ayangbure of Ikorodu, the club wasted no time as they proceeded to the palace of the Sekumade of Ipakodo, Oba Aremu Shotonwa. The King, welcomed the club in excitement, praising the current leadership as well

Igbogbo-Baiyeku LCDA Relieves Parents Of Educational Materials Stress

By Edith Igbokwe



Hon. Daini Distributes Academic Materials to Schools

The Chairman, Igbogbo-Baiyeku Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Olusesan Daini has promised to renovate a Block of classrooms in Methodist primary school as he distributed Educational materials to primary school pupils. Twelve thousand pupils in Igbogbo-Baiyeku LCDA benefited from the Fifty thousand (50,000) educational materials distributed. Materials distributed include, Exercise Books, Biro, Pencil, Ruler, Sharpener and Eraser to pupils of UAMC Eleja Primary School, Methodist primary school, and AUD Primary School in

Igbogbo-Baiyeku LCDA. According to the chairman, the exercise is a part of fulfillment of some of the electoral promises made to support primary education as constitutional responsibility to all primary schools. Daini further explained that governance is about service to the people and his administration is ready to provide the needed materials to the people. He noted that his administration decided to share educational materials because palliative is not only about food, but to support people

to cushion the effects of subsidy removal. He implore pupils to face their studies and to shun any form of social vices that can mar their careers or lives. The Deputy Leader of the legislative arm, Igbogbo-Baiyeku LCDA, Hon. Basirat Banjoko noted that the educational materials was to ease the burden of parents instead of food palliative. The headmistresses of the three schools expressed their heartfelt appreciation to the Chairman for his unwavering commitment towards education. They also offered their prayers for his continued success in his administration.

Otunba Amid Adekunle Oduborisa, made every member route the popular Sabo market, through to Ojubode, before moving to the palace of the Ayangbure of Ikorodu kingdom, Oba Kabiru Adewale Shotobi. The paramount ruler of

Hon. Daini Distributes Academic Materials to Schools

By Nurudeen Adebayo

The Chairman of Igbogbo Baiyeku LCDA, Bldr Sesan Daini has provided educational materials to schools under his jurisdiction. The schools that benefited are Methodist Primary School Ibeshe, Elepe Methodist Primary School 1, Elepe Methodist Primary School 2, Salvation Army Agunfoye, Local Government Primary School Baiyeku, Local Government Primary School Igbe, and Owode Ibeshe Primary School Ibelefun. This makes it a total of 10 out of the 13 primary schools in Igbogbo Baiyeku LCDA that have benefited. During the distribution, Hon. Sesan Daini

highlighted that sharing academic materials is part of the council's constitutional responsibility. He encouraged the pupils to respect their parents, explaining that they are the reason he was given the privilege to serve, asserting that the pupils should grow to become useful to the community. He explained that the donation is a form of palliative to reach out across all the 13 primary schools in the Local Council Development Area. Furthermore, the chairman stated that another key benefit of the exercise is for the council to visit all the primary schools and

identify their needs which he plans to provide solutions to. Hon. Daini said that some promises had been made to some schools in terms of renovation of buildings, construction of toilets, fencing etc., adding that the council would review all projects after the distribution of school items ends. In response, Teachers of Elepe Methodist Primary School, prayed for the council boss over his commitment to the discomfort of the toilet in the school, thinking highly of his show of concern. Also, the Head Teacher Of the Salvation Army Agunfoye praised the Chairman for his concern towards renovating the classrooms and toilets in the school.

IKODASS Congratulates Sanwo-Olu's Cabinet Members

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Ikorodu - Oga Development Association, IKODASS, has congratulated Hon. Abisola Olusanya and Dr. Nurudeen Yekini-Agbaje, on their swearing in as Commissioner and Special Adviser respectively in the cabinet of the Lagos State.

While Mr Babajide Sanwo - Olu reappointed Olusanya as Commissioner for Agriculture, Agbaje was appointed as the Special Adviser, Rural

Development and Chieftaincy Affairs. In a statement signed by the Chairman, IKODASS, Asiwaju Rotimi Erogbogbo, the socio - cultural and developmental organization which is the umbrella body of all clubs, associations and societies in Ikorodu, assured the duo from Ikorodu Division its full support.

Ikorodu - Oga Development Association, IKODASS, rejoices with Hon. Nurudeen Yekini-Agbaje and Hon.

Abisola Olusanya on your swearing in today as Commissioner and Special Adviser in the government of Lagos State. It is no mean feat", Erogbogbo said.

"As you set out on this journey, be rest assured that IKODASS stands with you in everything good for Ikorodu and our dear state. Remember you are not only a commissioner in the government but also an embodiment of all the inhabitants of the third largest city in the southwest of Nigeria and the twelfth largest in the entire

country. You carry Ikorodu with you. Let your actions be guided by this knowledge.

"Dear Honourable Commissioner and Special Adviser, feel free to call upon us at any time to leverage the deep penetration of IKODASS to better reach our communities. It is our prayer that your tenure brings unprecedented growth to your ministries, the state government and Ikorodu".



Ikorodu LG Provides Office Gargets To Enhance Productivity

By Edith Igbokwe



(Ikorodu LG Provides Office Gargets to enhance productivity)

To aid transformation in governance and to enhance service delivery in Local Government, the chairman, Ikorodu Local Government, Hon. Wasiu Adesina has provided Computer systems to some offices in the council.

Gargets provided include, desktop

computers with accessories and printers to the Finance Department, Marriage Registry Department, and to Ikorodu Local Government Education Authority (LGEA) office.

Adesina explained that the stride will enable the local government to enhance in efficiency, productivity and connectivity

through the gift of technology in the increasing globalized era.

He noted that departments should ensure proper use, maintenance, and cybersecurity measures to maximise the benefits and to safeguard the sensitivity of information in their various departments.

Ijede King launches free school

By Nurudeen Adebayo

His Royal Majesty, Oba (Dr.) Akeem Adeoriyomi Oyebo, in Ijede Local Council Development Area of Ikorodu Division, Lagos has introduced a free secondary school to encourage children in his Kingdom, to have access to education.

The school, Egbin Kingdom Junior Grammar School, will formally commence operations on September 18, 2023, for the 2023/24 academic session, when the first set of students are expected to resume.



His Royal Majesty, Oba (Dr.) Akeem Adeoriyomi Oyebo

The flag - off of the school would bring secondary school back to Egbin Kingdom, several years after the old one was, according to the Obateru, politically moved away from the town to Ijede, which is today known as Luwasa High School.

The establishment of the school is also part of the monarch's efforts to bring about mass literacy in his kingdom and address the challenges of parents' inability to sponsor their children's education due the distance of schools from Egbin.

Students of the school will be temporarily accommodated in the monarch's property

close to the imposing and architectural masterpiece Obateru palace near the Lagoon and the Egbin Thermal Station, which housed the Nursery and Primary Schools before they are moved to the permanent site along the Ijede - Egbin Road, which is also donated by the monarch.

Speaking with Oba Oyebo, he assured our reporter that the school will be free in every sense, as the students will be provided with free uniforms, textbooks, exercise books, sandals, bags and other educational equipment to aid their studies.

The royal father also

said that a permanent site will be ready for the junior school within a year.

Recalled that the revered royal father initiated the only public nursery and primary school in his Kingdom, about three years ago and was totally free before it was taken over by the government.

Uniforms, exercise books, textbooks, sandals, writing materials and other facilities were provided for about 400 pupils that were admitted into various classes of the Egbin Kingdom Nursery and Primary School which started from Oba Oyebo's building, before the monarch also secured a property where he constructed a permanent structure for the use of the school.

Egbin Power Plc Gives Out Scholarship To Lagos Pupils

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Egbin Power Plc, Nigeria's largest power generation company, continues to demonstrate its commitment to education and the attainment of Sustainable Development Goal 4 (SDG4) by awarding scholarships to students in its host communities.

It will be recalled this year's scholarship initiative makes it the 8th edition of the scholarship program, which aims to promote academic excellence and inclusive, quality education.

The scholarship awards were presented to beneficiaries from public schools in Egbin, Ijede, and Ipakan and cover all school expenses, including tuition, textbooks, school uniforms, and other



educational materials. Mokhtar Bounour, the Chief Executive Officer of Egbin Power Plc, emphasized the importance of education in societal development and human capital growth. He stated that education is the foundation of progress and development and is vital for nurturing future leaders.

He further explained that the company's commitment to

supporting quality education in line with SDG 4, which focuses on ensuring equitable access to quality education and lifelong learning quality education in line with SDG 4.

His words "Education is a child's right, as it strengthens the developmental capacities of individuals, communities, groups, institutions, and countries. That is why we

have instituted this scholarship programme".

While speaking to Abimbola Akinbiyi, one of the scholarship

recipients, expressed her gratitude for being selected and praised Egbin Power for encouraging students to excel in education. Her father, Mr. Mark Akinbiyi, also commended the company, community leaders, and teachers for their support.

Another recipient, Ridwanullahi Sharafa, applauded Egbin Power for creating opportunities to support students through scholarships.

The Principal of Powerfield Group of Schools (College), Mrs.

Folahanmi Adesina, commended Egbin Power Plc for recognizing and nurturing talent in the community through the scholarship program. She also acknowledged the company's continuous support to the beneficiaries and its positive impact on the school.

Head Teacher of Powerfield Group of Schools (Elementary), Olufunke Winful, praised Egbin Power for investing in the students' future and bringing joy to teachers and parents. She reaffirmed the school's commitment.

Igbogbo-Baiyeku LCDA Commissions School, Promises Healthcare Centre Soon

By Edith Igbokwe

Oreta Primary School, Igbogbo-Baiyeku Local Council Development Area (LCDA) has got a facelift as a block of Five Classrooms has been recently commissioned for conducive learning environment for the pupils.

The Chairman, Igbogbo-Baiyeku LCDA, Olusesan Daini promised that in the next thirty days, a health center will also be commissioned in the community.

Daini provided 5 fully furnished classrooms with chairs, white board and other learning equipment needed in the classrooms for the pupils.

He noted that the process of the classrooms building

was completed within forty two days, foundation was laid on July 28, 2023 and was commissioned 8th September.

He further explained that the people requested for classrooms for their pupils and health center for the community if voted into office as the chairman.

He extended his appreciation to Prince Adewunmi Ogunsanya for his philanthropist act and kind gesture for renovating another block of classrooms in the school.

GAC Member, Asiwaju Olorunfunmi Bashorun Implored the chairman to continue in the great path he created.

He also appreciate the Legislative and Executives for their support towards the administration of the Chairman in making the community a

better place.

Oba Abdulsemiu Orimadegun Kasali Adeboluwa of Igbogbo Kingdom expressed that the whole community are happy that the school project is been equipped.

He advise the chairman and others to continue to do more for the people.

He Implored members of the community to ensure sustainable use of the project, regards avoiding Vandalization of the facilities provided and the pupils should be monitored to make effective and judicious use of the classrooms equipment.

The Education Secretary appreciated the completion of the classrooms project within the span of 42days.

He also commend the Chairman for all his numerous works and support towards the Primary schools in Igbogbo-Baiyeku LCDA.

Somolu LG Boss Urges Newly Elected CDC ExcOs To Be Committed To Community Development

By Saheed Afolabi

Somolu Local Government Chairman, Honorable Abdulhamed Salawu has urged the newly elected Community Development Committee (CDC) executives to be committed with the development of their communities.

Following the dissolution of the Community Development Associations and Community Development Committees across the 57 councils in Lagos State by Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu, a new executive committee of the CDC has emerged in Somolu Local Government area.

The new 15 man executive committee was sworn-in by the Chairman of Somolu LG, Hon Salawu at the Shipeolu temporary council secretariat of the LG.

According to Hon Salawu, the 15 new CDC excos were elected from the eight political wards in Somolu LG. He added that the two Lagos State Government officials present Mrs. Akinola Oluwaseun and Mr. Jimi Enilolobo was at



The newly elected CDC excos of Somolu LG getting swearing their oath of office

the venue to represent the government from Lagos State Ministry of Local Governments and Community Affairs.

Community leaders and government officials were present including Hon Ayo Hector Coker (Supervisor for Agric and Social Services), Mr Bakare Olatitomi S. (HOD, Agric and Social Services) as well as stakeholders in the communities.

The new CDC excos are, Alhaji Tella Tajudeen (Chairman), Mr Ahmed Lanre (1st Vice Chairman), Mrs Akinwale Labake (2nd Vice Chairman), Mr Owolabi Ibrahim (General Secretary),

Mr John Omololu (Assistant General Secretary), Mrs Omolola Rabi (Treasurer), Mr Fuad Adeyemi (Publicity Secretary), Mr Segun Olusada (Social Secretary), Mrs Yinka Oladipupo (Welfare Officer), Mr Victor Olaosebiman (Financial Secretary), Mr Afeez Raheem (Auditor), Mr Adedapo Oduguwa (Ex-Officio 1), Mr N. A. Aluko (Ex-Officio 2), Mr Taiwo Taiwo (Ex-Officio 3) and Mr Abiodun Amodemaja (Ex-Officio 4)

However, Hon Salawu charged the new CDC officers to be committed to the development of their community as they are known to be the fourth tier of the government.



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WAPA Trains Principals of Skills Acquisition Centres



Principals at the training

In a bid to efficiently improve the services of its 20 Skills Acquisition Centres (SACs) in the five divisions of the State, the Lagos State Ministry of Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation (WAPA) has organised a one-day capacity-building workshop for Principals of SACs in Lagos State. While welcoming participants to the programme, the

Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Oluyemi Kalesanwo, stated that the aim of the workshop held at the Conference Room of the Ministry was to train the Principals on Management Accounting, Audit and Procurement Procedures to ease framework agreements and tendering processes for acquiring goods,

works and services for their centres. She explained that the training would revise Comprehensive Sexuality Education (CSE), an out-of-school manual and curriculum, which is designed to encourage SAC students' learning on the cognitive, emotional, physical and social aspects of sexuality, based on scientific evidence.

While maintaining that the workshop would enable a seamless transition of the SACs in its drive for women empowerment, Kalesanwo expressed appreciation to the participants for their efforts in line with the vision of Mr. Governor's T.H.E.M.E.S PLUS agenda which focuses on Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in the State so that women and other vulnerable persons are recognised and catered for.

In his paper presentation, the Director, Accounts Department (WAPA), Mrs. Olarenwaju Lawal, identified some of the challenges encountered by the SAC Principals in assets and inventory management, saying "As Principals, it is imperative to understand the importance of a properly run SAC to

efficiently cater for needs of students who are eager to learn and become contributors towards socio-economic growth of Lagos State".

Also speaking, Mrs. Anoko Adeshiyan, Assistant Director, Administration and Human Resources, in the Skills Acquisition Development Unit (SADU), explained that comprehensive sexuality education aims to engage young persons and improve their Sexual Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) in the State.

"The concept of the CSE aims to ensure that our graduates from SACs imbibed the required skills for setting smarter goals, achieving their potential and making quality decisions, irrespective of prevailing challenges", she said.

Anoko explained that the initiative would help in the reduction of violence and crime, including Sexual and Gender-Based Violence, as well as substance and alcohol abuse, even as it ensures that Lagos State fulfils its leadership roles as a change agent in securing the health and safety of future generations of Nigeria, for sustainable development.

The Principal, Skills Acquisition Centre, Eredo-Epe, Mrs. Mojisola Anike Osho, applauded WAPA for its commitment towards the welfare of Women and implored her fellow Principals to implement proper book-keeping skills, as well as adopt the revised comprehensive sexuality education training for conscientious service delivery

Health District III Tasks Staff on Strategic Approach To Healthcare Delivery



Medical Officers of Health (MOHs), and the entire staff of Lagos State Health District III have been told to adopt a strategic approach towards ensuring improved healthcare

access for the residents of Eti-Osa, Ibeju-Lekki, Epe and the surrounding areas. The Permanent Secretary of Lagos State Health District III, Dr. Monsurat Adeleke gave the

charge during her inaugural meeting with Directors, Heads of Departments and Units within the District after her deployment as the pioneer Accounting Officer of the District. She emphasised the

significance of teamwork, innovation and a patient-centred approach in realising the District's goals, just as she reaffirmed her unwavering commitment to

continued engagement and support for the advancement of healthcare within the District.

Adeleke told the staff that she is committed to collaborating with essential stakeholders in the District to drive healthcare advancements through innovation and patient-centred approaches, aligning with Mr. Governor's vision for a thriving Lagos.

She maintained that the staff of the District, who are the 'foot soldiers' in transforming her vision and the vision of the State Governor into reality, must be

prepared for the task ahead and adopt strategies that fit into situations as they arise.

Dr. Adeleke emphasised the need to ensure accessible quality care for all residents of Health District III, stressing that health services at the primary health centres must not only be accessible but also affordable without compromising healthcare standards.

While promising that the well-being of the staff will be a top priority, the Permanent Secretary stressed that measures that will enhance staff morale, motivation and retention would be introduced to foster a conducive and compassionate work environment.

Waterfront PS asks Contractor To Deliver Jetties

The Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of Waterfront Infrastructure Development, Mr. Kehinde Gbajumo has urged the contractor handling the construction of modern jetties in Ibeju-Lekki and Epe areas of the State to ensure speedy completion of the projects. Gbajumo stated this during an inspection tour of some of the Ministry's projects under construction across the State, adding that the two jetties are crucial for connecting the two towns from other parts of the State.



Lagos State Ministry of Waterfront Infrastructure Development, Mr. Kehinde Gbajumo at the jetty

He explained that the State Government initiated the construction of the new jetties to complement several other jetties commissioned towards

the end of the first term in office of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, The Permanent Secretary averred that the jetties were part of

initiatives of the present administration to make water transportation viable and ease commuting across the state through the

provision of alternative means of transportation. He told residents of the benefiting communities to continue to cooperate with the contractor

handling the construction works so that the project can be delivered as scheduled and without any delay. According to him, the

State Government will continue to prioritise the infrastructural needs of residents of the State irrespective of their local government areas.

Mrs. Anike Adekanye, the Tutor-General/Permanent Secretary of Education District II recently visited some schools within the District to ensure a smooth and safe resumption of students for the First Term of the 2023/2024 Academic Session. Speaking during the visit, she disclosed that her aim was to assess the readiness of the institutions and the students for the academic session. She also stated that her visit should serve as a beacon of hope and motivation for both educators and students alike. Highlighting the importance of education in the development of Lagos State, Mrs. Adekanye extended her heartfelt appreciation to the amiable Governor of Lagos State, Mr.

Tutor General Education District II Motivates Pupils As Schools Resume

Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu, for his unwavering commitment to education. She acknowledged the tremendous efforts made by the Lagos State Government in putting everything in place to ensure the timely resumption of students across the state. Acknowledging the pivotal role parents play in the education of their children, she called on all parents and guardians to ensure the return of their children to school promptly and to provide them with the unwavering support they need throughout the academic year. Adekanye charged the students to embrace the opportunities presented



Maryland Comprehensive High School Lagos

by the new academic session and to strive for excellence in their studies. She reminded them that success is attainable

through hard work, dedication, and a commitment to learning. The TG/PS, therefore, wished all students and

teachers a safe and successful academic journey throughout the 2023/2024 Academic Session. Among the schools she

visited were Maryland Comprehensive High School, Maryland and Immaculate Heart Comprehensive High School, Maryland.

Bamigboye Portrays Dr Ayoola As Diligent Asset To Development

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Mushin LG, Honorable Emmanuel Bamigboye has described the newly appointed Special Adviser to Lagos State governor, Mr Babajide Sanwo-olu on Central Internal Audit, Dr Iyabode Oyeyemi Ayoola as a thoroughbred professional in finance management.

The council's boss reiterated his belief that the ambition or dream of any successful politician is to contribute their



Special Adviser to Lagos State governor on Central Internal Audit, Dr Iyabode Oyeyemi Ayoola.

Bamigboye said Dr Ayoola is a symbol of intellectual knowledge to the development of the community. Bamigboye said Dr Ayoola is a symbol of respect, discipline and a

hard worker whom will get things done smoothly.

"The dream of every successful professional, is to contribute his or her intellectual quota to the development of the society. Such a dream only becomes a reality when you receive the favour of God to be among the chosen and privileged," he said.

"Today, we the people of Mushin and Odi Olowo Constituency 01 & 02, rejoice with our dear daughter, sister and mother, Dr. (Mrs) Iyabode Oyeyemi Ayoola, who has been sworn-in as member of the executive council in the Lagos State cabinet. "With your years of

professional experience in the Ministry of Finance, you're no doubt, a great asset to the state and cabinet of our amiable Governor, Mr Babajide Sanwo-Olu.

"You have contributed immensely to stability, progress and success of the All-Progressives Congress in Mushin Local Government and Odi Olowo/Ojuwoye LCDA. You have empowered both youth, men and our women through your humanitarian empowerment programmes.

"Your contributions to the victory of our party during the 2023

General Elections, is an indication that you are indeed a pillar and source of inspiration to both our women and the youth in Mushin and Odi Olowo.

"As you're being given the mantle of leadership to manage the affairs of one of our ministries today, may the Almighty God endow you with more wisdom and understanding to support in the actualisation and furtherance of the Governor's 'THEMES' Agenda, for the Smart City dream in partnership with Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu's led Federal Government's plan to make Lagos the first choice for investors and tourists in Africa."

SURULERE NEWS

Itire Ikate LCDA Boss Charges Students To Take Advantage Of Knowledge In Education

By Saheed Afolabi



Some of the pupils displaying the writing books given to them by Itire Ikate LCDA

The chairman of Itire Ikate LCDA, Hon Ahmed Apatira has charged school students to imbibe the knowledge impacted into them by the virtue of education.

The council boss made the advise to the students who have resumed for another academic session.

The chairman also doled

out scores of writing materials to the students in various schools across the LCDA to welcome the students to another session.

Apatira described the aim of education as knowledge seeking which not only for facts but for values that will be instilled on the students by the

teachers.

"The aim of education is the knowledge, not of facts, but of values," he said.

Itire Ikate LCDA organized an end of the session summer coaching lesson for the students in the community back in August where over 5,000 students benefitted from the council benevolence.

Lagos Transportation Commissioner, Osiyemi, Is A Resourceful Person-Salawu

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Somolu LG, Hon Abdulhamed Salawu has described the newly sworn in Commissioner For Transportation in Lagos State, Mr Oluwaseun Osiyemi as a resourceful person with loads of experience.

The council boss congratulated Osiyemi for making it to the Lagos State executive cabinet to represent the people of Somolu-Bariga constituency.

Salawu depicts Osiyemi as a person with loads of experience in human management and very resourceful who's committed to expanding resources.

"This is to congratulate our own Mr. Oluwaseun Osiyemi from Somolu-Bariga who made it to this end of getting a portfolio to prove himself to Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu and the people of Lagos State at large," he said.

"Mr Oluwaseun Osiyemi is a resourceful Somolu-Bariga person with loads of experience in

administration, human management and a resourceful manger who finds love in expanding resources.

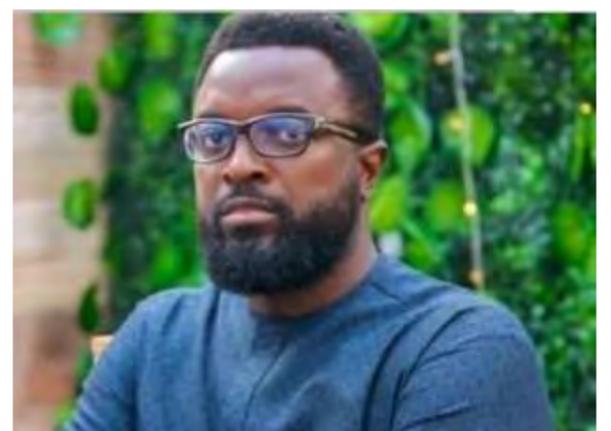
"The efforts of the great pathfinder, President Bola Ahmed Tinubu can't be over emphasized for creating the path, towing the path and expanding the path.

"Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu, Deputy Governor, Dr. Kadir Obafemi Hamzat are exceptional leaders that we are appreciating as well as the Rt. Hon. Mudashori Ajayi Obasa led Lagos State House of Assembly members with their leadership and honorable roles in ensuring we celebrate this reality.

"On behalf of the

Somolu Local Government Administration, the Management Staffs, the All Progressives Congress, APC Folds and the good people of this prestigious territory of ours, we hereby pronounce our unswerving congratulations to Oluwaseun Osiyemi, specifically for his new role into the Lagos Executive Council.

"May the Almighty grant him the firm understanding, wisdom, sheer strength, genuine focus and profound knowledge that will aid his newly acquired position towards positivity and for the massive development of Lagos State at large."



Honorable Oluwaseun Osiyemi

IBEJU-LEKKI INTER-SCHOOL DEBATE AND QUIZ PRELIMINARIES UPDATE

By Saheed Afolabi

The 2nd day of the Ibeju-Lekki Local Government Inter-School Debate and Quiz Preliminaries continued today at the NUT Hall, Ibeju-Agbe of the Local Government Area. Below is the result of the excellent performances put up by participating Schools in different categories of the Competition. Names of participating Schools that competed in the Quiz were (Primary Schools) RCM School, Okegun, RCM School, Ibeju CPS, Eputu, RCM, Awoyaya while CPS, Adebaba got the 3rd position, RCM, Ayeteju 2nd position and CPS, Lakowe got the 1st position. Elemoro Junior School and Iwerekun Junior School also competed in the Quiz and came 2nd and 1st Positions in the Junior Category. The

Senior Category also presented Ibeju High School as the winner in the 1st Position and Iwerekun Senior Secondary School in the 2nd position in the Quiz Category. The keenly contested Debate Preliminaries had six Primary Schools and RCM Primary School, Okegun came 3rd, CPS, Adebaba 2nd position while CPS, Lakowe came 1st in the Primary Category. The Debate Junior Schools category had Ibeju Junior School in the 3rd position, Elemoro Junior School, 2nd position and Iwerekun Junior School came 1st as the winner of the Junior Category. Senior School Debate Category was won by Iwerekun Senior School in the 1st Position and Ibeju Senior School in the 2nd position respectively. Having fulfilled the first phase of the Second

Edition of the Ibeju-Lekki Inter-School Debate and Quiz Competition, Winners of the Preliminaries were invited to the Local Government for further brief on their participation in the upcoming Grand Finale slated for the

29th of September, 2023. The Supervisor for Education, Hon. Sofwan Ogungbo on behalf of the Executive Chairman Hon. (Engr.) Abdullahi Sesan Olowa applauded all Schools that

participated in the Preliminaries and admonished them to try more next time while also reiterating the need for Schools to prepare their pupils for future competitions considering the efforts of Mayor

Olowa in the improvement of the Administration in Schools. He also thanked the moderators of the programme for their fairness and sense of commitment to Education. IBEJU-LEKKI LG.MEDIA.



Mr. Project Empowers 210 Residents With 21 million Naira

The status of two hundred and ten (210) residents of Orile Agege Local Council Development Area changed today, Thursday September 14, 2023, as the Council boss, Hon Johnson Sunday Babatunde empowered them with a total sum of Twenty one million naira. The Mega Financial Empowerment Programme is not the first of its kind, but the caring and kind hearted man of the people has decided to top the notch. In his address, the Council Mayor reiterated

that governance is basically about impacting and touching lives by giving the people who has called you to serve hope for a better and brighter future. He added that these principles have been the guiding light of his team since assuming office. He also explained that the untold hardship of fuel subsidy removal and its immediate consequences necessitated the increase in the number of residents empowered today. He said that finding viable solutions to this problem is a priority for his

administration, as it directly affects the cost of living and the livelihoods of his constituents. Part of the empowerment initiative involves support to build and scale up small-scale businesses, with a keen focus on entrepreneurship as a means to ameliorating poverty within the community. The Chairman clarified that there was transparency in the selection of the beneficiaries with 15 slots given to People with disability, demonstrating his inclusive approach to empowerment.

Additionally, the Chairman hinted at a visionary plan—a 100-hectare Orile-Agege farming center. This ambitious initiative aims to boost agricultural

activities within the LCDA, promoting food security, economic growth and employment opportunities for residents. Present at the occasion

were the Executive Committee Members, Legislators, traditional rulers and Community Development Association members, amongst others.





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Abubakar Ibiyinka Olorun-Nimbe

Abubakar Ibiyinka Olorun-Nimbe (1908–1975) was a Nigerian medical doctor and politician who was the first and only Mayor of Lagos. He represented Lagos in the Legislative Council.

Early life and career
Olorun-Nimbe was born in Lagos to the family of Abdur-Raham and Ramotu Olorunimbe. His father was a member of Herbert Macaulay's Nigerian National Democratic Party and a Lagos-based community group known as the Egbe Ilu. Olorun-Nimbe started his education by learning Quranic verses. He then proceeded to study at a government primary school in Lagos. After that, he attended CMS Grammar School, Lagos, before transferring to King's College, Lagos. In 1930, he gained admission into Glasgow University to study medicine. He finished his medical studies in 1938 as a qualified medical practitioner and surgeon. He returned to Nigeria in September 1938 and joined the colonial service as a Junior Medical Officer. His appointment was terminated by the colonial service in 1940, and he went into full-time private practice in Lagos, establishing Alafia Hospital.

Political career
Olorun-Nimbe's foray into politics started in 1944 when he was elected a councillor in the Lagos Town Council and participated in NCNC's Pan-Nigerian tour. He also contested a December 1945 by-election for the Legislative Council and was elected with 68% of the vote and was re-elected in the 1947 general elections. During the same year, he was also a member of NCNC's delegation to London to protest the Richards Constitution, which operated on the practice of nomination rather than election to the regional and central assembly.

Mayor of Lagos
In 1950, the Lagos Local Government Ordinance, N.17 provided for the election of 24 councillors to the Lagos Town Council and for the position of a mayor of Lagos to be selected from those councillors. Olorun-Nimbe was chosen as the first mayor of Lagos in 1950 and head of the Lagos Township council; he was assisted by Mbonu Ojike. He was in the position until 1953. His position as mayor caused a rift between him and the Oba of Lagos, Adeniji Adele. On 31 June 1951, under the Macpherson Constitution, the Lagos colony was merged with the



Western Region for administrative purposes. The law allowed five representatives to represent Lagos in the regional assembly at Ibadan and also two representatives to be chosen by the regional assembly among the elected representatives of

Lagos to represent the colony in the Federal House of Representatives. Olorun-Nimbe's party, NCNC, won all five Lagos seats, and the party decided to send Adeleke Adedoyin and Azikiwe to the central legislature from the Western Assembly. In the

Western Assembly, the Action Group, which had control of the assembly, voted for Adedoyin and Olorun-nimbe as Lagos representatives to the Federal House of Representatives, scuttling Azikiwe's plan to move to the centre. However, contrary to NCNC's

position that Olorun-Nimbe remains in Lagos as Mayor, he decided to combine both roles as mayor and Federal House Representative, refusing to step down for Azikiwe. This left the party leader out of playing any role in the centre.

Gbenu Reveals The Aims Of Adult Literacy Program

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Badagry West LCDA, Honorable Gbenu Joseph has revealed the reasons for launching the Adult Literacy Program.

The council boss flagged off the Adult Literacy Education Program in Badagry West in order to meet community needs and provide educational knowledge to the uneducated adults.

According to the chairman, classes will be held across six centres within the Local



The chairman of Badagry West LCDA, Hon Gbenu Joseph holding one of the teaching boards with the tutors for the Adult Literacy Program

Council Development Area, such as Apa, Igbogbele, Owode, Ashipa, Boglo, and

APC LCDA Secretariat. Hon Gbenu attributed the necessity of taking the program closer to

the people is to encourage them to participate fully in the program and also

reduce transportation fares.

He added that the adult literacy program will empower the elderly, aged and less privileged to be educated and provide them the necessary skills to be self employed and self sufficient.

"We intentionally decided to take the program closer to the people so that they would be more encouraged to participate and further reduce the cost of transportation," he said.

"The Adult Literacy

Education Program will help the adult, aged and less privilege become literate and obtain the knowledge and skills necessary for employment and self-sufficiency.

"The programme will assist the aged, especially been a developing community to have an opportunity to continually learn and develop their skills and capacities."

The council boss however advise the class tutors to apply the best of teaching methods while teaching for effective and efficient learning to take place.

We Provide Medical Outreach To Badagry Villages That Have Challenges, NGO Says

By Saheed Afolabi



One of the beneficiary receiving her medical checkup at the Free Medical Outreach

The founder of Great Minds of Love Foundation, Rebecca Mausi Gbadebo has revealed the reasons why the foundation provide medical outreach to villages in Badagry. She stated that most of the villages don't have opportunity for medical outreach or care.

According to the founder, Gbededo, the essence was to give palliatives to widows and aged in the area including children.

At the outreach, free medicals was

conducted for the aged and less privileged while free food packages were also given out to the beneficiaries of the medical outreach.

Gbededo, 74, said she was moved to start the foundation as a platform to enable her give back to her community.

"I started with evangelism, known as Later day Evangelical group and we discovered that most of the communities we visited have medical challenges because

there are very far away from hospitals so we decided to provide medical outreach.

"We've been to ten villages in Badagry LG for free medicals such as Erekiti, Gbanko, gayingbo topa, seme and lots more, which we do enjoy what we are doing."

The Baale of Agonvi Village, Chief Agran Jide Bamidele lauded the NGO and tagged their visit as a rescue to the community.

He encouraged others to draw a clue from Great Mind of Love Foundation philanthropic activities.

Emeka Anyaoku Cup: Sanwo-Olu Reiterates Commitment To Sports

By Saheed Afolabi

The Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu has reiterated that his administration will continue to encourage youth participation and sports development to build a sane society.

Sanwo-Olu, represented by the Chairman, Lagos State Sports Commission, LSSC, Sola Aiyepuku, disclosed this in his address at the final match/closing

ceremony of the 15th U-16 Inter-State Emeka Anyaoku Cup 2023 held at the Abalti Barracks, Gbajabiamila Mini-Stadium, Yaba, stressing that the State Government would not leave any stone unturned in terms of using the instrumentality of sports to develop every nook and cranny of the state.

While extolling the major sponsor for his contributions and achievements, he called on Chief Emeka Anyaoku to commit

more resources to sports development.

In his remarks, the former Secretary-General of the Commonwealth and sponsor of the tournament, Chief Emeka Anyaoku lauded Governor Sanwo-Olu for being a constant supporter of the tournament and urged him to continue to initiate policies geared towards sports development across the State.

He commended all the participants at the event, noting that the standard of matches was very high, just as he applauded Olumo Football Club from Oyo State for defeating Utility Football Club from Kwara State by a 3-1 goal margin.

Also Present at the event were the Director General, Lagos State Sports Commission, Oluwatoyin Gafaar; Director of Public Affairs, LSSC, Oshodi-Eko Titilayo and a board member of LSSC, Damilare Ezekiel Orimoloye.



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9x2 inches	22,000	9x2 inches	17,600
9x3 inches	33,000	9x3 inches	26,400
9x4 inches	44,000	9x4 inches	35,200
9x5 inches	66,000	9x5 inches	52,800
9x6 inches	80,000	9x6 inches	64,000
10x3 inches	37,000	10x3 inches	29,600
10x4 inches	49,000	10x4 inches	39,200
10x5 inches	77,000	10x5 inches	61,600
10x6 inches	92,000	10x6 inches	73,600
11x5 inches	85,000	11x5 inches	68,000
11x6 inches	97,000	11x6 inches	77,600
14.5x3 inches	53,000	14.5x3 inches	42,400
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Brave FA Founder Recounts Success As Club Clocks 12



Brave FA selected players and technical crew

The founder and CEO of Brave FA, Babatunde Balogun has recounted the club's success in their 12 years of existence. Brave FA domiciled in Mushin recently marked their 12 years anniversary among other achievements at the club. Balogun said he remains eternally grateful to God and his loyal players that have stayed put with him during the difficult times at the club.

The club's founder narrated how the club came into existence and the growth, development it has achieved within the football community in Lagos State. "I'm eternally grateful to God and my loyal players for standing by me when

this club was established 12 years ago in Mushin. The club grew from a group of young players at age ten to now established superstars," Balogun said. "The club transgressed from Mushin to become a household name in Nigeria. During this process, the club faced a lot of difficult times but we stayed focused and determined to scale through.

"We were able to win trophies together in Lagos and across the South West of Nigeria with a compact squad and part of the reward is we now having about nine of our players plying their trade in US. This is however a great feat for us as a club that started in Nigeria." Balogun however remains resolute in breeding and nurturing the next superstars from the grassroots.

Onigbongbo LCDA Bids For Lagos Street Soccer Championship Grand Finale

By Saheed Afolabi

The Chairman of Onigbongbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Oladotun Olakanle, has indicated an interest in hosting the 2023 Lagos Street Soccer championship finals while receiving the Lagos Street Soccer committee led by its chairman, Bolaji Yusuf, in his office. While addressing the delegation, Olakanle announced that the two football centres strategically located within the LCDA are suitable venues for an event of such magnitude. According to him, the LCDA is committed to further improving the facilities based on technical recommendations of the committee when they inspect the sports centres to improve their chances of bagging the hosting rights for the final. Olakanle said it was only natural for the LCDA to support the championship because it is an avenue to engage the teeming youth within the state. He thanked the Lagos Street Soccer delegation for the visit. He said their mandate to resuscitate street soccer in Lagos state is a noble task capable of fostering unity amongst all tribes, religions, and political leanings within the state. He assured the Yusuf-led committee of his unalloyed support.

Speaking on behalf of the committee, Yusuf applauded Olakanle's achievements in sports since his emergence as the LCDA chairman. He promised that his team would visit the facilities and make recommendations before awarding the hosting rights to one of the interested bidders. "The Lagos Street Soccer championship is back. Our mandate is to resuscitate and improve certain areas as grassroots football stages a comeback", Yusuf said. The visit is part of plans to reach out to critical stakeholders and partners before the October 2023 kick-off. More than 1,000 Teams will participate in the 2023 edition.

Lagos FA Preseason Cup To Kickoff September 18

By Saheed Afolabi



The Lagos FA Preseason Tournament LOC members chaired by the Vice Chairman of Lagos State FA, Hajji Gafar Liameed

The Lagos FA Cup Preseason tournament have been scheduled to kickoff on Monday September 18 2023. 16 teams have been penciled down to take part in the maiden edition of the Lagos Preseason tourney which will take place at the Mobolaji Johnson Arena, Onikan from 7am to 6pm daily till the 22nd of September 2023. Three Nigeria National

League (NNL) sides and 13 Nationwide League One clubs are to take part in the preseason tourney in preparation for next season. In Group A, we have First Bank FC, Real Sapphire FC, Lekki United and Broad City. Group B have Tradesafe FC, AS Racines, Emmydinho FC and BYTFC. Smart City FC, Okay FC, TCCG and Dannaz FC makes up Group C.

Ikorodu City, Spartans FC, Magic Stars and Buruj FC consist of Group D. The Lagos FA Preseason Cup is chaired by the Vice chairman of Lagos State Football Association (LSFA), Hajji Gafar Liameed. The tournament promises to be an explosive one which will provide a keenly contested competition for the professional league sides in Lagos State as they prepare for the next season.



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