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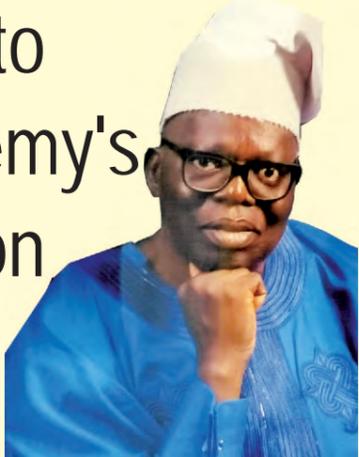
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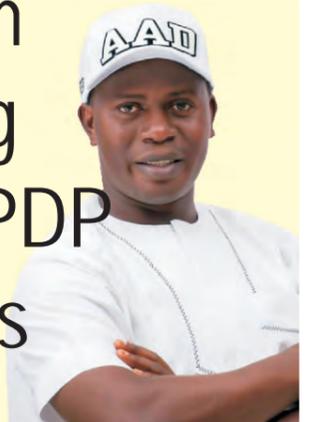
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# 29,399 passengers use Oshodi Interchange daily

By Rasqa Adebayo

The 13,421 (84%) increase in the passenger traffic in January 2021 over the number recorded on monthly basis from September to December 2020 is a great indication that the Oshodi Transport Interchange has weathered the storm and overcome the effects of crises that rocked its operation last year.

With this upswing, the Interchange may soon meet its target of 1million passengers a day early projected for the terminals.

In 2020, records of the passenger traffic at the three terminals in Oshodi Transport Interchange from September to December showed that an average of 15,978 passengers were conveyed monthly through the terminals.

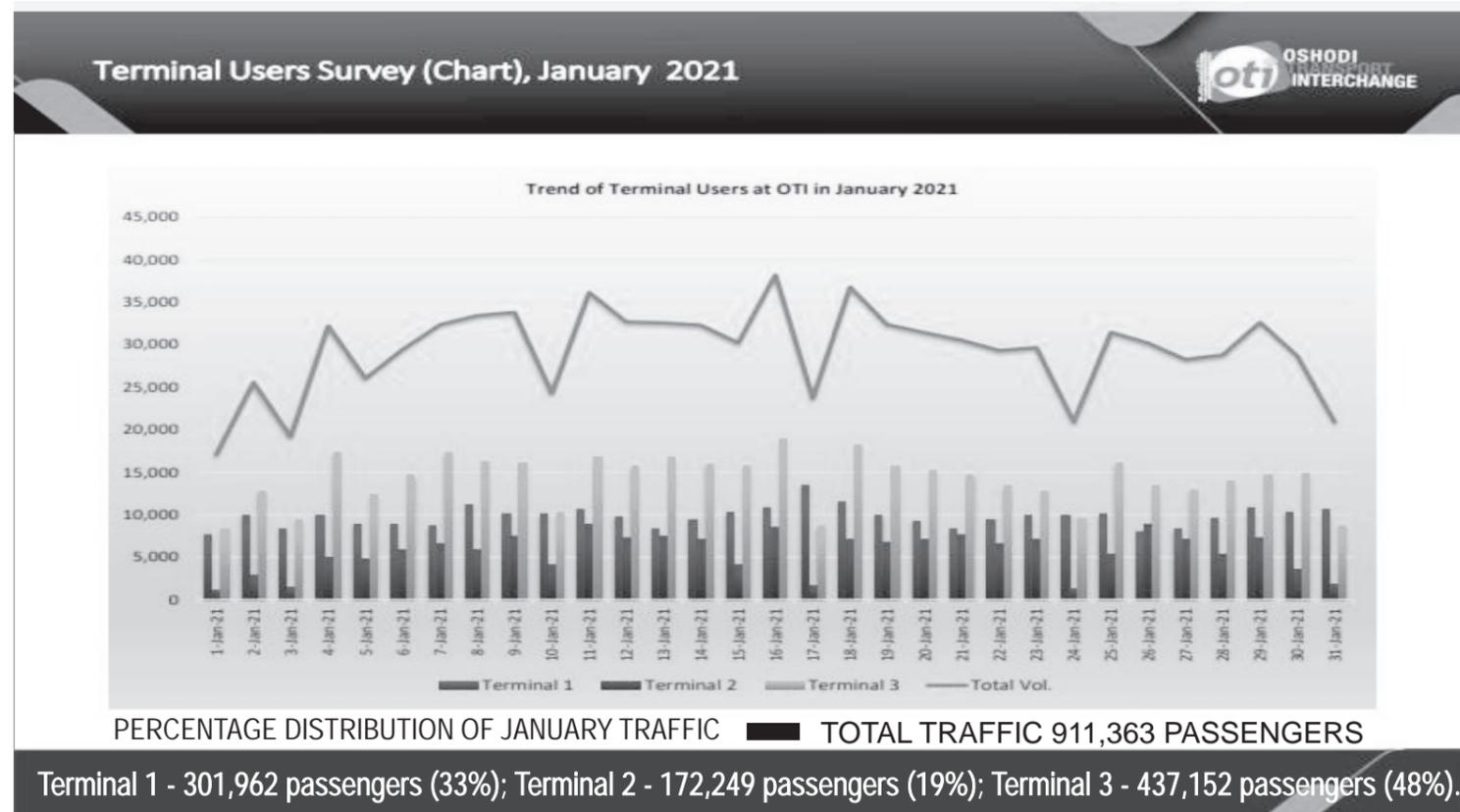
The significant drop in the passenger traffics recorded was due to the outbreak of Covid-19 in March 2020 and EndSARS protests in October 2020.

In September last year, a total of 580,336 passengers were recorded, the figure dropped to 251,456 in October due to the nationwide EndSARS protest.

However, it rebounded in November as no fewer than 510,390 passengers used the interchange in the month.

Now, the good news: the Transport Interchange recorded higher traffic in January 2021 with a total of 911,363 passengers conveyed in the three terminals.

During the month, 301,962 passengers boarded buses at



Terminal 1 with a daily average of 9,741 passengers and a weekly average of 71,896.

This represents 33 per cent of the total passengers conveyed in January, this year.

Terminal 1 is for inter-city (passengers from Lagos to other states).

Terminal 2, which is allocated to the passengers on the Oshodi-Abule-Egba route, recorded the lowest percentage of the total traffic with a total number of 172,249 passengers.

It has just 19 per cent with 5,556 daily average and 41,012 weekly average. This may be due to the decision of a few BRT operators to widen

their network outside the OTI.. For instance, Transport Service Limited, TSL launched the Ejigbo- Oshodi route last week.

The highest number of passengers was recorded at Terminal 3 where passengers board buses to intra-city destinations - from Oshodi to other parts of Lagos State.

In January 2021, 437,152 commuters went through the terminal.

Daily, a total of 14,102 boarded buses take off from the terminal while an average of 104,084 buses were recorded weekly.

The terminal contributed 48 per cent of the total passengers traffic recorded in

January, this year.

Overall, 911,363 passengers used the interchange in January, this year with an average of 29,399 daily passengers and 216,991 weekly.

From the data released to ECHONEWS by Planet Projects, the company managing the interchange, Mondays record the highest traffic.

On Monday, January 18, 36,799 passengers boarded buses in the three terminals, same Monday, January 11 when a total of 36,159 passengers were recorded.

Although the highest number of passengers were recorded at Terminal 1 on Sunday,

January 17 with 13,467, Terminal 2 recorded its highest traffic on Tuesday, January 26 with a total number of 8,820 passengers while the highest traffic of 18,895 was recorded at Terminal 3.

But the total account of the three terminals showed that highest traffic was recorded on Mondays.

While terminal 3 had commenced operation in 2019, terminal 2 was launched in August by Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, the Interchange recorded 30,000 passengers only on Thursday, September 3, 2020, when it launched its inter-state operations at Terminal 1.

Analysts believed that the

success of the Transport Interchange is linked to the state-of-the-art facilities and the mode of operation deployed.

The orderliness and the introduction of use of card instead of cash as passengers can credit their cards and use them to board the bus at any point in time.

The competition among the five bus companies including Primero, TSL and LBSL operating at the terminals also added to the success as each company tries to ensure that passengers are picked up as fast as possible, unlike routes where they have to wait for long to get on the buses.

Traders in Ejigbo Market have continued to lament low patronage since the commencement of Ramadan, the Muslim Holy month of fasting.

It was gathered that high prices of commodities and low purchasing power of many consumers has led to low patronage in the markets.

Lamenting on the situation, the Iyaloja-General of Oba Morufu Ojoola International Market, Mrs. Tawakalitu Jimba, who spoke to ECHONEWS on behalf of other traders, complained that business is not thriving as much as it used to in previous years before the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic.

She noted that though prices of some commodities especially consumables normally soared during

Ramadan fasting period, people still purchased goods. She said since the commencement of this year's Ramadan, the sales have been relatively low.

She said the cause, apart from the high prices of goods, could be linked to the outbreak of Covid-19 which affected both public and individual incomes.

The Iyaloja-General said many traders are becoming idle due to the low sales recorded in the market.

In her words: "We seek for God's aid on our market because we are all striving to make ends meet since our sale is not booming as expected. If you visit the abattoir in this market, you will meet elderly butchers sleeping in their stalls because they have just little to

## Ramadan: Traders decry low sales

By Rasqa Adebayo

sell yet, consumers are not patronising them. We are in a situation in which more than three butchers have to share a ram for sale because of its high price whereas it was something just only one person usually bought before."

She, therefore, urged all marketers and consumers to use this holy month as a means of seeking for forgiveness from God and economic turnaround.

Jimba used the medium to appreciate the Ojon of Ejigbo Land, Oba Morufu Adekunle Adisa, who coronated her as the Iyaloja, for his effort on the development of the market.



Ejigbo Market

## Party yet to review Remy's suspension- Bello

By Damilola Kushimo

All Progressives Congress chairman in Isolo Local Council Development Area, Barrister Gani Bello has said plans to review the suspension of Legislative Arm leader Hon. Remy Shittu Remy are still on hold.

Remy was suspended indefinitely by the party due to his action against some other four councillors and alleged disregard for the party's directive.

Speaking to ECHONEWS on the matter, the APC Chairman, Barr. Gani Bello said the party has not sat to discuss the matter and decide whether he

should be recalled or not. Although Remy had defended the decision of the House to suspend the two principal councillors and sanction two others, Bello faulted his action of the leader of the House, stressing that it was 'most flimsy and unreasonable.'

However, following the interview

Barrister Gani Bello



House of Assembly, development in recent days show that the crisis among the councillors has been resolved as those suspended have been recalled while the council budget, which was seen as the bone of contention, has been re-presented by the council chairman, Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye as directed by the State House of Assembly.

Although, a source close to the party confirmed that Remy had shown remorse to the misconduct but Bello, when asked about it, refused to comment on it, saying: "No comment in that regard."

## Road users laud Sanwo-olu for completing pedestrian bridges

By Damilola Kushimo

Resumption of completion works on the pedestrian bridges on the Murtala Muhammed Airport road is bringing relief to pedestrians.

In appreciation, they are praising the administration of Governor Babajide Sanwo-olu for responding to their pleas to save commuters from being hit by vehicles by ensuring the completion of the pedestrian bridges.

The residents had complained several times as reported by ECHONEWS over the dangers posed by the uncompleted bridges which were abandoned after the completion and commissioning of the reconstructed Airport Road in 2019.

Though skeletal works took place early last year, the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic kept the workers away from the site.

There were reports of deaths on the road as some pedestrians were hit by oncoming vehicles while crossing the expressway.

One of the concerned residents, Hon. Ogechi Madueke told ECHONEWS that though no life was lost, the victims sustained various degrees of injury.

He expressed his delight over the completion of the bridges saying the community would no longer record casualties on the road.

He said: "We're grateful that work

has resumed on the bridges and obviously the accessories are what is left and thank God it is the last phase. The reports of incessant accidents on the road will be a thing of the past now. We are grateful to the state government for this needed development."

Another road user, Samuel Akanni said: "The importance of these bridges cannot be overemphasised because many people have lost their lives while

others sustained injuries when crossing the road. When the construction is completed, people will be relieved and will be able to cross the expressway with much confidence and less caution and fear."

ECHONEWS gathered that the pedestrian bridge at NACHO has been completed while work is ongoing on the one at 7/8 and upon completion, it is believed that the personnel will move to the one at Oshodi-Oke bus stop.



The pedestrian bridge at 7&8 bus-stop

## CDA chairmanship aspirant, Akunna reveals plans for Greenfield Estate

By Damilola Kushimo

Chief Monday Akunna, a chairmanship aspirant of Greenfield Estate, has promised to heighten the level of communal growth and development in the estate if given the mandate to lead its next set of elected executive members.

Akunna, who currently serves as the construction chairman for the estate, is contesting for the chairmanship of the estate association.

He claimed that his performance in his former position earned him recommendations for the chairmanship position, stressing that he has received massive supports from the residents.

The community will elect a new set of executive members to govern the community for the next two years this weekend.

Explaining his agenda, the aspirant said he would consolidate on the existing

development in the estate while working on construction of police post, farmers' market, befitting secretariat for the association, recreation centre, security, electricity as well as beautification of the estate, adding that he would also concentrate on road rehabilitation within the estate.

His words: "My people know what I can do, they know my capability, they've seen my performance and I'm delighted about the massive supports I have received so far. In order to achieve all that I have listed, I will make sure I work with the community and maintain the development template."

"I will also collaborate with the government for support to achieve all what we need in the community in terms of infrastructure. I will work with the council chairman and our councillor to attract the local and state governments' attention to the estate because to date,



Chief Monday Akunna

drainage construction done by the state government is the only physical government project we have in our estate, all others are personal and communal efforts. "The possibilities of what we will

achieve are endless if I emerge the next chairman of the estate and that is why I'm appealing for the support of the residents during the election and after."

## PSP, recycler commend Igbokwe for desilting drains, plead for citizens' co-operation

By Damilola Kushimo

A private sector participant (PSP) and waste recycler have commended the Lagos State Government for its consistent efforts in desilting drains in Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA).

The Special Adviser on Drainages to the Governor, Engr. Joe Igbokwe had assured that the government, which desilted 30 kilometres of drains last year, would redouble its efforts ahead of the rains this year.

Personnel from the Office of Drainage Services under the State Ministry of Environment and Water Resources have become familiar faces in the community in recent times as they have been seen more often evacuating blockages from drainages on routes in the council area.

Some of the evacuated drainage channels include Osolo Road, Isolo-Mushin Road, Ago-Palace Way and Okota Way.

Commenting on the development, the CEO of a recycling company in the council area, Greenhill Recycling, Mrs. Mariam Lawani commended the state government for the efforts but feared the lackadaisical attitude of residents towards waste disposal might undermine the development.

She called for a change of attitude among the residents by showing more sense of responsibility with their wastes and sorting out the recyclable ones for exchange from recyclers.

Lawani, who strongly condemned the indiscriminate disposal of waste by residents, said efforts of her company to exchange articles for waste has not recorded

positive records.

"We've provided the opportunity for them to exchange their wastes for wealth but some show discontent no matter what we give. But this (recycling) is the future. The residents need to understand they need to show a greater sense of responsibility for their wastes and recycling is one of the ways to do that or else government's efforts, as we're seeing in the community, will be defeated and it is the residents that will still end up bearing the burnt when flood begins to ravage the community. There is a great need for residents to have a positive change of attitude to their waste disposal."

Also speaking, a PSP operator explained that PSPs in the community are working tirelessly to serve the community and complement government's effort geared towards having a cleaner and healthier environment.

The PSP operator stressed that the residents need to stop patronising cart pushers and desist from dumping waste indiscriminately or keeping illegal dump sites in the community.

"We (PSP Operators) are working tirelessly to complement the state government's efforts in terms of making the area clean but the obstinate decision of some residents to patronise cart pushers and dump their wastes indiscriminately remains a problem in the community. The issue of illegal wastes disposal is another thing. We hope that people can turn away from these and government can also do more enlightenment about indiscriminate waste disposal. If not, all these positive efforts by the government and PSP will amount to nothing at the end of the day."



Personnel desilting the drainage along Isolo-Mushin Road

## Shammeh to commission Araromi, Oshinfodurin Streets today

By Damilola Kushimo

The Chairman of Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye has confirmed that two of the latest infrastructural projects in the council area will be commissioned today Monday, April 19, 2020.

The projects, which are road construction on Idowu Oshinfodunrin and Araromi Streets, in Ilasamaja and Ishaga/Ire-Akari Wards respectively, are parts of the ongoing road projects being executed across wards in the council area.

Others include Karimu and Aregbe Streets in Akinbaiye Ward, Church Street in Ajao

Estate and the reconstruction of the Engineering block in the council secretariat.

The council boss assured that all the projects would be completed before his administration winds up in July, this year.

Speaking through his Chief Press Secretary, Muiywa Asalejo, Shammeh emphasised that the two completed projects would be commissioned "if nothing untoward happens."

He said he had promised to execute some legacy projects in the council area which he has been keeping as he commissioned some to mark his three years in office, insisting that he would continue to work on infrastructural development in the council area till his last day in office.

## Drug Test: 2-yr ban on World 100m Champion reduced by 6 months

By Saheed Afolabi

**W**orld 100m Champion Christian Coleman, has had his two years ban reduced by six months following an appeal made to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS).

The athlete was initially given a 2-year ban for missing three drug test.

The 25 years old American athlete will miss the Tokyo Olympics because the ban runs till November 14 but, he

is still eligible to defend his world indoor and outdoor titles next year.

Coleman, who became a World champion at the World Championship in Doha in 2019, won the gold medal in the 100m race and was suspended in June 2020 for missing a 3rd test in December 2019.

The Athletics Integrity Unit (AIU) investigation into his rule violations showed that Coleman has not taken a banned substance but his attitude to his anti-doping

obligation was described by AIU in October as entirely careless and reckless.

According to the AIU's out-of-competition testing guidelines, athletes are accountable for missed tests if they are not at their specified location for the one-hour period they have stated. The tester must wait for the full 60 minutes before leaving.

Coleman said he was Christmas shopping five minutes away from home, and that the tester made no effort to contact him during his third

whereabouts failure.

CAS said Coleman "should have been on high alert on that day" considering his previous whereabouts failures but, decided he would have been able to return in time to do a test if contacted.

"Although a telephone call during the 60-minute window was not required by the rules, it was nevertheless reasonable for the athlete to expect such a call as a matter of standard practice among other doping control officers," CAS said in a statement.



Christian Coleman

## I had a strange relationship with Mourinho – Paul Pogba

By Saheed Afolabi

**P**aul Pogba has described his relationship with former Manchester United manager, Jose Mourinho, as a strange one and he could not explain why Mourinho froze him out of the first team.

Mourinho was at the helm of affairs at Manchester United when Pogba was signed from Juventus in the summer of 2017.

However, Pogba only showed glimpses of the talents which made United to splash the cash for his transfer to Old Trafford.

The pairs relationship deteriorated to an extent following a training ground burst up between them, which led Mourinho to strip Pogba of the vice captaincy of United.

Pogba's form has been great lately and the French intentional has linked his recent form to present manager of



Manchester United, Ole Solskjaer, who sparked him into his best form lately.

He said: "What I have now with Ole is different, he wouldn't go against the players. Maybe Ole wouldn't pick them, but it's not like he puts them on the side like they don't exist anymore. That's the difference between

Mourinho and Ole. Once I had a great relationship with Mourinho, everybody saw that, and the next day you don't know what happened. That's the strange thing I had with Mourinho and I cannot explain to you because even I don't know. So, yeah."

Pogba also talked about how

Solskjaer methods work for the team.

"Maybe Solskjaer's methods work because he is a bit closer to the people, every coach has their own way to coach and deal with players, and as a player you have to adapt. Sometimes it doesn't suit you and sometimes it does.

## Team Arsenal crowned champions of Brave sport fans game

By Saheed Afolabi

**T**eam Arsenal came from a goal down to defeat Team Manchester United 2-1 to emerge champions of the first edition of Brave Sport Fans Game.

Team Manchester had earlier defeated Team Arsenal in the group stage of the competition 3-2 with only a goal separating the two sides in that encounter.

Team Arsenal took revenge on Team Manchester United when it mattered most by defeating them in the final to clinch the winner's trophy of the competition.

The first half was dominated by Team Manchester United and they took the lead in the 15th minute of the game.

Team Arsenal were outplayed by the unique Team Manchester United side in the first half but they were wasteful in front of goal, which actually cost them the match in the long run.

Team Arsenal were lucky to get

a goal through a penalty in the 42nd minute of the match, when the center half of Team Manchester United handled the ball with his hand in the 18 meter box. The Center Referee did not hesitate to point to the penalty spot. The penalty was scored by the central defender

of Team Arsenal by sending the goalie of Team Manchester United the wrong way.

Team Arsenal was able to take the lead in the 60th minute through a fantastic header which came from a corner kick. After taking the lead in the match, Team Arsenal decided to

defend while Team Manchester United threw all the attacking skills they had against the Arsenal side who stood resilient in the defense to stop the attackers of Team Manchester United from getting the goal. Team Arsenal won the match 2-1.

## Ramadan Cup is organised to entertain fasting Muslims – Prince Gbadamosi

By Saheed Afolabi

**T**he organiser of the annual Ramadan Cup, Prince Adebola Gbadamosi, has said that the aim of organising the competition is to entertain the Muslims in the evening towards the break time.

He disclosed that various clubs have been registering for the competition as the tenth edition of the Cup is about to kick off.

He added that during the competition, apart from entertaining people, football

managers would also have opportunity to discover more young talents.

"The purpose of bringing this competition up is to allow Muslim faithful to watch matches towards the time they will break their fast.

"The club owners will also have the opportunity to scout new talented young players."

While appreciating the sponsor of the competition, Chief Iyk Madu Obi for his persistent support, Gbadamosi added that there will be prize gifts for the winner, 1st runner up and 2nd runner up.

"Cash prize and medals will be given to the winner of the competition, 1st runner up and 2nd runner up. The winner of the competition will go home with a cash prize of N70,000, 1st runner up will get N40,000 while the 2nd runner up will settle for N20,000.

"Individual awards that will also be given out at the grand finale include Most Valuable Player (MVP), Highest Goal Scorer (HGS), Best Goalkeeper (BG), coach of the tournament and captain of the tournament."

## LCL: MS Success edge FC Bethel

By Saheed Afolabi

**L**agos City League (LCL) table topper, MS Success FC defeated FC Bethel 3-2 to maintain a nine point lead at the top of the league table.

The first half did not record any goal as all the goals were scored in the second half of the match.

The first half was tough for both teams as they settled for a goalless draw. Both teams had their fair share of chances but none was able to utilise them.

MS Success in-form striker, Kingsley Chibueze, opened the goal account of the match in the 50th minute with a right footed shot, which skipped past the opponent goalkeeper to the back of the net.

FC Bethel responded with the

equalising goal through Michael Awelewa in the 55th minute to lay claim as a power horse in the match.

MS Success powerful striker, Anthony Ndubusi, gave them the lead in the 75th minute to take command of the encounter.

MS Success impressive display was rewarded with a 2-goal lead in the 80th minute as Anthony Ndubusi made no mistake from finding the back of the net.

FC Bethel took the game to MS Success in the final stage of the match and tried to get a draw which would have secured them a point in the game but were only able to pull a goal back through an own goal from MS Success right back Dayo Oluaina.



## Divine FC scale past Diadem Stallion

By Saheed Afolabi

**D**ivine FC are gradually getting their form back in the Lagos City League (LCL), since the league resumed this year, after a long break due to the effect of Covid-19, the team have recorded more wins in their matches.

Divine FC waited to the last dying stages of the match to get a goal which gave them the 3 maximum points against Diadem Stallion.

Divine FC got a goal which was nullified in the first half by the Center Referee. This did not go down well with the spectators who were furious with the referee.

Both teams were steadfast in their approach to the match in the first half.

Divine FC had more chances in front of goal in the first half but they failed to utilise them.

Diadem Stallion also got a goal nullified in the second half which actually drew the away team supporters to scream at the referee.

The referees played a major part in the game as they cancelled a goal each from both teams which had an effect on the integrity of the match.

Divine FC were able to score in the 89th minute through Femi Aderibigbe who placed his effort into the roof of the net leaving the opponent goalie without any chance of



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## Ilamoshe CDA constructs culvert to ease traffic movement

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Ilamoshe Community Development Association (CDA) headed by Ademola Odumade recently constructed a culvert linking Adeyemi Odumale Street with Olokobi lane. According to Odumade, the link up between Ademola Odumade street and Olokobi lane had been inaccessible for the past eight years until it was constructed recently with the full support of the Leader of Ejigbo LCDA Legislative Arm,

Hon. Olanrewaju Akinbowale who contributed financially to the realization of the culvert. "For over eight years, the place where the culvert has just been constructed was unmotorable and it is an intersection between Adeyemi Odumale Street and Olokobi lane. So, we the residents of the community decided to embark on the project, constructing a culvert to ease movement of vehicles plying both roads and everyone has been so supportive to the project.



Hon Lanre Akinbowale cutting the tape

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## Dignitaries launch foundation for late Bishop Fabusoro

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Dignitaries extolled the virtues and contributions of late founder of the Salvation Church of the Lord International, Late Archbishop Peter Fabusoro to the community as they launched a foundation in his name.

Former Lagos State Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Mr. Kehinde Bamigbetan spoke glowingly about the support given to his administration when he was the chairman of the Ejigbo Local Council Development Area between 2008 and 2014.

In particular, he recalled how the late Fabusoro had led a

seven day intercession to open divine goodwill and blessing to the local government, an intervention which was followed by the release of funds of Lagos State local government seized by the Obasanjo regime by the Yar'adua administration.

He said the release enabled his administration to fulfil its electoral promises including the construction of two new public primary schools, three health care centres, six public toilets, roads and many welfare services.

He donated N150, 000 to the Fabusoro Foundation and the family donated N1, 500,000.

Also speaking, the former chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria, CAN for

Oke-Afa/ Jakande district, Pastor Ilesanmi praised the late Fabusoro for his exemplary leadership qualities that made it easy to mobilise Christians across all denominations to a viable, unified Christian body. Noting that the excellent relationship built by the deceased with the local government brought recognition to the CAN in the area, he urged the consolidation of the church in memory of the late founder.

Both commiserated with the widow, Bishop Mrs Victoria Fabusoro and prayed that God give her the strength to bear the loss.

Remembering his father, Leye Fabusoro praised him as a good father who loved his



Late Archbishop Fabusoro

children and imparted in them the virtues of hardwork, humility and courage.



Bishop Mrs Victoria Fabusoro and children at the event

## ACDC okays Covid-19 jab turnout

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The African Centre for Disease Control (ACDC) is happy with the large turnout of Ejigbo residents who participated in the coronavirus vaccine immunisation exercise. Commenting on the exercise, the ACDC representative in Oshodi-Isolo LGA, Mrs. Ayodele Oniwinde, urged the residents to discard all negative beliefs about the immunisation exercise and make sure they participate in the second phase of the exercise.

Oniwinde, who commended the residents for their large turnout since the commencement of the first phase of the exercise, said although the turnout was laudable, as a community of about 1.5 million inhabitants, many individuals are still expected in the second phase. She said: "We still need to keep

sensitising and updating our community about the need to be immunized against Covid-19. We are still experiencing some kind of disbelief and lack of trust of our government from our people based on the misconceptions about the vaccine.

"Some say that the vaccine was introduced to reduce the population, some even believe it was introduced to reduce lifespan. These are not true and that is the reason we need to address this. The sensitisation in the community should be intensified and geared towards taking our health as a priority and making meaningful decisions about our existence." Noting that the vaccination has no adverse effect, Oniwinde said Covid-19 is still very much around, saying the residents are not expected to live a carefree life even after vaccination. She, therefore, encouraged



Oniwinde at Ifoshi ward vaccinating residents

continuous use of nose cover, alcohol-based hand sanitizer, maintenance of social distancing, washing of hands

regularly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds among other necessary precautions to avoid contracting the virus.

## Expert educates residents on prevention of nail cancer

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Chief Medical Director of Isolo Estate Clinic who doubles as the Ejigbo LCDA Vice Chairman, Dr. Olatunde Olusumade, has warned residents of Ejigbo to be cautious of their health, saying continuous negligence of their wellbeing could worsen their health condition.

The medical expert gave the warning while sensitising members of Estate Youth Parliament (EYP), Ejigbo on the causes and prevention of nail cancer.

He explained that nail cancer (Subungual Melanoma) is one of the ailments that could paralyse human health if not treated at its early stage.

He said: "Subungual melanoma is an uncommon cancer of the nail that is frequently misdiagnosed because this type of cancer often has a dark brown or black streak on the nail that is similar in appearance to other benign causes such as injury to the nail with blood under the nail, bacterial infections and soon.

"In the case of untreated nail



Dr. Olatunde Olusumade

cancer, the melanoma spreads to other parts of the body which becomes deadly if left untreated, which is not what we pray for."

He explained that the disease is caused by unprotected skin exposure which may be confused initially for a bruise while encouraging that residents should be very observant of any slight change that occurs to their skin.

"It is pertinent that we take good care of our nails by cutting and cleaning it regularly and observe if symptoms like nail discoloration, nodule under nail, nail brittleness and cracking among others appear on it. It is better to visit the hospital early before the disease gets to the critical stage as the treatment is usually surgical, mainly amputation of affected thumb."

## Adhere to Ramadan principles, Imam Aderibigbe admonishes Muslims

The Chief Imam of Ifelodun Mosque, Low-Cost Housing Estate, Afa Isolo, Imam Ishaq Aderibigbe, has admonished the Muslim faithful to adhere strictly to the principles of the Holy month to get the full rewards of their fasting. According to him, the essence of the holy month is to liberate people and guide them towards good deeds.

He said the month offers the opportunity to renew "our attestation of belief which can only be achieved through observing religious rites as those deeds serve as the connection between our Lord and us."

While preaching peaceful coexistence among the citizens

of the country, the clergyman urged the Muslims to pray for the nation especially in the aspect of security.

He, however, cautioned Nigerians to refrain from illicit acts to give way for the development of each community while warning the youths against social vices.

He further encouraged the Muslim faithful to use the opportunity of the holy month to strengthen the unstable ties of brotherhood within their various communities while appreciating the efforts of Ejigbo LCDA Chairman, Hon. Monsurudeen Bello (Obe), in the development of the council area.

## Commuters laud TSL for extending BRT service to Ejigbo

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Commuters and residents in Ejigbo are jubilating over the decision of the Transport Services Limited (TSL) for extending the operation of Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) to Ejigbo. TSL is one of the transport services company licensed by the Lagos State Government to run BRT services.

The government coordinated transport company has established a terminal at Jakande-Gate from where passengers are picked to their various destinations and dropped on the return journeys between 6:00 am and 5:30 pm daily.

One of the BRT officials, who spoke to ECHONEWS, said

the company extended its operations to the community to ensure easy movement and seamless transportation across the state.

He noted that though the company provides the services across Lagos State, adding that the establishment of a terminal in Ejigbo was facilitated by the National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN) which wrote a letter requesting the company's service.

"We have three busses available for now as early as 6 am and when we are done loading them we go to Oshodi terminal while by 5 pm we move to Toyota to commute those going to Ikotun where we as well transport those coming to Jakande-Gate

because we will pass this route. We as well commute those going to Ikeja along just for easy movement of road users," he explained.

The commuters, who spoke to ECHONEWS, commended the initiative and the effort of the youth organisation that facilitated the establishment of BRT terminal in Ejigbo.

One of the commuters, Mr. Jamiu Abubakar, appreciated the inclusion of the BRT card payment system, saying the use of card instead of cash is satisfactory, making their operation standard as done in other terminals.

"When I was going to work at about 6:30 am, I saw new BRT buses opposite the roadside market here and I was inquisitive to know what was

going on. From all the explanation, I was told to buy N400 card on which I needed to load transport fares. The use of the card was what interested me most.

Another commuter, Mr. Stanley Utasi, explained the convenience he enjoys in taking the bus while encouraging TSL to sustain its service in the community.

"For me, I like the fact that one would have a quiet relaxing moment with full Air Condition compared to boarding yellow buses in which you face a lot of hardship and inconvenience. But I am appealing to the company to help reduce the price to ensure that it is completely distinct from the other public transportation we are used to."

# Teachers, pupils to key into waste management

By Edith Igbokwe

Following the initiative of the Lagos State Waste Management Authority (LAWMA) in collaboration with Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board (LASUBEB) to incorporate waste management into primary school curriculum, the Executive Secretary (ES), Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Education Authority (LGEA), Barr. Femi Ogunwusi, has said that both

the teachers and the pupils in public schools would key into the programme.

He said the integration of the programme would enhance pupils' knowledge of environmental health.

Ogunwusi stressed that the idea will give pupils the opportunity to learn and believe in the basic need for cleanliness and can even impact on their parents.

He informed that teachers have started undergoing training in the courses to be

taught in schools.

"The teachers are being trained in the topic 'Waste Education in the 21st Century'. The training is held at LASUBEB office in Maryland. Those teachers trained are expected to be the ones to teach the course in schools. They are also expected to encourage and form waste management clubs in schools to strengthen the drive to create awareness in waste disposal and methods of converting it to wealth."

To mitigate indiscriminate waste disposal in the society, Ogunwusi stressed that it has become necessary to involve the teachers and pupils in the waste disposal campaign to every community, rural and urban to become soldiers in enforcement of waste disposal laws.

The chairman of LASUBEB, Hon. Wahab Alawiye King, during the inaugural training, agreed to work together with the LAWMA to instill environmental discipline in the

pupils to make them conscious of their actions and inactions towards the environment.

Likewise, at the training ground, the LAWMA Managing Director/CEO, Mr. Ibrahim Odumboni, noted that to reshape the environmental consciousness of the younger generation is to catch them young through their teachers who are the best advocate and change agent whose impact, he said, cannot be shoved aside.

Odumboni explained that

LAWMA is optimistic that incorporating waste management into primary school curriculum would not only be taught but put into practice for pupils, saying it would become a tradition over the time.

Other topics being taught include Solid Waste Management in the 21st Century; Waste Education in 21st Century; LAWMA Academy and Brief on Waste Management in Primary Schools.

## NGOs encourage domestic violence victims to report cases

By Edith Igbokwe

Non-governmental organisations (NGOs) collaborating under the auspices of the Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Advocacy Group Against Domestic Violence known as Project Alert and Spotlight Initiative, have urged victims of domestic violence such as rape to summon courage to report their cases to the right bodies for necessary actions. They also warned the perpetrators to desist from the barbaric acts.

The NGOs gave strong warnings against child abuse,

rape, wife battering and other such acts during a sensitization programme held recently.

To spread the information across the communities in Oshodi, Isolo and Ejigbo, the group working with artisans from the Nigeria Union of Tailors (NUT), Nigeria Association of Hairdressers and Cosmetologists (NASHCO) and some community members toured round Oke-Afa market to educate people on the menace of domestic violence and to ensure that it is wiped out of their various communities.

During the sensitisation, people were advised to call the attention of the association if need be for assistance in case of any form of domestic violence.

Speaking, Spotlight Initiative team leader, Engr. Joy Omiyale, said the organisations are ready to make sure domestic violence is eradicated in the society, emphasising the need for the victims to report cases.

He also urged the residents to work with the organisations by keeping them informed of any case of domestic violence or injustice in the various communities.

"Let us all shame the rapists but not the victims. Don't be silent over physical or sexual abuse cases but feel free to report rape case and others so that our team can step in, take the necessary action against the perpetrators and as well give the medical attention to the victims," he stated.

He implored the community members to always speak out and call for help if they find themselves in any of the violent situation for quick action to be taken, stressing that the alarming crisis has to be eradicated from human society.



Sensitization Programme against domestic violence

## My husband is jealous of my success, wife tells court

By Edith Igbokwe

Mrs. Yetunde Isaiah, in her response to the divorce case filed by her husband at Oshodi-Isolo customary court, said her husband was only jealous of her success.

She told the court that her husband, Mr. Robinson Isaiah, became jealous when he learned that she had built a house of her own and decided to divorce her.

Mr. Isaiah, the plaintiff, had accused his wife of infidelity, being diabolical, negligent of children's care and that she has been threatening his life.

He prayed the court to dissolve their marriage.

However, the wife debunked the allegations, maintaining that she is not guilty of all the allegations.

She told the court that she has never committed any of the alleged offences, reiterating that her husband was only angry because she was able to build a house of her own.

She explained: "I am not an adulterous person, the children I gave birth to are his. Rather, he has left us since seven years ago to live with another woman who has a son for him. And concerning the diabolical

aspect, I anointed his head with oil while he was asleep and he counted it to be diabolical.

"I don't know why he said I am threatening his life because I am a busy person, so busy with my trading business. And for my children, I have grown up children of 33 years (married), 27, and 25 while my last born is 12 years old, a sickle cell patient. I have been doing my best to nurture them up till this stage without abandoning them."

Mrs. Isaiah revealed to the court that since they have been living together, her husband has not paid her bride price.

She said they only contracted marriage in a Christ Apostolic Church (CAC), Kaduna and a certificate was given to that effect.

Ruling on the case, the president of the court, Mrs. Adebisi Laditan, ordered that the second wife be summoned to the court as witness and that the husband should pay monthly allowance of N20, 000 for the up keep of their daughter who is a sickle cell patient and another N10, 000 for the medical checkup without failing.

She, thereby, adjourned the case till April 27, 2021 for further hearing and final judgement.

## Why I'm aspiring under PDP - Davies

By Damilola Kushimo

"With the help of God, I believe when God says yes, no one on earth can say no. And God has said 'Yes' that we should go and that means he already finished His work. I believe that should the

election be conducted tomorrow (or anytime), God will definitely show Himself as God. I will be accessible to all. I have 100 per cent belief in God and I believe that my people will recommend me for a higher position after my councillorship.

Meanwhile, the PDP ward chairman, Alhaji Mutfau Ogunleye assured that the party would ensure that the best and consummate aspirant earns the party's ticket for the position, saying the party is making efforts to ensure its victory at the poll.



Ayobami Davies and the ward chairman, Alhaji Mutfau Ogunleye posing with the flag of the party during the declaration exercise

A councillorship aspirant in Ishaga/Ire-Akari Ward F4, Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Ayobami Davies, has declared that he is running on the platform of the opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) because he believes it is a credible alternative. He noted that the success PDP recorded in 2015 and its firm establishment across all wards in the council area gave him enormous confidence that he would win during the forthcoming local council polls.

He explained that, as an indigenous son, born and brought up in the community, he has planned to work with the council chairman to transform the community.

He said: "With the way the politics is being played in Nigeria, everybody believes that all politicians are liars. I'm coming to change that notion and get straight to business. I want to transform my ward to the status of GRA with the help of God. Of course, I'll definitely work with the chairman in terms of road infrastructure but about others, let me keep it. How I'm going to turn it to GRA? Let me leave it to myself."



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