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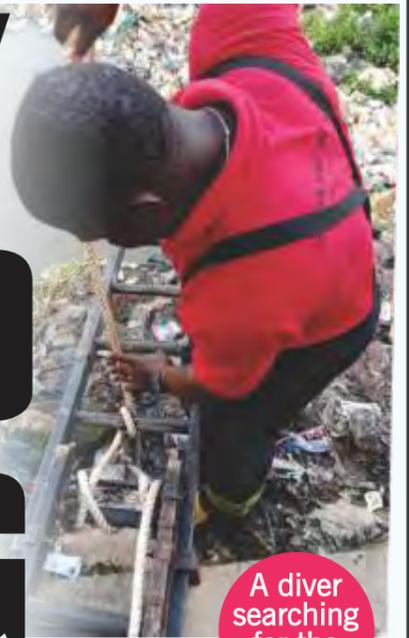
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Ejigbo community mourns boy, 8 who drowned searching for plastic bottle cover

By Bolaji Adebayo

The incident happened on Monday last week.

onyekachi Umeh, an 8-year-old boy, and his cousin, a 9-year-old had left their home at No 15, Ganiyu Street Ejigbo, to pick plastic bottle covers to play near the canal at Baptist Street behind Orilowo in Ejigbo, about eight kilometres away.

It was gathered that the little boys, sometimes four in number, had always come to the place to pick bottle covers knowing they would get enough there. But elderly some residents, who knew the dangerous terrain, had always sent them away from the canal area.

"I have always pursued the boy and his colleague from the canal any time I see them there looking for plastic bottle covers. I don't know where they come from but I always send them away from the canal. In fact, I sent them away that afternoon, not knowing that they came back there. It is a pity that he finally lost his life inside the canal," one of the residents in the area told Echonews.

Narrating the incident to our correspondent, Obe said the chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria, CAN, Rev Oyinlola alerted him.

"On that very day, it was a sunny day, I was called by the chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) who alerted me that a boy had drowned in the canal at Baptist Street, behind Orilowo. I immediately went there. I called the officers of the Lagos State Fire Services at our secretariat. In fact, I was amazed by their prompt response because they arrived at the scene in less

than 10 minutes. We wanted to be sure there was a body inside the canal.

"The CAN chairman who alerted me said he was moved by the cry of the other boy who came along with the one who got drowned in the canal. It was the one who survived that alerted the residents. I invited all the security personnel including the LNSA, the police, and the firefighters. The firefighters brought all their divers who entered the canal and started looking for the boy whether he was alive or dead, just for us to be sure that a body was inside the flood.

"The firefighters who entered the water began searching for his body about 3 pm on Monday but could not find anybody till about 9 pm. Later, a diver who was just recruited by the fire service was invited all the way from Agbara. When the guy came, he just entered the water and brought out the dead body of the boy in less than 10 minutes. That was around 11 pm to 12 am.

"We couldn't locate the parents. I told the police to take his partner to their station and investigate him. He was sharp enough to give them some phone numbers but all the numbers were not reachable. It was a passerby who claimed to have once sent them away that said they told him that they came from Ganiyu Street.

"We traced their parents to the street but we could not locate them. Though the neighbours recognised the boy and confirmed they lived in the street, we could not get the mother, she was nowhere to be found. We went there again in the



Divers and men of the Lagos State Safety Agency at the scene

night we still could not find her. It was then we learned that the father of the boy has died and that the boy was the only child. The woman had brought the second boy from her village in the Southeast to live with her. "After recovering the dead body, we took it to the mortuary at Isolo General Hospital. They initially rejected the remains, claiming that they could not take the remains of an underage, that we should take them to Yaba. But it was too late in the night, it

was around midnight. After much talk, they admitted the remains and we paid all expenses requested.

"We returned to the police station and later we got the mother who lost her husband about two years ago. She was speechless, we could not get much from her because she was just crying.

"Indeed, the water in the canal is toxic, we had to take those firefighter officers who first entered the canal to search for the body to our health centre

for treatment."

Though Obe blamed the incident on the negligence of the mother, he said the man-made canal was a danger zone.

According to him, the canal was dug by the Ojomu family to scoop filling sands from the area which later expanded to become a big canal and has since been a dangerous zone to the people, especially the little children.

Although, the council boss said the local government authority

under his leadership immediately started working in the area, putting a perimeter fence around the canal to save people. He, however, said the project is beyond the capacity of the local government, calling for the state government's intervention.

"We have started our effort to make the place safe, the state government needs to come in quickly to cordon off the area and clear the area. The area is not good for people to live," he said.

Stories By Kunle Awosiyani

Lagos Attorney General, Onigbanjo Extols Retired Justice Oguntoyinbo

The Lagos State Attorney General Mr. Moyosore Onigbanjo (SAN) has extolled the virtues of retired justice Oguntoyinbo for her impartiality, fairness, and fearless approach to the dispensation of justice.

He spoke at the at the valedictory court session held in Lagos, for Justice Oluremi Omowumi Oguntoyinbo of the Federal High Court, who retired from service, adding that the justice demonstrated a deep commitment to upholding the rule of law, protecting the rights of the vulnerable, and ensuring that justice is done in every case before her..

Citing a landmark case

decided by Justice Oguntoyinbo in suit m a r k e d FHC/L/CS/1497/2017, wherein the Social Economic Rights and Accountability Project, filed an application for an order of mandamus, to direct the Attorney General of the Federation Abubakar Malami (SAN) to recover on behalf of the federal government the pension collected by former governors who are collecting salaries in other public services.

Justice Oguntoyinbo was quoted in the judgment to have ordered the federal government to recover the pension collected by the former governors and also directed the AGF, to challenge the legality of state

pensions laws permitting former governors and other ex-public officials to collect such pensions.

Onigbanjo said Justice Oguntoyinbo in the judgment, rejected the argument of the AGF, that he cannot challenge the states pension laws for former governors, stating that the AGF should be interested in the legality or validity of any law in Nigeria and how such laws affect or will affect Nigerians being the Chief Law Officer of the Federation.

He said," In addition to her judicial duties, Justice Oguntoyinbo has also contributed significantly to the development of alternative dispute resolution in Nigeria."



Retired justice Oguntoyinbo

Ministry of Justice Stages Moot Court To Strengthen The Capability of Lagos Counsels

In a bid to achieve the objective of cross-fertilisation of ideas amongst counsel, the Lagos State Ministry of Justice has recently organised a moot court competition for the state counsel at the Treasury Resource Centre, Debt Management Office, Alausa, Ikeja.

The one-day mock court proceedings had state counsel of the Ministry of Justice, prosecuting and defending cases towards honing their budding advocacy skills. The proceedings were presided over by a Judge.

Through serious civil-related cases scenario created by the organisers, the moot court session provided an opportunity to promote and encourage enhanced dialogue and practical understanding amongst the various components of the justice system process.

In his address, the Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Mr. Moyosore Onigbanjo, SAN, noted that a moot court session is very informative because it gives first-hand experience of court sessions to the participants by

drawing expertise of colleagues from different fields and by strengthening the relationship between state counsel and the court.

"Mooting is an excellent skill that is capable of assisting law officers to think and analyse in the style of an advocate, looking for loose threads, analysing legal logic and presenting conclusions accurately and effectively", he said.

"It gladdens my heart that I'll be witnessing the next Fawehinmi's today and I wish all participants the best today as we proceed",

he enthused.

The Commissioner advised participants that knowledge of the law is the foundation of confidence, saying "You must know the law".

He noted that while presenting cases in court, it is of utmost importance that a counsel presents his or her strongest point first, as this will prove to the judge that the counsel knows what he or she is doing.

Onigbanjo also urged the state counsel to be audible when speaking to arrest the attention of the judge and the court.

The Attorney-General later congratulated

the winners and other participants of the competition, noting that advocacy requires preparation and unshakable confidence, as this will prove to the judge and court that the counsel knows what he or she is trying to achieve.

In her remarks, the Solicitor-General and Permanent Secretary, Ms. Titilayo Shittabey, stated that it is not uncommon to not be fully prepared before coming to the court, stressing that 90% of case preparation happens in the chambers.

"I understand that some of us have so

many cases to deal with daily, but it is imperative for us to always make time to be 70% prepared at least before appearing in court", she added.

The participants expressed the unique opportunity the moot court presented in "creating the interface involving the judge, defense counsel, prosecutors and investigators.

Equally, the session encouraged the exchange and development of constructive ideas and suggestions for addressing some of the key practical challenges relating to civil matters.

Stories By Kunle Awosiyan

Standardising Commodity Export: Lagos Govt Agrees To Work With CIECOBON

Lagos State Government has expressed its desire to partner with the Chartered Institute of Export and Commodities Brokers of Nigeria (CIECOBON) on the process of standardising the exportation of commodities in Nigeria.

Commissioner for Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives, Dr. (Mrs.) Lola Akande stated this when she received the representatives of the Institute, led by its President, Dr. Ayobami Omotosho at the Ministry recently.

Represented by the Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Adetutu Ososanya, FCA, Akande stated that, regulating export processes is a laudable initiative and the Ministry is willing to work with CIECOBON to discuss strategies on how to simplify and standardise the exportation of commodities in Nigeria for the benefit of

entrepreneurs, the State and the Country.

Her words: "I see that the project will allow for the promotion of commodities of our MSMEs and it will encourage them to step up production when they see patronage. The Ministry is committed to promoting exports and ensuring that the process is simple and regulated. We are also working closely with relevant stakeholders to create an enabling environment for exporters to thrive in Nigeria".

She reiterated that entrepreneurs can increase their production and profit while the nation can record high foreign exchange earnings when the exportation of commodities is standardised in line with the expectations of the destination countries, saying Nigeria is losing so much revenue to neighbouring countries due to her inability to

regulate and ensure that the nation's products meet export standard.

"The Ministry will make recommendations to the Government. We will set the ball rolling and we will put out a bill of proposal to Mr. Governor", she said.

President of the Chartered Institute of Export and Commodities Brokers of Nigeria (CIECOBON) Dr. Ayobami Omotosho emphasised the need for a robust regulatory framework that will streamline and enable exporters to easily navigate the export process and promote the commodities of the MSMEs, just as he highlighted the importance of building the capacity of exporters and providing them with access to finance and markets.

While expressing gratitude for the platform provided to them to make the proposal, Omotosho and his team presented a couple of items that

were locally made in Nigeria to buttress their proposal.

A member of the Team, Mr. Adewale Fosudo stressed the need for collaboration among stakeholders and the importance of promoting value addition in the export of commodities. "The Ministry can form a Committee to hold a technical meeting on how to do things in the Private Sector way and this Committee can then make a proposal to the State Government", he said.

At the end of the meeting, the participants agreed on the need for a coordinated approach to promote the export of Made-in-Nigeria Commodities. They also agreed to work together to address the challenges facing exporters in Nigeria and ensure that the export processes are simplified and regulated for the benefit of all.

Lagos Govt Commends ABX World on Efforts To Tackle Nigeria Agro-Export Challenges

Lagos State Government has commended ABX World Services for developing QR-Code Traceability Card to overcome challenges confronting the export of agro-allied products from Nigeria.

Commissioner for Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives, Dr. (Mrs.) Lola Akande gave the commendation when she hosted the Management of the agro-allied services company at the Ministry recently.

Represented by the Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Adetutu Ososanya, FCA, the Commissioner welcomed the proposed QR-Code Traceability Card for agro-allied entrepreneurs to eliminate the rejection of their products being exported, saying the Ministry is committed to working with the organisation to increase local export.

Her words: "Our Micro Small & Medium Entrepreneurs (MSMEs), particularly those in the agro-allied value chain, are facing challenges arising from the inability to trace the origin of their products leading to lack of access to foreign markets and loss of revenue. With the introduction of the QR-Code, such challenges will be addressed.

"We are in support of this in line with the standardisation of the exportation of commodities in Nigeria. We are embracing the idea, we will invite stakeholders to come on board and be part of it. We will also ensure that we prepare an up-to-date policy document for Mr. Governor's consideration", she started.

Akande assured that the

Ministry will continue to support initiatives that will enhance the agro-export market in Nigeria and encourage other stakeholders to come on board with their ideas and suggestions, as the Ministry is committed to partnering with them to ensure that the nation takes its rightful place in the competitive global trade.

"The administration of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu recognises the importance of the agro-export market to Nigeria's economy and will continue to work with all stakeholders to ensure that it operates at the highest standard. The partnership with ABX World Agro-Allied Services is a step in the right direction and the Ministry is committed to supporting this initiative and others like it", the Commissioner noted.

The Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of ABX World Agro-Allied Services, Captain John Okakpu explained that the programme will run under the All Farmers' Code of Nigeria and it will provide opportunities for marketers to get grants from the Federal Government to support their entrepreneurs to market their products globally.

"We seek partnership with Lagos State Government, we also advocate for a better policy that will make farmers and marketers have easy access to finance and gain acceptance in the world markets", he said.

According to him, the programme would not only help to enhance the agro-export market but also generate revenue for the Lagos State Government.



Permanent Secretary, Lagos Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives, Mrs. Adetutu Ososanya (middle) flanked by other dignitaries

Story By Kunle Awosiyen

Heaps of Wastes: Lagos Seeks Huge Wealth From Dumpsites

With over \$7 billion being lost to circular economy annually, the Lagos State Government is set to turn its wastes to wealth and it is not leaving any stone unturned to realise this.

A new visitor to Lagos sees Olusosun dumpsite as heaps of wastes but Lagos government sees it as heaps of wastes, which in the nearest future should add to the state's Internally Generated Income, that stands at N50 billion monthly at present.

Successive administrations in the state had failed to convert wastes to wealth due to so many reasons, including lack of local and foreign investors with modern technology in circular economy.

However, the present administration of Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu is poised in making good money from wastes as he prepares to begin his second term on May 29.

A few days ago, the Lagos State Government held a stakeholders workshop to review the preliminary report on gaps and needs assessment for Suggestions and recommendations towards moving the waste management process to circularity.

Speaking during the Stakeholders meeting held at the LCCL building, Alausa, the Permanent Secretary, Office of Environmental Services, Omobolaji Tajudeen said the meeting was aimed at facilitating the implementation of prioritized high impact actions towards achieving the goals of the Lagos Climate Action Plan.

He stressed that it had been proved that Lagos generates over 13,000 Tonnes per day of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) which amounts to over 4.5 TPA (Tonnes Per Day) with a high greenhouse gas emission rate.

He added that the amount of waste generated has



A dumpsite in Lagos

demand a concerted effort on the part of the State government and the citizens to effectively manage waste as well as convert and recycle these waste to other useful resources.

Gaji said the report of the gaps and needs assessment undertaken by an environmental consultant will be laid bare at the workshop for discussion and suggestions in order to improve the waste management system in the State.

"It is my expectation that this assessment will assist the State Government to successfully achieve a diversion of organic waste from landfill, create jobs from recyclables and also reduce the Greenhouse gas emission from the current 25% to lower percentage ratio, He said.

While thanking partners from C40 Cities for facilitation of Technical assistance through the Climate Action Implementation (CAI) Africa Programme, Gaji said the initiative would come handy in developing the states capacity to effectively implement the Lagos Climate Action Plan.

He urged all participants to actively share their insights and experiences adding that it was only through collaborative effort that

innovative solutions to address the gaps in our waste management system can be achieved.

Recall that a study by World Bank shows that Lagos State loses \$7 billion annually for not recycling its waste, especially the plastic wastes generated cross the metropolis.

Our correspondent observed that individuals now visit dumpsites across the states to pick plastic bottles, pack it and transport out of Lagos. At Kara on Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, our correspondent observed loads of plastic bottles picked by people, mostly northerners to be transported out of Lagos. Some of them who spoke to our correspondent said that they bought it from dustmen who scavenge the dumpsites to pick the bottles.

It was gathered that many of these plastic bottles were sold to some recycle factories outside Lagos. The plastic bottles are recycled to nylons by most factories.

Reacting to the plans of Lagos to go fully into circular economy and also regulate the movement of plastic wastes in the state, the General Manager, Lagos State Environmental Protection Agency (LASEPA), Dr. Dolapo Fasawe said that the agency

recently had a one-day workshop on circular economy organised in collaboration with United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO, the Federal government and other organised private sectors.

According to her, circular economy is the type of economy in which wastes are recycled and turned to wealth.

She said that Nigeria by 2025 will be the largest producer of plastic waste, therefore, there is an urgent need to step up the activities in recycling and practicing a circular economy. "Once the plastic is used, it should not just be deposited anywhere. It can be reused, recycled, rethought and reduced to something else because plastic is not degradable".

She said "And when we say economic and plastic, it means that there's a lot of money that can be made out of plastic waste. A study done by the World Bank a few years ago shows that the cost of not practicing a circular economy in plastic waste is about 7 billion dollars just for Lagos State. We are losing 7 billion dollars annually; and the essence of this workshop is to invite investors to join us in this advocacy for recycling, reusing and creating industries, job

opportunities and more importantly a cleaner environment. You will not see these plastics on the road again if we put this approach of the circular economy on plastic waste". In the light of this, Fasawe announced that the state would be partnering with the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) to advocate and deepen the value chain in the circular economy.

She stated that the workshop was designed to broaden the knowledge of the participants and stakeholders about the economic benefits of adopting friendly lifestyles as well as a holistic approach towards achieving the goals of a circular economy.

The UNIDO National Programme Coordinator, Mr. Oluoyomi Banjo, disclosed that UNIDO was pleased to work and achieve a circular economy in Lagos, adding that this would set the stage for other states in Nigeria as well as other regions in Africa.

He declared that to achieve the aim of the project, Lagos state would be developing its action plan on the circular economy of plastics in Nigeria and also embark on some activities with UNIDO and other relevant stakeholders.

"We will bring everybody together to sensitise them on what circular economy is about; the benefits of a circular economy for the environment, socially and economically. The private sector would be encouraged to be more productive and efficient to make more profit. We will also look at the informal sector to see how we can incorporate them in achieving this, knowing that we cannot achieve this without the informal sector", Banjo said.

Also speaking at the event, the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of LAWMA, Mr. Ibrahim Odumboni, reaffirmed the commitment of the government to promoting the reuse and recycling of plastics in the State.

Odumboni said that LAWMA was partnering with Polysmart, one of the largest plastic recyclers in Africa on converting many tonnes of plastic waste in the state to reusable products.

According to him, the authority is enforcing its adopt-a-bin policy to inculcate the value of waste separation at the source.

He also hinted that LASEPA, LAWMA and some other agencies of government had banned the use of single-use plastics in their offices to lead by example.



Demolition of illegal structures within Banana Island Estate

Building Collapse: Lagos, Professionals Wage Fresh War Against Criminal Developers

Stories By Kunle Awosiyan

Records have shown that approximately only 15 per cent of the building constructions going on in Lagos have government approval and that only five of the 15 per cent conform with the approved plans.

The immediate past Chairman of the Nigerian Institute of Town Planners, Lagos Branch TP Ayo Adejumo revealed this, adding that this has contributed greatly to the incessant collapse of buildings in the state. Corroborating Adejumo, the Public Relations Officer of the Lagos State Chapter of the Nigeria Institute of Builders Godfrey Chukwurah said that 80 per cent of Lagos building projects lack approval.

This may sound unbelievable, it is true and it is due to the

compromise of some government officials and the flagrant breaking of the law by developers themselves, according to investigation by EchoNews.

Our correspondent who was at the two sites where building recently collapsed observed that many developers break government's order to continue with their building projects because they have the backing of some government officials.

At Apapa where a three-storey building collapsed, it was discovered that the developers actually breached government regulation. The developer, according to Mr. Mukaila Sanusi, Deputy Director, Public Affairs, Lagos State Building Control Agency, LASBCA was served a seal up orders but the order was ignored.

Sanusi said that the

developer continued with the project behind the scene. He said, "The collapse incident, which was flagged on the Physical Planning incident management platform on Sunday evening, triggered immediate preliminary enquiries that showed that officers of the States Building Control Agency had issued a number of contravention notices, stop work and seal up orders which the developer ignored and carried on construction without any recourse, whatsoever, to the authorities.

Also, the Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, Dr. Femi Oke-Osanyintolu said that the property had earlier been served the CN, STW & Seal Up Notices accordingly but the developer ignored the order.

According to him the

ongoing construction only had Provisional Development Permit of a Two (2) floor structure but went ahead to build three-storey structure.

LASEMA also observed that the developer failed to stage its authorization and building permit by LASBCA.

However, the former NITP Chairman, TP Adejumo would not totally agree with the government that it did not know that the developer had ignored the seal order.

He said that his institute had noticed that some unscrupulous developers break government laws arbitrarily, adding that this cannot be possible without some civil servants compromising the laws.

Adejumo lamented that many members of NITP had been attacked by developers at various sites across the state for

standing against erection of illegal structures and that the reports had since been sent to the governor's office.

"We engage government agencies in charge of Physical planning and development control and submission of papers on how to reduce the menace. We also educate and sensitize our members that are working for government to always obey all rules to the letter and do a lot of public enlightenment programmes such as town hall meetings, visits to markets, places of worship and schools to always alert government of any distressed building. We have a Yoruba weekly radio program we run on Traffic Radio for about 3yrs now...on town planning and related matters," he said.

To Lagos State

Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu, no government official that is involved in the incident of building collapse will be spared over incidents of building collapse across the state, including the illegal structures at Banana Island in Ikoyi area of the State.

Governor Sanwo-Olu blamed the collapse of the recent seven-storey building on First Avenue, Banana Island on 'reckless' operations of some developers hiding under the pretense that Federal Government agencies had issued approvals to hoodwink unsuspecting property owners.

He said his administration will no longer tolerate the activities of greedy developers who reclaim land from water illegally in connivance with some government agencies.

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He had since ordered the immediate demolition and sealing of many completed and uncompleted buildings with various building infractions and those that were not granted appropriate approvals for construction by agencies of government.

The Governor's order was carried out immediately by officials of the Lagos State Building Control Agency, who immediately marked the affected buildings for demolition.

Speaking specifically on the Banana Island building collapse the governor said: "A lot of investigation is going on right now and you can see that they are still clearing the rubbles at the site. We have given the order to stop work, not only at this site but also at all of the construction sites in Banana Island.

"You have all seen the extent of what I will call an unapproved extension into the water. You can see that the original line for Banana Island is even not where we are. It is way in front there and you can see that several extensions have been granted by both the Federal Ministry of Work and Housing and the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA). These are the

two federal agencies that have been culpable for those extensions.

"They have done these extensions even without our knowledge. We have the responsibility for building approvals and from what I have been told, all of the four buildings around the collapsed building never applied for approval.

"This is total recklessness of the developers and we will make a strong point out of this place and all around Banana Island. Any officers found culpable will also be sanctioned."

Governor Sanwo-Olu stressed further that "It is heartbreaking each time we have to go through this and it shows sometimes how irresponsible those developers and some of our citizens that just want to make quick money are. And of course, our officers who are also not alive to their responsibilities.

"We have had to change staff here and there so that we can bring forward robust and very strong monitoring officers. We will continue to do what we need to do to ensure that we keep the lives of our residents safe at all times."

Governor Sanwo-Olu disclosed that an

external seven-man committee has been set up by Lagos State Government to independently ascertain the remote cause of the incident, saying that the committee will come up with a robust work plan that can be enforced going forward.

"We have set up an external seven-man committee. We are giving the people two weeks to independently ascertain what has gone wrong there. They should finish their work maybe towards the end of next week or thereafter.

"This will also further strengthen us to also come up with a robust work plan that we can enforce going forward," he said.

This particular incident, like similar others, reinforces governments repeated calls for responsible behaviour on the part of all stakeholders in the built environment.

Lagos State Government has immediately activated inquiries into the collapse to unravel the minute details and guide appropriate actions.

Meanwhile, the state Building Control Agency has started the demolition of illegal structures in Banana Island, Ikoyi.

Lagos Govt Resolves To Complete All Infrastructural Projects

By Kunle Awosiyani



Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu

The Lagos State Government has reiterated its commitment to the completion and delivery of existing and ongoing infrastructural projects and ensuring that the contractual procedures are adhered to in project execution.

The Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Sam Egube disclosed at a One-Day Monitoring and Evaluation Stakeholders' Forum with the theme: "Promoting Accountability and Seamless Prepayment Certification", organised by the Monitoring and Evaluation Department of the Ministry and held at the Protea Hotel, Ikeja. Egube explained that the Y2023 Budget is a testament to the resolve of the Babajide Sanwo-Olu's administration to significantly complete existing and ongoing infrastructural projects in the State in line with its T.H.E.M.E.S development agenda.

He stressed that a greater portion of the budget is apportioned for roads and other infrastructures for the

benefit of all residents in the State.

The Commissioner, who was represented by the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Mr. Ibrahim Bajomo, said that the successes of Governor Sanwo-Olu's administration in delivering developmental projects cannot be attributed to Ministries, Departments, Agencies (MDAs) alone, but also to contractors who are the stakeholders in actualising the aspirations of the Greater Lagos vision.

He said, "It must be emphasised that Mr. Governor's interest in substantially completing existing and ongoing infrastructure projects in the state is not just a mere saying but backed up with the allocation of a greater chunk of the Y2023 Budget on Roads and other infrastructure for the benefits of all Lagosians".

"In achieving this, however, the State government has identified new procedures in project execution and management processes as well as Pre-Payment Certification of Projects.

It is, therefore, necessary to appeal to all executing Ministries, Departments, Agencies, and contractors to adhere to the existing Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for project execution in the State", headed.

Represented by the Director, Road Construction, Engr. Tokunbo Oyenuga, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Works and Infrastructures, Engr. (Mrs.) Aramide Adeyoye, in her keynote address, spoke on the Prepayment Certification of Projects, Supplies and Consultancy processes, urging the contractors to adhere to the laid down steps to having a seamless experience.

On his part, the Director-General of the Lagos State Public Procurement Agency, Mr. Fatai Onafowote explained the rudiments of contract procurement with the State Government. He also advised existing contractors and prospective ones to meet up with the registration requirements, as well as adhere to guidelines for successful submission



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Poverty Eradication: Lagos Social Protection Policy Targets Six Groups of People

The Lagos State Government Social Protection Policy is targeting six areas to reduce poverty among the people, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Ibrahim Obajomo has said.

He said this at the inauguration of the technical working group on the policy, adding that the key areas of focus would include, Social Assistance, Social Care, Social Insurance, Labour Market Interventions, System Strengthening and Provision of complementary measures. According to him, the present administration has approved the establishment of a Social Protection Coordinating Department (SPCD) in the Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget to continuously develop the standards and systems for efficient and effective tracking of Social Interventions and Social Investments aimed at eradicating poverty in Lagos State.

He added that the State Executive Council had approved the Lagos State Social Protection Policy (LASPP) in August, 2020 which necessitated the establishment of SPCD in the Ministry in 2021 (the first of its kind in Nigeria) to give effect to the commitment of Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu's administration desire to tackle poverty headlong and in a more structured manner.

Obajomo stated that the Social Protection Policy implementation shall focus on six major areas, which are: Social Assistance, Social Care, Social Insurance, Labour Market Interventions, System Strengthening and

Provision of complementary measures. He said: "It is in this regard, that all Social-Functional MDAs have been mapped and Focal Persons nominated from these Agencies. Today, we are gathered here to witness the official inauguration of the Technical Working Working Group (TWG) on Social Protection Implementation in Lagos State".

"Having gained the confidence of your Ministry with this nomination, I charge you all to remain committed to the discharge of your duties by providing on a timely basis accurate data to SPCD, as a repository of social protection data in the State", he added.

Inaugurating the Committee, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Ibrahim Obajomo, who will also chair the implementation committee, said the inauguration is in tandem with State Government efforts to demonstrate its commitment to the principle of shared prosperity and accelerate inclusive growth across the State.

While pledging continued State Government support for the development of a viable social protection system, Obajomo appealed to Accounting Officers of all MDAs, especially the Social Functional ones, Local Government Chairmen, Corporate Organisations through Corporate Social Investments (CSIs), Development Partners and Philanthropists to cooperate with the Ministry and embrace its drive to banish poverty from Lagos State.

He reiterated that, in this way, we can together build a veritable social protection system that seeks to uplift poor and vulnerable households by providing them with a life of dignity, improve human capital development, garner inclusive growth, achieve sustainable development goals, march forward for the realisation of Lagos State Development Plan (LSDP 2052) towards making Lagos, a 21st Century Economy.

The Permanent Secretary also seized the opportunity to acknowledge the significant support received from UNICEF,



Eradicating poverty through Social Protection Scheme

UNDP, FGN/NASSCO, STANBIC IBTC, MDAs, NGOs and CSOs, urging them to renew their

efforts. He also solicited increased collaboration on the part of other stakeholders so that all

efforts are geared towards uplifting the vulnerable and the achievements of shared prosperity.

The Tutor-General/ Permanent Secretary of Education District IV, Mr. Olusegun Osinaike has awarded some of the principals who performed well in his district in the last two terms.

He gave the awards as public school pupils resume for the third term across the metropolis.

Presenting the awards, Osinaike said it was based on the performance of the

TG rewards Principals, Charges Them For Better Performance

principals in the Second Term's School Programmes, Events and Activities according to the Rating & Ranking Scoring System.

According to him, the meeting was organised to appreciate God for the District's achievement during the second term Academic Session and to chart the way forward in the new school term.

He said there is a need for everyone to ensure that a better performance is achieved during the present third Term, especially in the upcoming Examinations (BECE and WAEC), saying, "We look forward to celebrating our Students' excellent performances in the examinations".

Mr. Osinaike also charged the School Principals to strive harder in preparing their Students, as the Exams are fast approaching. He enjoined them to put in extra effort through the revision of past questions with the students. This will help them get familiar with questions that they will come across in the exams.



Tutor-General/ Permanent Secretary of Education District IV, Mr. Olusegun Osinaike (middle) flanked by the award recipients

Stories By Kunle Awosiyan

Lagos Govt says street beggar ban still in force

In spite of the Lagos law banning street beggars and a recent two-month imprisonment of a street beggar by Yaba Magistrate Court V, there are still high numbers of street beggars on the streets of Lagos.

At Sabo Yaba, our correspondent observed a large number of street beggars who were indiscriminately involved in this act. The beggars, mostly northerners did their trade without fear. Also around Tafawa Balewa Square, TBS, Onikan, the street beggars were seen doing the trade. However, the Lagos State Government has again restated that the ban on street begging, particularly the use of

babies and children for alms on the streets of Lagos, is still in place.

The Commissioner for Youth and Social Development, Olusegun Dawodu reiterated the position of the State Government on the ban as he reacted to the report of the woman arrested at Herbert Macaulay area of Ebute-Metta for indulging in the habit of using different babies

for alms taking. Speaking further, the Commissioner revealed that the case was brought before Yaba Magistrate Court V, where she was sentenced to two months imprisonment without an option of fine, adding that the children are to be taken



Street Beggars in Lagos

to the juvenile Welfare Centre for placement through the Ministry of Youth and Social Development for two months.

Dawodu lamented the increasing rate of using babies and children to

beg for alms in different parts of the State, saying that the act is not befitting the status of the State and will not be condoned.

He said; "This act is not only an indication of child abuse but it is a

clear violation of fundamental rights of our children as enshrined in Lagos State Child Rights Law 2015 which the State Government will continue to implement to the letter".

"The ban against begging of alms is still very much in force, as anyone caught contravening the Law would be dealt with accordingly", the Commissioner started.

The Lagos State Health Facility Monitoring and Accreditation Agency, HEFAMAA has shut 10 substandard health facilities out 932 that it had covered in three months.

This was possible under its franchise arrangement, which according to the Chairman of the agency, Dr. Yemisi Solanke-Koya has helped the agency greatly.

Solanke-Koya disclosed this when the agency met the franchise companies engaged to monitor both public and private health facilities in the state.

Represented by a board member of HEFAMAA, Mr Olurorotimi Awojide, the chairman said that the aim of the meeting the meeting was to review the

Lagos Shuts 10 Health Facilities As HEFAMAA Inspects 932 In Three Months



A Stethoscope

activities of the franchise companies and also provide needed support for them to meet the expectations of

the State Government. According to him, the review of the pilot phase of the franchise initiative was to identify

the challenges faced by the franchise companies while monitoring the facilities, get feedback from them

and bridge identified gaps.

In her welcome address at the meeting, which was held at the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ikeja, the Executive Secretary of the Agency, Dr Abiola Idowu disclosed that the recruitment of the franchisees has greatly improved the efficiency of the Agency's monitoring activities. It has recorded within three months the monitoring of 932 health facilities across the State, saying the engagement of the franchisees, the Agency was only able to visit a little over 1,000 facilities yearly.

She further explained that the meeting also aimed at assessing the performances of the Franchisees with the aim of addressing the challenges that may require support from the Agency or the State Government as whole.

The Executive Secretary used the opportunity of meeting the franchisees to plead with owners of health facilities in the State to cooperate with the franchise companies engaged to monitor both public and private health facilities in Lagos State for a smooth exercise and in order to improve the quality of healthcare services to Lagosians.

Stories By Kunle Awosiyun

LASU Directorate of Skills Development And Entrepreneurship Holds 6th Exhibition

In a bid to showcase the skills, talents and finished products of students, the Directorate of Skills Development and Entrepreneurship of the Lagos State University has organized the 6th edition of its annual exhibition which is a mandatory exercise for students of 300 level to partake in as it forms part of their final score/grade for ENT 302 course. The two-day event at the open space of the Buba Marwa Auditorium, Main Campus, Ojo, Lagos had members of the University Management, staff and students exhibiting various skills of entrepreneurship. Speaking at the opening ceremony of the exhibition, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello, mni ably represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Prof. Olufunsho Omobitan, asserted that attention has now been shifted in the direction of entrepreneurship and acquisition of training in areas that directly meet human needs. The Vice Chancellor said "...this initiative by the Lagos State University was borne out of its genuine understanding of today's labor market situation which has become excessively saturated with unemployed graduates. We therefore intend to open your minds and focus your attention to sellable skills as well as sharpen your entrepreneurial potentials to enable you take advantage of opportunities for your economic emancipation.", she said The Professor of Physiology made it known that the University has made adequate provisions for vocational training which includes the completion of two new workshop buildings that have been handed over to the Directorate to provide additional spaces for practical classes. The Acting Director, Directorate of Skills Development and Entrepreneurship, Dr. Habeeb Sanni, in his address stated that Universities can no longer afford to churn out job seekers but to train and prepare human capital who will fit into the dynamics of the changing world. He added that the directorate desires to use the exhibition to link students to funding opportunities. The skills showcased include; soaps, hair cream, hand wash, bread and pastries, cakes, liquid and organic soap, skin and hair products, leather works, solar energy, printing works, make up, beads, yogurt, amongst others.



Staff and students gathered at the exhibition centre

Lagos Safety Commission Visits LASU, Donates Safety Kits

A team of the Lagos State Safety Commission (LSSC) led by the Director of Public Safety and Well-being, Mr. Ajose Olatunde has donated Safety Kits to Lagos State University. This is in a bid to ensure that adequate and proactive measures are put in place for the safety of staff at the Senate Building against fire incident. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello, mni ably represented by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Prof. Olufunsho Omobitan, received the team at the Conference Room of the Vice Chancellor

on the 6th floor, Babatunde Raji Fashola Senate Building, Main Campus, Ojo, Lagos. Speaking, the team lead, Mr. Ajose, stated that the aim of the visit was to donate safety kits to the university following an audit report carried out by the commission on the safety of the Babatunde Raji Fashola Senate Building, some months ago. According to Mr. Ajose, Safety kits donated by the Commission include: a Fire Extinguisher, Smoke Detectors, Directional Signage and Textbooks on Safety. The Representative of the Vice Chancellor, in his



Director, Public Safety and Well-being, Mr. Ajose Olatunde presenting the safety kits to representative of the VC

response, for the institution appreciated the Commission and the whenever the team for stretching a opportunity arises. The Director, Works and Physical Planning Division, Engr. S. O Kazeem, also added his voice by assuring that the University was already working on the procurement of more safety equipment for its facilities.

LASEPA Engages Ibeshe Residents on how to protect environment

By Edith Igbokwe



Sensitization programme in Amuwo

Lagos State Environmental Protection Agency (LASEPA) has sensitised the residents of Ibeshe community in Oriade Local Council Development Area (LCDA) against burning trees, trash, and or plastics to safeguard the environment. The Agency gave the warning as it extended its campaign on clean air and a sustainable environment in advocacy for a better environment for the community. Permanent Secretary,

Office of Environmental Services, Ministry of Environment and Water Resources, Mr. Omobolaji Gaji encouraged residents to make sure they protect their environment. He stated that the government enjoined people to be environmentally sensitive and to avoid air pollution due to its effect on humans and the environment. He revealed that other pertinent government agencies such as the

Lagos Waste Management Authority (LAWMA), Lagos State Coconut Development Authority (LASCODA), Lagos State Parks and Gardens Agency (LASPARK), Lagos State Health Management Authority (LASHMA), Lagos State Waterways Authority (LASWA), and Lagos Ferry (LAGFERRY) Services, are working together on the campaign against air pollution. Given its location between the lagoon and the sea, the Permanent Secretary insisted that the Island of Ibeshe, which lies halfway between Amuwo-Odofin and Badagry, requires more than a passing glance. He advised the residents to stop improper disposal of waste, noting that such action poses severe risks to both the environment and human health. He pledged that the state government will keep

spreading knowledge about a safe, welcoming environment while urging them to adopt responsible environmental attitudes. To raise awareness among the residents about the proper disposal of non-biodegradable plastic waste, Gaji disclosed that LASHMA and LASEPA are collaborating to provide them with health insurance in exchange for bags of plastic waste. According to him, "30 bags of used plastic bottles can qualify a family of four a one-year free medical care under the State Health Insurance Scheme." The CDChairman of Ibeshe Community, Mr. Francis Gbemu, affirmed that the community members have felt the presence of government

within the community through the initiative. "The community members are now better informed and enlightened about proper management of their wastes for recycling purpose, especially for the free healthcare access for vulnerable members of the society." During the advocacy effort, waste was also exchanged for money and for eco-friendly goods like cooking gas, reusable mugs, and food, among other things. The General Manager of LASEPA, Dr. Dolapo Fasawe, claimed that the agency had used a variety of tactics, including theatre, poetry, board games, and songs, to engage citizens in the message of clean air. She explained that the decision to hold the clean

air advocacy in a coastal region was deliberate, given the increasing sea level, which demands urgent attention and concern from everyone worldwide. Fasawe stated that the State Government recognized the critical need to address global warming and climate change through constant advocacy and recycling of non-degradable materials to stop the trend of rising sea levels. "LASEPA has also introduced incentives that involve the exchange of waste for environmentally friendly materials and cash as a way of protecting the ecosystem and by extension, protecting human lives. "This is in addition to the different information and communication tools that the State Government is using to engage Lagosians

Council begins road projects

By Edith Igbokwe

The chairman of Amuwo-Odofin Local Government, Engr. Valentine Buraimoh has stated that the ongoing road project at Alakija axis of Amuwo-Odofin will connect four Estates to the FESTAC highway.

According to him, the project, when completed, will ease vehicular movement in the estates to access the highway.

He hinted that the road construction will be done with concrete culverts to be built in each community, urging the residents and other road users to cooperate with the engineers while the work is going on.

The project is scheduled to be completed in 10 weeks.

Meanwhile, commuters have expressed joy over the reopening of one of the major roads which had been blocked for more than nine months.



Ongoing road construction in Alakija

In August last year, a major part of Second Avenue Road in FESTAC town, which houses both the divisional and area police commands, was cordoned off by the Police authority. Residents had since lamented for a long time about the reopening of the road which had caused hardship, forcing them to ply one-way on a road that was already badly damaged. A resident of 3rd Avenue Road, Joy

Sherrif said she at least can heave a sigh of relief when passing that axis even though the other lane has not been rehabilitated. Mustapha, a trader who usually commutes through FESTAC said it was always a nightmare for him to ply the one-way that was left available for commuters and residents. The commuters can now pass the formerly cordoned road while waiting for the rehabilitation of Second Avenue Road.

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Akinsanya pledges grants to CDAs

By Edith Igbokwe

The chairman of Igando-Ikotun Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Lasisi Akinsanya has pledged to give a special grant and welfare package to the Community Development Associations (CDAs) and also hand over an official bus to the Community Development Committee (CDC) before the end of his first term in office. Akinsanya made the promise at the monthly CDC meeting held at the Council Secretariat hall. In a statement released by the public affairs unit of the Council, the Chairman explained that the grant (the actual amount not revealed) is to be used by the CDA leaders to execute palliative projects within their communities. Speaking on his tenure achievements, he promised to ensure that all the nine communities that made up the council area benefited immensely from his government before his first term in



Hon. Lasisi Akinsanya

office comes to an end. He appealed to CDAs to make good use of the grant the government is about to give to them. The Vice-Chairman, Hon. Mrs. Mojisola Badmus appealed to the CDAs to support and partner with the LGA in revenue generation, noting that street captains will be

appointed to assist the LGA staff to generate revenue for the council. The CDC Chairman, Elder Ademola Oshibeluwo, appreciated the Executive Chairman for his quick response to issues that have to do with CDAs in the council area, adding that the community leaders will always rise whenever the Council chairman calls for any support.

Youths Donate Cash To Gas Explosion Victims

The youths of Lagos Mainland under the platform of Mainland Youth Initiative have donated cash to the victims of the gas explosion which occurred on April 4, 2023, at Ibadan Street, Ebute Meta around 2:45 pm.

According to an eyewitness, the incident occurred around three metallic containers erected beside one another with one occupied by a shoemaker while two others were occupied by vendors of cooking gas.

A report from another eyewitness said one of the sales boys had earlier complained to his manager a few days before the incident that a particular cylinder was faulty, the said cylinder was said to have been placed under the sun in front of the shop which exploded as a result of sun heat.

About 10 residents of the community were affected by the ugly accident, leaving two persons who died as a result of a serious fire

burn while three others were in critical condition at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital and Gbagada General Hospital respectively.

It was gathered that two of the victims had since recovered but still receiving treatment at home while one of the victims had remained at home because his parents could not afford the medical bills.

There were concerns as many of the victims could not afford medical bills, making them vulnerable to call for help from members of the public.

However, the situation became worrisome to

the youths who quickly called for donations from members of the public where some amount was raised with the support of public institutions.

Mainland Youth Initiative through its convener, Rilwan Tinubu has appealed to the State government through LASEMA in collaboration with all Local Governments and Local Council Council Development Areas (LCDAs) to take more proactive measures in curtailing the excesses of gas vendors and also bring about public awareness on existing legislative policies on disaster management if they exist.

LAGESC debunks sexual harassment claim

By Saheed Afolabi



Lagos Environmental Sanitation Corps (LAGESC) vehicles

The Lagos Environmental Sanitation Corps (LAGESC) has debunked the allegation of sexual harassment made by a female street trader at the Oyingbo market against its officers.

LAGESC in a statement by Corps Marshal, Gbemi Akinpelu (Retd), refuted the contents of the video which went viral on Facebook. Akinpelu said the clearance operation was duly authorised to dislodge traders who have completely taken over the walkway opposite the market after repeated warnings.

The Corps Marshal said the female trader was only trying to whip up sentiments to stop the officials from carrying out their duties with the false allegations.

According to her, an investigation into the claim had revealed that the said woman was notorious for constituting a nuisance

on the main road with the open display of her wares which extended to the walkway.

“The recalcitrant street trader and several others flouted the Lagos Environmental Management Protection Law by erecting a wooden kiosk with the intent to display raw foodstuffs for sale on the walkway at Oyingbo, thereby impeding vehicular and human movement in the area.

“As the premier environmental enforcement Agency set up by the Lagos State Government under the Ministry of Environment to rid the State of environmental nuisances in response to complaints from motorists and pedestrians, we are committed to enforcing the State’s law by dislodging illegal street traders.”

The meeting had in attendance relevant stakeholders including the vice chairman of

Lagos Mainland Local Government, Hon. Jibril Emilagba, and Iyaloja of Oyingbo Market in which a resolution was reached that all make-shift shops used for trading on the median, drainages, and setbacks be evacuated. Akinpelu explained that the said woman has, on several occasions, harassed corps officers on lawful duties to attract sympathy and incite mob action against them.

“However, our officers who are trained in line with global best practices, reported the encounter to the headquarters for further instructions.

“The authorities of Lagos Mainland Local Government and the Iyaloja are on the same page with KAI on this issue and have promised not to allow any street trader to return to the cleared points both in front of the Oyingbo market and along the road to enable free flow of traffic.”

31 Years Old Man Remanded In Prison Over Alleged Murder

By Saheed Afolabi



A 31-year-old man named Monsuru Babatunde has been remanded in the Ikoyi Correctional Centre by a Yaba Magistrate Court on Thursday for allegedly murdering one Azeez Mobolaji. Babatunde was charged with conspiracy and murder. His accomplices, who

are still at large, were said to have taken Mobolaji to an uncompleted building on August 7, 2022, around 10.20 pm and beat him, leaving him unconscious. Mobolaji was said to have died shortly after the beating.

The police prosecutor, Thomas Nurudeen,

stated that the offences committed contravene and are punishable under Section 233 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

The presiding magistrate, Nwaka, ordered that the defendant be remanded in Ikoyi Correctional Centre pending DPP advice and adjourned the case till May 25, 2023, for mention.

Ifako-Ijaiye chairman, Hamzat to deliver 11th road project soon

By Edith Igbokwe

The chairman of Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government, Prince Usman Hamzat has said that his administration would deliver his 11th road project, James Street in the Iju-Ishaga area anytime soon. According to him, the drainage construction is at 50 percent completion (remaining a side of the road), while simultaneously

casting walkway slabs for pedestrians to access the road. "Also, readjustments have been effected by realigning the electricity poles along the road corridors, all the old wooden electricity poles have been replaced with solid brick poles to ensure longevity. "On completion of the ongoing drainage phase of the construction work, the next will be to

commence proper construction of the road for better vehicular activities. "James Street, when completed, will ease traffic on Iju Road, diversion of vehicular activities will spring from Iju Road to Old Akute Road en route Mustapha Street to Iju-Ishaga roundabout linking up to Ajuwon Road, Agbado-OkeAro Road, and others," he said.



James Street under construction

Reps member-elect, Olabinjo launches cooperatives society for constituents

By Edith Igbokwe

A House of Representatives member-elect in Ifako-Ijaiye constituency, Hon. Benjamin Olabinjo (BAO) has launched a cooperative society, the ABIYE Cooperatives Society, Ifako-Ijaiye branch in fulfillment of his campaign promise to create wealth among the constituents.

The coordinator of the Cooperative Society Hon. Samuel Abati explained what the Society is all about and what investors stand to gain as members.

Represented by Prince Lekan Arogundade, Olabinjo spoke on the birth of the cooperative society and why people need to embrace it wholeheartedly.

He said he would not relax until the constituent members are well-empowered.

"My mission is to make sure that I teach all members of my constituency how to fish for themselves and I will go all out to ensure you all are self-reliant."

He urged everyone present to register their names, saying further information would be relayed to them



Inauguration of cooperatives Society in ifako-ijaiye accordingly.

Hon. Samuel Abati and Mr. Tunde Omidiji will guide the executives of the newly launched society for a few periods.

The executives of the society include President, Alhaja Bello Toibat; Vice President, Alhaja Waheed

Mulikat; Secretary, Mrs. Adeola Ogunbode; Financial Secretary, Mrs. Abimbola L.O; Treasurer, Mrs. Sarat Ramon.

Other ex-officials are Mrs. Lamina Kehinde, Mrs. Hikmat Adetunji, Mrs. Lamina Rukayat, and Mrs. Ibrahim Alimat.

Volunteer group devises traffic solution

By Edith Igbokwe

A Volunteer Team from Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government Area has deployed a pragmatic approach towards addressing the traffic congestion within Obawole Area, especially from Rogo Bus Stop en route Obawole Bridge axis.

The group coordinated preliminary traffic control measures within all the congested points to ease vehicular movements along the roads.

The team affirmed that it would keep coordinating traffic congestion on selected days within the axis until the menace disappears on the roads.

It assured that the recommendations and field observations would be forwarded to the council chairman, Prince Usman for necessary actions.

The Coordinator of the Team who doubles as the Chief of Staff to the Council Chairman, Alhaji Abolaji Mustapha noted that the initiative was an idea of a set of volunteers from Ifako-Ijaiye LGA to support the implementation of H.E.E.D.S agenda of the council chairman "towards ensuring a serene atmosphere and a greater Ifako-Ijaiye for all."

Mustapha stressed that the voluntary activities will cut across all important aspects



Scene of traffic decongestion in ifako-ijaiye

including Health, Environment, Education, and others.

He noted that other areas that require such attention in Ifako-Ijaiye will be touched soon.

Motorists and residents gave accolades to the team for a unique gesture that ultimately reduced traffic and hastened travel across the roads within the preliminary activities.

Unemployment Registration: HID Hails NDE Officials, Youths' Turnout

The chairman of Ojokoro Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Hamed Tijani (HID), has commended the officials of the National Directorate of Employment (NDE) who were responsible for the collation of unemployed youths data in Ifako-Ijaiye and Ojokoro as over 1000 applicants were registered at the council.

He also commended the youths who came out to participate in the exercise, saying their turnout will give accurate data needed by the government.

Speaking through the Secretary to the Council, Com. Kola Omisore, Tijani said: "I must commend these men for a wonderful job for the three days spent here and also appreciate our executive, management, and staff members who further assisted with other logistics. These will go a long way for us as a people as we are on our way to getting a direct benefit from the Asiawaju/Shettima's administration as a council.

"As a government, our administration will continue to ensure life is beautiful, easy, and meaningful to our people as our mantra is call to serve."

He, however, urged those who could not meet up with the 3-day special arrangement for the council to take advantage of the online portal to get themselves register too.

Bishop Akande Charges Politicians In Mushin On Residents' Welfare

By Saheed Afolabi



Hon Bamigboye addressing residents at the event

The Bishop of the Diocese of Lagos West, Methodist Church Nigeria, Rt. Rev. Ezekiel Oluyinka Akande has charged politicians in Mushin LG and constituency to

facilitate projects that will improve the standard of living of the residents in the community.

He urged them to bring down the benefits of governance to the

people and make them have a sense of belonging, appealing to the government at the federal, state, and local levels to ease the hardship of the masses.

He made the appeal

during the 17th Synod of the Methodist Church Nigeria held last week.

The religious leader noted that the residents deserve more from the government, adding that the government including all political office holders in the community should make sure the residents are well taken care of.

"Despite the troubles we have passed through between last year and now, the Lord has kept us as a church to witness this year's synod. May the Lord's name be praised forever. The purpose of the synod is to review the performance of all the churches since last year and deliberate on the

challenges facing them and also proffer possible solutions to solve them.

"We give God all the glory for the just concluded general elections. The elections have come and gone, and winners have emerged. We congratulate the President-elect, and Vice President-elect on their victory. We also congratulate the Lagos State governor and his deputy on their re-election. We pray that the good Lord will continue to uphold them and grant them success.

"The task we shall set before the incoming administration is the attainment of a secure

Nigeria, where lives and properties will be protected. Their plan should contain measurable targets for creating jobs, reducing poverty and decreasing the cost of living, improving security, and making space for a more collaborative approach.

"Lagos State governor should kindly act on public outcry to curb the excesses of operatives of the Lagos State Transport Management Authority, Vehicle Inspection Office, and the National Union of Road Transport Workers. They are inflicting unnecessary burdens and hardship on the citizenry. And this has been done in the name of the government," he said.

Council Boss Lauds Club For Free Medical Services To Residents

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Mushin LG, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye has commended the members of Eko Club Atlanta for organising free medical services in the council area.

The club visited Igbo-Owu Primary Health Centre in Mushin with a team of Nigerian Born International medical experts from the United States of America to render free medical services to the people of Mushin Local Government through a partnership initiative facilitated by the club.

While expressing appreciation to the team led by Hon. Deji Ajiboye (president), Hon. Adewale Jafojo (Vice President), Hon. Deji Thani-Olodo (Chairman of Medical Mission) and Hon. Wunmi Akinsanya (Co-Chair of Medical Mission), Bamigboye said the gesture was much needed to ascertain the health status of the residents especially those who are not privileged to access higher health facilities.



The council boss noted that "the wealth of every nation is determined by the level and quality of healthy living conditions of its citizens."

He added that only a healthy society can boast of productivity and economic growth, saying his administration is not relenting in its efforts towards improving healthy living among its workforce and the residents.

Bamigboye, therefore, enjoined members of the public to always make good use of the free medical missions

being conducted by the government and other agencies as opportunities, to know their health status and get free medical services.

He advised them that good health is very important as it determines livelihood and other basic activities of life.

The Eko Club Atlanta Medical team, which comprised 10 medical doctors, four pharmacists, six pharmaceutical-technologists, optometrists, and dentists, also came with

various equipment and kits which were used for the numerous medical services such as Prostrate Cancer Screening, Cervical Cancer Screening, Breast Cancer Screening, Hepatitis A & B screening, Eye test, as well as Tooth scaling and polishing.

After the tests and screening exercise, patients were given treatments and medications including free eyeglasses and foodstuffs for the elderly people.

No fewer than 600 patients benefitted

from the free medical mission while many other people went home with various medications, and foodstuffs like rice, spaghetti, noodles, etc.

Commenting, the president of Eko Club Atlanta, Hon. Deji Ajiboye stated that the team is a group of Lagosians who are based in Atlanta - Georgia in the US, rendering humanitarian services to their people back home in Nigeria.

He further explained that the group has been in existence since June 2000.

Part of their contributions included a donation of items for the equipment of a Maternity Ward named after the club at Randle General Hospital in Surulere, a donation of Computers to the Lagos State University for the university's computer laboratory, and a donation of a 40 feet container with books to Lagos State Government.

Beneficiaries at the programme also thanked the facilitators for bringing the programme to their neighbourhood in Mushin Local Government Area.

They prayed for the club to sustain the mission for the benefit of the less privileged who cannot afford the cost of maintaining good and healthy living.

The Free Medical Mission which started on Monday 24th April at the office of Lagos State Parks and Garages in Oko Oba, Agege, went through to Ojodu on Tuesday, Oke Arin Market on Wednesday, Ikate Methodist Church on Thursday and ended at Igbo-Owu Primary Health Centre in Mushin Local Government on Friday, April 28, 2023.

Leverage NDE registration to secure job, Jubril urges youths

By Edith Igbokwe



NDE registration scene

The chairman of Iba Local Council Development Area, Hon. Yisa Jubril (Abila) has urged unemployed youths in Iba Local Council Development Area (LCDA) to leverage the National Directorate of Employment (NDE) registration to secure jobs. He told them to be hopeful that the

registration of unemployed people by the NDE would be fruitful. The Federal Government through the National Directorate of Employment (NDE) had embarked on registration of unemployed persons in Lagos and other parts of Nigeria.

The Directorate opened registration centres in all the 774 LGAs across the country to have the date of unemployed people in each local government area. According to the NDE, the registration is expected to last for three weeks starting from Wednesday, April 19th to Wednesday,

May 4th, 2023 at the scheduled time of 8 am to 4 pm daily till the stated last day. The council boss hinted that the registration is taking place in the Vice-Chairman's office, Ojo council secretariat, urging the unemployed youths in the council area to take advantage of the remaining time.

Council Chairman Requests For Detailed Report On State Of PHC For Renovation

By Edith Igbokwe



Iba PHC inspection exercise

Intending to improve the health sector in the council area, the chairman of Iba LCDA, Hon. Yisa Jubril has ordered that the Primary Healthcare Centre (PHC) in Ijagemo be inspected and made a report available to him. Following the council boss' instruction, the Supervisor for Health, Hon. Saheed Ajanaku last week toured the PHC to ascertain the state of the government-

owned facilities for a detailed report to the chairman. Ajanaku carried out the unannounced inspection alongside Iba LCDA Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Peter Iyeikhian. During the inspection, Ajanaku assured the midwives, residents, and users of the Primary Health Center that the building will be renovated soon. He stated that equipment and other

needed materials will be provided by the government just as the PHC at the council secretariat. He reiterated that the administration has promised never to leave any stone unturned, as swift actions will be done to put everything necessary in place. He affirmed that his office will not rest until health-related issues are solved and improved upon in Iba LCDA.

Council Boss Commences Desilting Drains To Avoid Flood

By Saheed Afolabi

In preparation for the heavy rain as forecast by the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NiMet), the Chairman of Somolu Local Government, Hon. AbdulHamed Salawu has commenced desilting drains across the council area. According to reports from the Environmental Health Department of Somolu Local Government, over 20 drains have been desilted while working in others. The Supervisor for Environmental Health, Hon. Olumide Akinola, said council workers are still on duty, clearing more drains in another phase of the environmental exercise as directed by the council chairman.

Meanwhile, the council boss has warned that residents who are fond of littering drains with refuse or septic waste will be dealt with, informing that environmental officers have been deployed to the streets to inspect the drains. However, Salawu promised the residents that the government would make an effort to make sure the community is free from



Desilting of drainages in Somolu LG

the flood by building in their contract good concrete agreement with residents drainage systems. Currently, the drains are closely monitored by the Special Adviser to the council chairman on Environmental Health, Comrade Isa Kushimo, who said activities of the PSP/LAWMA are also monitored by the local government. He said the service providers who default

will be sanctioned and prosecuted. He noted that drains along Shipeolu, Abeokuta, Abimbola Lane, Abiodun, Fakorede, Eyo, Awofeso, Adebisi, Humani and Ayoade, Ibrahim Streets, Fola-Agoro Road, Apata Road, Awoseyin, Adurosakina, Olu Ajisegbede, Ajose and Fadipe Streets have already been de-silted.

Apatira Organises Free Digital Literacy Training For Female Entrepreneurs

By Rasaq Adebayo

As part of efforts to empower the women in the council area, the chairman of Itire-Ikate Local Council Development Area, Hon. (Dr.) Ahmed Apatira has reiterated the commitment of his administration to support low-income women to live better lives as he organised a two-day digital training for them.

According to him, the initiative is designed to increase the interest of women in technology and encourage the

utilisation of digital tools to create more digitally savvy women, reduce inequality in the digital space and boost income.

Apatira, who was represented by his vice, Hon. Yetunde Jimba, said the initiative will take the women through a curriculum encompassing an introduction to social media, social media strategies as well as digital marketing.

He said: "We are committed to making a meaningful impact in the lives of the women in our communities.

Improving the quality of life of women through education is a mandate we hold dear to heart and having The Coca-Cola Foundation support to us in this mandate is something we will always be grateful for."

He noted that the number of female entrepreneurs in Nigeria has increased over the years due to opportunities made available to women. The initiative also reflects a pillar of the system's African sustainability platform, JAMII, which is to economically empower women and youth entrepreneurs in Africa.



Residents commend council boss for fixing damaged borehole

By Rasaq Adebayo



Hon Hameed Apatira

The residents of Ramon Ward in Itire-Ikate have expressed appreciation to the council chairman, Hon. Ahmed Olanrewaju Apatira for fixing their damaged borehole. According to them, the borehole had been left unrepaired for some time, causing a scarcity of water in the community. "It was built about four years ago by the

chairman. The same council chairman re-fixed it and remodeled it for the use of the community.

"The borehole pumping machine was damaged one month ago. We reached out to the chairman and explained the situation to him. He listened to our plea and replaced the machine with a new one. The whole community was

happy because it is a source of water for many of us in the community "We are using this opportunity to thank Hon. Dr. Ahmed Olanrewaju Apatira for his good heart towards our community borehole. Thank you, sir we appreciate it. From all of us in Ramoni ward," a resident, Ajani Salam said.

Coker Aguda LCDA chairman promises flood victims of govt's intervention

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Coker Aguda LCDA, Hon. Rasaq Olamilekan has promised the victims of the flood-ravaged area of the Orile-Iganmu community support from the government. He made the promise during his visit to the community over reports of destructive floods in the community.

The council boss visited the site to witness the damages alongside an engineer for immediate corrective actions where necessary. The affected streets include Jubrilla, Araromi Oke-Ode, Osho, Adebowale, Wosilat, and Nurudeen Streets, which were flooded as a result of a lack of a good drainage system. Residents and business



The residents of flooded community in Coker Aguda LCDA, shares personal issues with the council chairman when he visited them.

owners on the affected streets were engaged personally by the council chairman as they complained about the negative effects of the rain on their properties.

Elderly citizens in Orile-Iganmu and Orile-Iganmu community CDA chairman prayed for the council boss to be prosperous in his endeavors due to his

speedy attention to the flood issue.

They said they believe the council chairman would give corrective actions to every issue they have encountered in this heavy downpour.

Meanwhile, the council boss has ordered engineers to visit the flood-ravaged area and others for proper and continuous evaluation of the situation and reveal the solution to the constant flooding in the axis.

Spend Less To Tame Prostrate Enlargement With Spring Onions, Palm Kernel Oil

By Edith Igbokwe

Prostrate enlargement simply means the gland has grown bigger than expected. Prostate enlargement happens to almost all men as they get older. An enlarged prostate is often called benign prostatic hyperplasia (BPH). It is not cancer, and it does not raise your risk for prostate cancer.

The remedy about to be introduced slowly shrinks the prostate so that it stops pressing on the urethra, making it easier to urinate. It can shrink the prostate by around a quarter after 3 to 4 months of treatment. It may shrink the prostate even more if taken for longer.

The two ingredients needed include Palm Kernel Oil and Spring Onions (Scallion).

This costs less than N1,000 compared to surgery where victims spend Millions of Naira. Go to any local herbs market and buy like N1,000 worth of SPRING ONION also called leaf onion or ALUBOSA ELEWE in Yoruba language.

Buy a 75cl bottles of fried Palm kernel oil (ADIN EYAN) in Yoruba, pour some of the oil on the paste, and mix thoroughly with a spoon.

Cut off the roots of spring onions and wash the leaves with clean water, Then mash the leaves to form a paste, and put it into a clean jar where you can dip a tablespoon into.

Pour some of the palm kernel oil on the paste and mix thoroughly with a spoon.

Take 2 tablespoons in the morning and at



night, Within 2 weeks the symptoms will disappear completely and permanently. No surgery, no expensive drugs
Spring onions are quite beneficial for overall health. They are loaded with essential nutrients. They taste a little milder than the regular onions.
Spring onions not only taste great but are also extremely healthy for the body.

Commonly known as scallion or green onion, this is the most preferred Chinese ingredient which is loaded with essential nutrients.
Both the green leafy part and the white bulb of the spring onion are edible. It can be cooked or eaten raw as well.
Most Chinese appetizers have spring onions as one of their key ingredients. Apart from this, it is one of the healthiest options to go for.

Here's a list of amazing benefits of spring onions that help in keeping many diseases at bay.
Green onion is an excellent source of Sulphur which is quite beneficial for overall health. It has compounds like allyl sulphide and flavonoids that prevent cancer and fight against the enzymes that produce cancer cells.
It is the most preferred Chinese ingredient which is loaded with

essential nutrients that Lower Blood Sugar Levels. Sulphur present in the spring onion plays a major role here as well. Due to the Sulphur compounds, the body's ability to produce insulin tends to increase. This helps to prevent diabetes to a great extent.
Aids Digestion: Spring onions are always preferred as appetizers. They are rich in fiber and help in better digestion. You can pair

it with other vegetables for dinner or lunch as well but do remember to add it to your daily diet routine, either cooked or raw.
Due to its antibacterial and antiviral properties, it is an excellent medicine to fight against viral to maintain Good Vision, spring onions have carotenoids which help to keep the vision healthy and intact. It is also rich in vitamin A which prevents loss of eye-sight.

Zylus Launches New Project In Ibeju-Lekki

By Nurudeen Adebayo



Zylus launches new programme

Zylus Homes and Properties, a subsidiary of Zylus Group International, has launched a commercial real estate development project to promote the expansion of a commercial city in the Ibeju Lekki area of Lagos State. According to the Group CEO, Dr. Oluwatosin Olatujoye, "Tiwa Commercial Hub boasts of a variety of commercial spaces that will house any size of business or industry. The commercial hub according to him is suitable for offices, restaurants, warehouses, cinemas, tech hubs, hotels, banks, cinemas, and also residential buildings for short let or rental purposes." The event attended

by over 1,000 Realtors, Investors, Property Developers, and Friends of the organisation witnessed the birth of a landmark for commercial development in Ibeju Lekki as the attendees also hailed the brand for being innovative, dynamic, and fulfilling every promise made to her customers. One of the high-profile attendees, Ambassador Biodun Sowemimo,

while commending Zylus Homes and Properties for being a forward-thinking real estate developer, noted that the launch of Tiwa Commercial Hub is not only timely but also the right move. He added that with its prime location and easy accessibility, the commercial hub is great for smart investors. The E.D Zylus Homes and Properties, Mr. Lateef Lawal stated that "Tiwa Commercial Hub stands out because it provides an ideal platform for businesses to showcase their services while they enjoy both the population and

economic advantage as well as being surrounded by some of Lagos finest developments like the seaport, refinery, airport and so much more." In a statement, the company noted that the launch of the commercial estate known as Tiwa Commercial Hub was coming three months after the real estate company launched Tiwa Garden City, which was a residential development with a blend of nature and technology. The Group Chief Executive Officer, Tiwa Commercial Hub, Dr. Oluwatosin Olatujoye, emphasised the availability of a diverse range of

commercial spaces within the hub that could accommodate businesses or industries of any size. He said the commercial hub was suitable for offices, restaurants, warehouses, cinemas, tech hubs, hotels, banks, cinemas, and also residential buildings for short-let or rental purposes. Mrs. Bukola Adeleke, the E.D Operations, while appreciating all attendees; the Realtors, and Business Partners for their support, stated that the company is ready to change the narrative in the commercial real estate space as the Tiwa Commercial Hub will provide a vibrant and supportive environment that will foster innovation, networking, and growth for businesses.

Ibeju-Lekki LG Seeks Partnership With Corona Sch On Sport, Education, Others

By Nurudeen Adebayo



Ibeju lekki exco's at the corona office

As part of an effort to improve the education sector in the council area, the Chairman of Ibeju-Lekki Local Government, Hon. (Engr.) Abdullahi Olowa earlier on Thursday, April 27, led a team of the Local Government officials to the

Corona Schools Trust Council, Abijo to seek partnership with the School in the upcoming maiden edition of the Ibeju-

Lekki Local Government 2023 Chairman's Cup Football Fiesta scheduled to take place in the next few weeks. In attendance were Members of the Executive Council of the Council Area as well as the Public and Government Relations Manager of Corona Schools, Mr. Abiodun Oseni. Further discussions were brought up on other areas of partnership to be explored which include Human Capital Development and Education support programme through the Adopt A School Project of the Trust Council. The council boss who was accompanied by the

cabinet members inspected the School environment as well as the state-of-the-art facilities within the premises. In an interactive session with the Head of the School, Mrs. Grace Omo-Egbekuse, Olowa appreciated the school management for putting in place a befitting learning environment for students. He sought strategic partnership between the local government and Corona Schools in the area of teachers training and scholarships for indigent pupils as well. The Head of the School, Mrs. Grace Omo-Egbekuse informed the council chairman that there

have been programmes such as "Exchange Programme" in training students and teachers on contemporary learning activities while using the "Adopt a School Project" in an attempt to assist the public schools in the LGA. She assured them that same will be replicated soon. She thanked the Council Chairman and promised to get back to him. The Supervisor for Education, Hon. Temitope Sofwan Ogungbo appreciated the management team and hoped for a better collaboration. The school's spokesperson, Oseni assured the local government of a progressive partnership between both Institutions, saying the school would work with the council on all sides.

LASUSTECH VC, Odusanya buries mum in style

By Nurudeen Adebayo

The Vice Chancellor of Lagos State University of Science and Technology (LASUSTECH), Prof. Olumuyiwa Odusanya has expressed gratitude to those who

The ceremony was held on Friday, April 21, 2023, at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 23 Church Street, Igbooye, Eredo, Epe, Lagos State.

In his appreciation note, the VC said: "On

behalf of the Odusanya family, I wish to express our profound gratitude to the entire university community, council, management, senate, staff, and students for the outpouring of love,

prayers, support, presence and numerous gifts at the burial of my mother Madam Adetola Odusanya.

"We were very honored and given so much joy by the large turnout. I pray that

God will honour us all and raise people to help at each point. I encourage us to continue to demonstrate such love and unity as we build a highly competitive, globally acclaimed world-class University together. Thank you."

FEDSA Executives Visit Oloja of Epe

By Nurudeen Adebayo



Lasustech students visit Oloja of epe

The executive members of the Federation of Epe Division Students Association (FEDSA), LASUSTECH Chapter have paid a courtesy visit to the Oloja of Epe, Oba Kamorudeen Ishola. The visit was to appreciate and recognize the achievements of the monarch over the years. The monarch urged the executives to be good representatives of the division and

shun any form of violent activity. "I appreciate the visit and I'm very happy to receive you as indigenous sons and daughters of the soil. I promise to give you my full support and pledge my allegiance to whatever activity you wish to embark on. Endeavour to represent our home in a positive light, as you are the leaders of tomorrow, always take your primary assignment seriously and make your

parents proud," he said. The FEDSA President, Comrade Adebambo Remilekun expressed her gratitude to the Oba for honouring the executives' visit while assuring him that they will heed the advice and be good ambassadors of Epe town in the institution and all other places. She sought the support of the monarch for the students especially those who are less privileged.

Council Monitors Project To Assure Quality

To assure the quality of work, the personnel at the Works and Infrastructure Department of Eti-Osa LG last week conducted a thorough routine inspection of the ongoing construction of a modern office complex and alternative office blocks.

The council chairman, Hon. Biliaminu Agunbiade said his administration is committed to rebranding the council secretariat, saying it would wear a new modern look after the completion of the project.

According to him, the council secretariat located at Igbo Efon will be full of activities when the new structures are built.

Speaking, the Supervisor for Works and Housing, Hon. Abiodun Maiyegun, said the inspection aimed to ensure the sustenance of quality assurance and quality control throughout the construction project. The Council Engineer, Engr. Ebenezer Vaughan advised the contractors to maintain a high level of quality standards in the construction

process.

He said: "This routine inspection is part of our commitment towards ensuring that we provide excellent facilities that will meet the needs of our end users.

"The Eti-Osa LGA Works and Housing Department remains committed to ensuring that all our projects are of exceptional quality, and we will stop at nothing to ensure that our buildings receive the best possible services. We thank our contractors and engineering department for their dedication and hard work towards ensuring that this project is a success."



Sanwo-Olu pledges more projects in his second term

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu has assured residents of the State that his administration will be committed to more development across the state in his second term in office which will commence on May 29, 2023.

He stated that the



Gov Babajide Sanwo-Olu

residents would experience greater things than they did during his first tenure.

He said the rising prosperity of Lagos is on course, pledging that his administration is committed to the safety, security, and prosperity of the citizens.

The governor assured the resident that there would be ease for all to live in the state as he was rejoicing with the Muslims on the occasion of their Eid-el-Fitri celebration to mark the end of 2023 Ramadan.

The event which was organised by the First Family of Lagos State, took place at Lagos

House Ikeja.

Sanwo-Olu congratulated the Muslim faithful for completing the Ramadan fasting and for using the occasion to pray fervently for Nigeria, Lagos State, President Muhammadu Buhari, and the President-Elect, Asiwaju Bola Tinubu, among others.

Customs Service Undergoes Transformation

By Nurudeen Adebayo



Nigerian Customs Service

The Nigeria Customs Service Training College, Ikeja has undergone some major transformations.

The College has added to its features an upgraded Quarter Guard, a facelift, and other renovations.

Speaking at the commissioning of the innovations made in the College, the Comptroller General of the Nigeria Customs Service, Col. Hameed Ali (rtd) represented by Acting Deputy Comptroller General of Customs, Greg Itotoh, the Commander Training and Doctrine Command, said the innovations will add value to the College.

DCG GA Itotoh added that the Quarter Guard which is the first of its kind in the Nigeria Customs Service is a great emblem of the Nigeria Customs Service, "I must sincerely tell you, I have seen many Quarter Guards, I have not seen any like this.

"The closest is the one at the Headquarters. It is my sincere hope, that other Area Controllers and Units Heads will replicate the good work here at

the Ikeja Training College."

The Acting Comptroller of the Federal Operations Unit, Zone A, Deputy Comptroller of Customs, Hussein Ejibunu who also graced the occasion said he did not doubt the person and capacity of DC Haddison Haniel, the new Commandant of the Customs Training College, Ikeja.

Ejibunu emphasised that, intellectually, the Cadets will be well impacted by seasoned resource Persons in the highly equipped classrooms.

"I was amazed to see that, in a couple of months, he has changed the narrative of the College already.

"The innovation and renovations will bring a moral rebirth and it will equally boost the morale of the Officers and Men of the College, particularly the Cadets," he added.

Buttressing his point on what informed the innovations of the Ikeja College, DC Haddison Haniel stated that the facelift and top-notch innovations

carried out in the College were based on the reformation Policy of the CGC, particularly as it relates to capacity building. He also noted that he has been sponsored by the Service to acquire knowledge in other government agencies like the Military and he is giving back to the Service.

He said: "I will always appreciate God for this privileged opportunity to add value to the system that made me.

"It is important to give back and that informed our decision to look at major areas where we can improve upon and bring in those things that will add value to the Cadets.

"The Quarter Guard as the first of its kind, will add value to the College. The gate is the first image maker of the College, hence the new facelift and side view. When you look from a distance, you can get a clue of what the content of the College looks like.

"There are other aspects of infrastructure that the CGC approved and released funds for overhauling and they have just been commissioned."

According to Hadison, after the six months course, serving officers will undergo refresher courses, as the process of activating the short refresher courses is on, particularly, as it relates to Customs Operations.

LNSA Organises Bicycle Fitness Drill For Officers

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Lagos State Neighborhood Safety Agency (LNSA) has organised a bicycle fitness drill for officers of two of its five divisions.

The LNSA General Manager, Prince (Dr.) Ifalade Oyekan, who recently led officers from two of its five Divisions in Lagos on a bicycle fitness drill, said it was part of efforts to keep the operatives fit and alert for their statutory duties.

He said: "Bicycle fitness drill is part of efforts to keep the operatives of LNSA fit and alert for their

statutory duties and it involved male and female officers from about nine Local Governments and Local Council Development Areas.

"The bicycle drill which took place around major streets of Lagos and Ikeja Division of the State involved both male and female officers of the Agency from about nine Local Governments and Local Council Development Areas.

Speaking after the first phase of the fitness drill at the Ikeja Division, Prince Oyekan said the exercise organised for operatives under the Lagos and Ikeja

Divisions, will soon be extended to officers in the Epe, Ikorodu, and Badagry divisions of the State.

According to him, the exercise is also in line with the rebranding of the Agency and its continuous process to explore new ways to achieve the sixth pillar (Security) of the T.H.E.M.E.S Agenda of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu Administration.

"This exercise is to keep our officers resilient and alert because of their role in ensuring the success of the sixth pillar of Mr. Governor's T.H.E.M.E.S Agenda for a Greater Lagos," he stated.

Woman Bags Jail Term For Drug Trafficking

By Nurudeen Adebayo

A 32-year-old woman, Oladitan Olufunmilayo, has been sentenced to 15 years imprisonment by a Federal High Court sitting at Ikeja for trafficking in banned substances.

Justice Daniel Osiagor handed down the jail term after the convict pleaded guilty to five counts of trafficking in banned drugs preferred against her by the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency. NDLEA prosecutor, Augustine Nwagu, told the court that the convict was arrested with the prohibited



drugs on November 3, 2022, at Nigerian Aviation Handling Company Plc Export Shed at the Murtala Mohammed International Airport, Ikeja, Lagos, during the examination and clearing of cargo to Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

He said the drugs that were found on the convict when she was arrested included seven grams of Cocaine; 11 grams of

Methamphetamine; 52 grams of Cannabis Sativa; 47 grams of Tramadol 225mg and 106 grams of Rohypnol.

The prosecutor said the offences committed contravened Sections 11(b) and 20(1)(a) of the NDLEA Act Cap N30 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004; and are punishable under Section 20(2)(a) of the same Act.

Earlier when the convict was arraigned, she pleaded guilty

IMF Celebrates Alhaji Olowosago @72

By Nurudeen Adebayo

The umbrella body of all media practitioners in Ikorodu Division, Ikorodu Media Forum (IMF) has felicitated the Doyen of Community Journalism in Nigeria, Alh Monzor Olowosago, Publisher of Oriwu Sun Newspaper on his 72nd birthday.

The body, in a congratulatory statement signed by its Convener, Omo'ba 'Peju Akinyemi, Founder and CEO of Ikorodu Oga Radio, described Olowosago as a pathfinder and navigator of community media in Nigeria.

The body stated that Olowosago blazed the trail with his Oriwu



Monsur Olowosago

Sun Newspaper brand of community newsreel over 40 years ago, thus charting the path for generations of up coming practitioners in the industry.

It further described

Olowosago's 72nd birthday as a unique opportunity to celebrate his vision, tenacity, and professional astuteness as a journalist.

"Ikorodu Division is particularly proud to

have you as one of her prominent sons and an accomplished journalist.

"The history of community media in Nigeria will be incomplete without recourse to your commendable role and your award-winning community media brand, Oriwu Sun Newspaper which has now become a national reference point among community newsreels in Nigeria.

"Ikorodu Media Forum joins your immediate family members, friends, and well-wishers to wish you a Happy and Prosperous 72nd Birthday," the statement read.

Alhaji Olowosago was born on April 25, 1951.

According to

Wikipedia, Olowosago attended the London College of Journalism.

While in London, he lived in North London. His stay in North London aroused his curiosity about community reporting. It was in London that he noticed that apart from the national and city newspapers, there were newspapers specifically serving communities and he decided that when he gets back home to Nigeria, he would set up a community newspaper in Ikorodu Division.

He graduated from the journalism school in London in 1977 and has never ventured into any other profession apart from Journalism.

On arrival in Nigeria, Olowosago worked at the National Concord newspaper. The Concord newspaper was founded in 1980, and he applied to work there; he was employed to work under the late Dele Giwa as a Sub-Editor.

He worked with the Concord Newspaper for five years before he decided to start his community newspaper - a Oriwu Sun Community Newspaper.

He started the production of the paper in 1985, which was on his birthday.

He started the newspaper with two full-time staff and three part-time reporters. The operation was from his father's house in Ikorodu.

Residents Commend Rep Benson For Facilitating Ajose Road Construction

By Nurudeen Adebayo

The member of the House of Representatives in Ikorodu constituency, Hon. Babajimi Benson has been commended for facilitating the reconstruction of Ajose Road in the Ibeshe area of Ikorodu.

Commending the lawmaker, a former Lagos Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Solarin Titilayo said the gesture was well appreciated, saying it would bring more development to the area.

She said the lawmaker is credible for fulfilling his promise of making the road motorable for commuters in the Igbogbo Baiyeku community.

She gave the commendation during the inspection of the project after completion by the lawmaker with his team last week.

She also appreciated the lawmaker for the installation of solar streetlights on the road for security purposes.



Hon. Babajimi Benson

"When he (Rep. Benson) pledged to intervene in the construction of Ajose road, I kept tabs on him from then. Anytime I met him at public functions, I would always give him a look of a reminder of his promise to help us fix the road, which he became very accustomed to, and on a certain occasion he replied and assured me that he would get the road fixed.

"Today, he has made true to his promise and installed Solar lights to give more value to the project," she explained with a giggle, expressing

her appreciation to Rep.

Solarin said residents can now put their minds at rest moving around town with the fulfillment of the road construction.

She continued: "Before now, many times our vehicles had been tolled out of the road due to wreckage caused by the bad roads, most especially when it rains. Potholes were too many every transporter could attest to the plights we encountered on this road.

"I just want to use this medium to thank Rep. Babajimi Benson for putting smiles on the faces of our residents, he's always humble and ready to listen to the complaints of the people. Out of many road constructions completed across the Ikorodu division, Ajose Road is one of the best. God will continue to bless and use him for a better and greater purpose."

Other residents also commended the lawmaker, saying his intervention has brought great relief to the commuters and the residents.

LASPOTECH Mass Comm Students hold Costume Day 2023

By Nurudeen Adebayo

The HND II (Full-Time) students of the Department of Mass Communication, Lagos State Polytechnic (LASPOTECH), Ikorodu Campus last week held a COSTUME DAY tagged "Say No to Drug Abuse" as part of the requirements for the Course "Film Writing and Production".

The Course Lecturer, Mrs. Olayinka Idowu, stated that this year's Costume Day as usual was not just to showcase attire but also to pass information on the effect of drug abuse in society. The exercise was also geared towards testing the students' creativity in making adequate costumes for different characters in the film.

"Drug abuse is



rampant in today's society and many of our youths today are subjected to the intake of drugs which can lead to rape, suicide, domestic violence, child abuse, molestation, and also other social vices," she added.

The President of the Mass Communication Students' Association, Comrade Olatunde Olanilekan, also explained that Costume Day was to educate the students on the effects of drug abuse on youths.

He advised the students to abstain from drugs, adding that the world would be a better place for the next generation if drug abuse is

eradicated.

During the campaign, the students visited the Directorate of Information and Public Relations where the Director, Mr. Olanrewaju Kuye applauded the initiative and described it as being innovative.

He said it was a better engagement that would help students to shun cult-related activities and other social vices.

He encouraged them to participate in more positive educational and social activities.

Students of the department were dressed in various costumes representing different professions and cultures to make the day very colorful.

Sunday Dare Reveals Concession Plan For National Stadium

By Saheed Afolabi



Sunday Dare

The Minister of Youth and Sport, Sunday Dare has revealed plans to place the National Stadium, Surulere on concession. Dare made this known during a visit to the National Stadium, Surulere to witness and inspect the collapsed floodlight.

The minister, who was at the stadium for an on-the-spot assessment, has ordered the closure of the

stadium till further notice.

"Based on my assessment, advice of experts, and in the interest of public safety, there will be a temporary closure of the stadium and surrounding facilities; proper assessment and necessary action will be taken soon.

"The concession process towards fully privatising the Surulere stadium, which began last year, will be expedited by the Federal Government through the ICRC towards a comprehensive rehabilitation and upgrade of the 51 years

old edifice.

"We have decided to be on the side of caution, hence the decision to impose extensive restrictions around the stadium.

"We request the cooperation of anyone who this decision may inconvenience as we cannot ascertain the reality on the ground."

Tom Saintfiet Reveals Botched Ambition To Coach Eagles

By Saheed Afolabi



Tom Saintfiet

Gambia national team head coach, Tom Saintfiet has revealed the reasons that led to his botched ambition to coach the Nigeria national team on two occasions.

Saintfiet saw his ambition to coach the Super Eagles drizzle away despite getting close to the job two times.

The Belgian said the NFF technical committee in 2012 had already announced his name as the coach of the Nigeria national team despite the then sports minister preferring a local coach. Saintfiet disclosed he was close to getting the job in 2016 but Gernot Rohr was given the nod ahead of him.

"Yes, in 2012 first of all, the minister of sports decided he wanted a local coach when I was already announced as the new technical adviser chosen by the technical committee at

that time, which had (Austin) Okocha, Garba Lawal, and Christopher Green," he said.

"Again in 2016, I was close to the job, I was to get the job with the local coach Salisu Yusuf, but they chose Paul Le Guen for the job.

"He refused and it would have been normal that I would have been there with Yusuf.

"I considered myself as the second or third choice, but it was Amaju Pinnick who didn't follow the Technical Committee decision and went for Gernot Rohr, who was not shortlisted; it was a big disappointment."

The experienced gaffer added despite getting a lucrative offer in Bangladesh but the ambition to coach the Eagles was always top of his agenda.

"Then I went to Bangladesh and got a

lucrative offer for a short term, but the ambition was always there to coach Nigeria and guide them to a successful AFCON and also guide them to World Cup success."

Chuba Akpom Delighted With Championship Player Of The Year Award, Praises Carrick

By Saheed Afolabi

Middlesbrough forward, Chuba Akpom, is delighted to have won the 2023 Championship Player of The Year as he heaped praise on his coach, Micheal Carrick for encouraging him.

Akpom netted 29 goals in 44 appearances to scoop home the prestigious individual award.

The product of Arsenal's Hale End Academy was humbled with the award as he dedicated it to his family, teammates, and fans.

Akpom admitted the huge role club's manager, Carrick played in his

career with his encouragement and backing for him to succeed.

"Championship player of the season, feeling extremely humbled and blessed to receive this award," he said.

"It's been a journey full of ups and downs, but I've learned so much on the way. I'd like to thank my teammates, my family, my fans, and everyone that supported me.

"He's a manager that when players make mistakes, he encourages you no matter what.

"We are not scared of making mistakes or taking risks and it's

U20 FIFA World Cup: 12 Foreign Players Get NFF Invite

By Saheed Afolabi

The Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) has sent invitations to 12 foreign-based players to join the U20 side in preparation for the U20 FIFA World Cup.

Flying Eagles head coach, Ladan Bosso recently released a 39-man list invited to fight for a place in the U20 team to represent Nigeria at the age-grade World Cup, whereas, most of the players that make up the list are from the bronze-winning U20 AFCON.

To further add more value and options to the team, the NFF extended invites to 12 additional foreign-based players to keep the competition for places in the team very high.

Sources close to BSN Sports revealed the 12



Nigeria Under20 Team

foreign-based players invited to the Flying Eagles camp as, Kenny Coker - Norwich City (England), Joel Ideho - Arsenal (England), Michael Ologo - Istanbulspor (Turkey), Osakpolor Alessandro Odobo - Lechia Gdansk (Poland), Olubi Adams - Unattached, Oshaba Onuh - NK Hask (Croatia), Abel Ogwuche - Trelleborg (Sweden), Abdullahi Ibrahim Bewene - FC Banik Ostrava (Czech Republic), Ume Emmanuel - Botev Plodviv (Bulgaria), Tochukwu Nnadi -

Botev Plodviv (Bulgaria), Ebenezer Akinsanmiro - Inter Milan (Italy) and Victor Eletu - AC Milan (Italy).

The 12 foreign-based players have been given the date of May first as a deadline to report to the Flying Eagles camp in Abuja, which was opened on the 28th of April.

Argentina has been scheduled to be the host of the U20 FIFA World Cup, which will start from the 20th of May to the 11th of June 2023.

The Flying Eagles will trade tackles with Dominican Republic, Italy, and Brazil in Group D.



Chuba Akpom

good to have that encouragement and backing from the manager.

"If you get the ball and do a misplaced pass, try it again, if you have a shot and don't score."

Placed in the fourth position with 74 points in 44 appearances, Middlesbrough has

sealed a playoffs spot, which will determine the final spot that will be promoted to the Premier League alongside Burnley and Sheffield United who have already confirmed their place as an EPL team after finishing as the first and second team in the Championship.



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In fulfillment of his campaign promises, the member of the Lagos House of Assembly representing Kosofe Constituency I, Hon. Sanni Okanlawon has donated a security patrol vehicle to the Oworonshoki community.

ECHONEWS had reported that the security vehicle belonging to Oworonshoki Joint Community Development Association (CDA) was allegedly sold without government consent and had caused a stir in the community. As earlier reported by ECHONEWS, the Kosofe CDC Chairman, Hon. Adesegun Babatunde was invited to the Police Command Zone 2 following a petition submitted by the affected community.

However, the lawmaker intervened a few months ago, promising to donate a security patrol vehicle to the community after

Okanlawon Donates Security Patrol Van To Community

By Nurudeen Adebayo

the elections. The lawmaker-elect had last week fulfilled his pledge by handing over a branded Joint Oworonshoki CDA security patrol vehicle to Oloworo of Owo, HRM Oba Babatunde Saliu Elebo II, in his palace.

The monarch, while receiving the vehicle, commended Okanlawon for his kind gesture and for fulfilling his promise to the community.

He stated that the new vehicle will be used for Joint Oworonshoki CDAs to safeguard lives and properties rather than allowing an individual to convert it to personal use.

He noted that the donation of the security patrol vehicle was a clear indication of Okanlawon's



Hon Okanlawon handing over the vehicle key

commitment to the safety and well-being of his constituents. "It is hoped that this

gesture will further strengthen the bond between the lawmaker and the Oworonshoki

community, and bring an end to the lingering matter before the Police Command and

Independent Corrupt Practice Commission (ICPC) involving Hon. Adesegun."

Rep Agunsoye Provides Multiple Projects To Kosofe Constituency

By Nurudeen Adebayo

The member representing Kosofe Constituency at the Federal House of Representatives, Hon. Prince Rotimi Agunsoye on Friday commissioned an 80-bed ultramodern Primary Health Care Centre project he facilitated at Emmanuel Nursery and Primary School, Ojota which he handed over to the Lagos State Government.

The lawmaker also used the occasion to give a report of his stewardship as he also commissioned a fully equipped ICT Centre at Isheri Grammar School; a Police Station at Isheri North, 10 blocks of classrooms, and 14 Solar-powered borehole water systems.

The 80-bed ultramodern Primary Healthcare Centre was commissioned by the Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu who was represented by the Commissioner for Health, Dr. Akin Abayomi, while the 10 blocks of classrooms, 14 solar-powered borehole water systems, a Police Post and a fully equipped ICT

centre were commissioned by Hon. Wahab Alawiye King, the Chairman SUBEB; Lagos State Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice and Mrs. Anike Adekanye, the Tutor General and Permanent Secretary Education District II respectively.

The Project Commissioning/Handover ceremony was graced by eminent personalities such as the Lagos State Governor Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu who was represented by the Commissioner for Health, Dr. Akin Abayomi; Hon. Wahab Alawiye King, Chairman SUBEB; Mrs. Anike Adekanye, Tutor General/Permanent Secretary Education District II; Mr. Alajogun, Comptroller of Custom; Dr. Olusegun Babafemi, CMD Gbagada General Hospital, Hon. Cornelius Ojelabi, APC State Chairman and Prince Adebayo Busayo, Former Commissioner Lagos State Local Government Service Commission.

Others were Oba Isiaka Balogun Oyer, the Alaketu of Ketu; Oba Jamiu Ajibola Lawal, the Onishangisha of

Shangisha, Oba Jimoh Lamina of Agboyi II; Prince Fatai Gbadebo, Secretary to the Local Government Kosofe and

Rep Agunsoye while handing over the health facility to the Lagos State Government made a passionate plea to the Governor for the facility to be well-equipped with state-of-the-art medical equipment and medical staff.

Dr. Abayomi in his keynote address extolled Rep Rotimi Agunsoye for his performance as a legislator and the quality representation he provided to the people of Kosofe federal constituency in his 8 years tenure.

"You are a Promise Keeper and the number of bills and motions you sponsored and moved on the floor of the House of Representatives, and their range of interest is amazing

"You are a source in the armoury of Government that doesn't listen to criticisms. You follow your mind and how God speaks to you and delivers to your constituency, your state, and Nigeria

"I am delighted to honour you and to take over the

building": Dr. Abayomi remarked.

He assured Agunsoye that the medical facility which he described as the first of its kind in Lagos State would be well-equipped and efficiently used in promoting a wellness strategy for the people of the constituency through a well-coordinated preventable medical intervention programme.

While noting that the health facility could also be used as General Hospital, he disclosed that a comprehensive assessment of the facility had already been carried out and a modification would be done where necessary.

And as a way of keeping the hospital busy, Dr. Abayomi promised to give 1000 vulnerable members of the constituency a free Social Health Insurance Scheme for one year the moment the facility becomes operational.

He said: "What we are going to do once this facility becomes operational, we will come here with our Ilera Eko van and we will do a survey of your constituency and if we found 1000

members of your constituency we consider be living in poverty line we will give them free Health Insurance Scheme for one year as a catalyst to ensure that this place becomes a busy health facility."

The State Chairman of the All Progressives Congress, Hon. Cornelius Ojelabi praised Agunsoye for bequeathing an enduring legacy for the people of Kosofe Federal Constituency, stressing that he touched and empowered many people.

Recalling an empowerment programme with which Agunsoye empowered 400 youths and women of his constituency with a sum of N100,000 each, he stated that he had always been proud of the performance of Rep Agunsoye and always used it as a reference whenever he addressed the people in his constituency.

Ojelabi said the Lagos APC would never forget the remarkable work of Rep Agunsoye and, therefore, called on the leadership of the party in the federal constituency to come together and form a formidable team for the

success and progress of the party.

"Do you think what Agunsoye has done to the people of Kosofe Federal Constituency APC will forget him?

"For us that are leaders here, let's come together, let's unite, let's have a very formidable team and work for the betterment of APC," he stated.

Earlier before the commissioning and handover of the facilitated project to the Lagos State Government, Rep. Agunsoye had rendered his account of stewardship before a large gathering of eminent personalities and members of the All Progressives Congress.

The chairman House Committee on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), while reeling out his landmark achievement in 8 years as a member House of Representatives, expressed his profound appreciation and gratitude to the leadership of the party, aides, friends, family, and entire constituents for their immense support.



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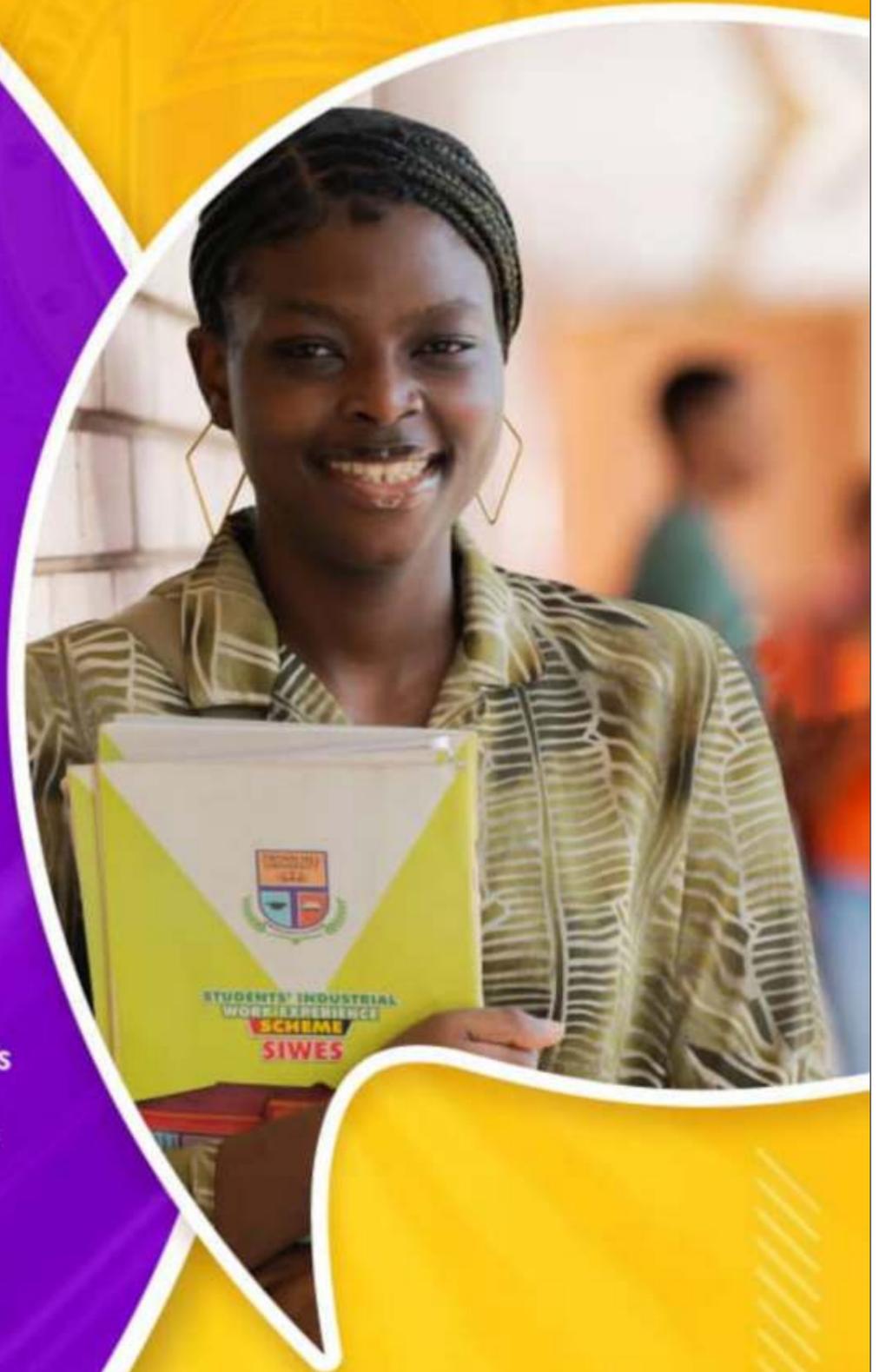
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Kosofe Residents Celebrate Former Council Chairman, Kunle Soname

By Nurudeen Adebayo

President of Remo Stars FC and Pioneer Executive Chairman of Ikosi Isheri Local Council Development Area, Hon. Kunle Soname, was celebrated by residents of Kosofe on the anniversary of his birthday.

The adjudged philanthropist, who has made a name for himself in various industries including sports, hospitality, oil and gas, airlines, Bet9ja, real estate, and farming, is said to have empowered many talents through his business conglomerates.

The celebration was attended by many stakeholders including lawmakers, politicians, council chairmen, councilors, community leaders, partners, business associates, youth groups, and beneficiaries.

They all came together to appreciate the peaceful leadership disposition of the celebrant towards

Kosofe community and for his many legacy impacts on Kosofe constituents and beyond in Lagos and Ogun States in southwest Nigeria.

During the celebration, attendees showered the celebrant with accolades for his contributions to the growth and development of the community, especially in the area of sports, where he has discovered and

nurtured many talents. They also praised his efforts in creating job opportunities for many people in the community through his numerous businesses.

In his response, Hon. Kunle Soname expressed his gratitude to the attendees for the love and support shown to him on his birthday.

He promised to continue to give back to the community and

empower more people through his various businesses. He also used the occasion to urge the government to do more in creating an enabling environment for businesses to thrive in the country.

The celebration was said to be a reminder of the great impact Soname has had on the lives of many people in the community and beyond.



Hon Soname

Lagos Assembly Writes IGP, Extols Police Professionalism



Speaker House of Assembly, Mudashiru Obasa

The Lagos House of Assembly has written a letter of commendation to the Inspector General of Police, Usman Alkali Baba, commending the Nigeria Police Force of a job well done in the last general elections. The letter dated April 4 and signed by Clark of the house described the police conduct during the election as a great example of professionalism. Responding in a copy of the letter released by the police Public Relations Officer CSP, Muyiwa Adejobi, the IGP thanked the lawmakers as he also promised a more robust policing to the members of the public. Baba also commended his officers for a great job done during the elections and every time they are called for duty. He said, "The Nigeria Police Force loves your sense of patriotism and hood conduct in the elections."

Former Councillor Dismisses Online 2025 Chairmanship Campaign

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Former Councillor, Ibrahim Mustapha has dismissed the online media campaign calling for him to run for the chairmanship position in 2025 as fake.

He made this known in a short response to the Kosofe Post inquiry on Wednesday.

According to Mustapha, his main preoccupation at the moment is to see the victorious All Progressives Congress (APC)

candidates in the just concluded general elections hit the ground running after their inauguration.

He urged residents of Kosofe to ignore the online accounts which he described as fraudulent.

"I hereby inform the general public that the creators and managers of such fraudulent Facebook and indeed all other related online platforms accounts are doing such campaigns on their own," the statement added.

Mustapha further stated that he has no ambition for the chairmanship position and urged his supporters to focus on other positions at the federal and state levels.

He also cautioned the general public to ignore any information from such fake online platforms and campaigners as they are all baseless.

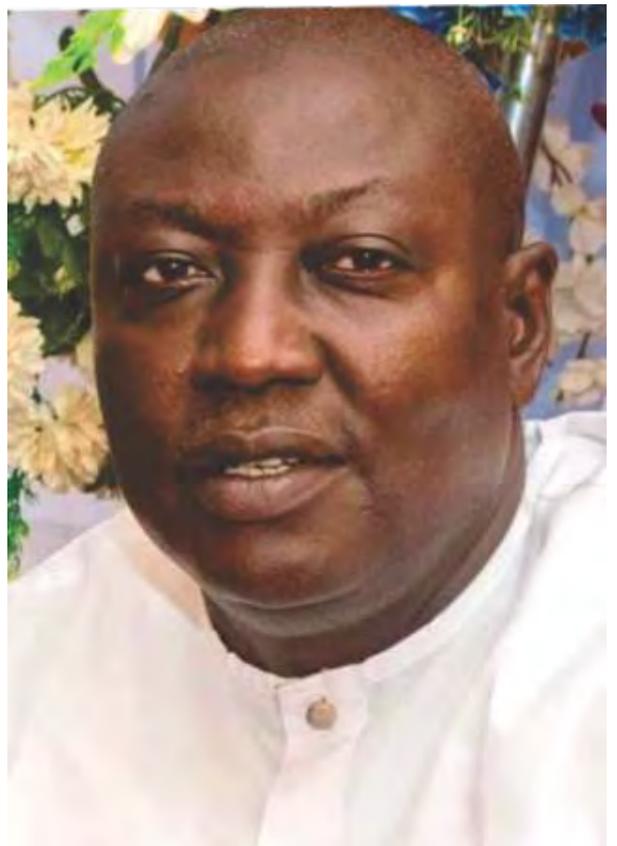
"The attention of the general public is therefore drawn to such campaigners of calumny who are bent on tarnishing

his image.

The general public is also advised to ignore any information from such fake online platforms accounts and campaigners, as all are fake and baseless," the statement said.

Mustapha's dismissal of the online campaign has put an end to speculations about his chairmanship ambition in 2025.

His supporters have been advised to focus on other available positions at the federal and state levels.



Hon. Ibrahim Mustapha



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Olasoju Denies Demanding Money For Rehabilitation Of Aswani Road

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Isolo LCDA, Adebayo Olasoju has denied demanding a N300 million from Emzor Pharmaceuticals to start the rehabilitation of the Aswani market road in Isolo.

The council boss said he had repaired the road four times since he took over as the chairman of Isolo LCDA.

Olasoju also stated that he has demanded to have a meeting with the management of Emzor Pharmaceuticals twice but the pharmaceutical company had not honoured his letter to see them.

"The claim is a lie from the pit of hell. The road has been



Otunba Adebayo Olasoju

repaired more than four times and ever since I took over about two years ago, I have not had any exchange with Emzor.

"I have requested to visit Emzor on two occasions; the first was on October 14, 2021, and the second on February 23,

2021, and I am yet to get a response to my letters.

"Emzor never wrote to me regarding the road. God forbid that I

demand money from someone trying to carry out a good cause."

Olasoju reveals that rehabilitation of the road has already started.

"Our engineers are working. I can't tell you when the work will commence because if I tell you that it will commence tomorrow and it fails, it means I'm lying; the engineers are working on it, and we want to make it a lasting solution. I may give you a date and it will fail.

"There is no functional drainage from the Five Star Bus Stop to the Aswani junction. So, we are working on it. We have written to the state government and I am sure that our governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, is a

listening governor.

"You can go to Isolo and verify, we are a listening government, and we are very proactive. We have done roads in one and half years, and the road we are talking about is a state road, but we are only trying to make life easier for our people," he stated.

Council Chairman Urges Youth Group Not To Relent

The chairman of Isolo LCDA, Otunba Adebayo Olasoju has urged the director general of Occupy Progressives Nigeria (OPN), a youth group, Alabi Opeyemi not to relent in their effort towards the development of the community

The council boss said this while receiving the executives of the group led by its DG, Opeyemi in his office at the council secretariat.

Olasoju said he was proud of the activities of the group and confessed that he was an avid follower of the group's activities online and offline.

"Alabi, 'small but mighty' as the Lagos Governor fondly calls you, you are a star, don't relent. People, especially the leaders are watching you. We believe you are going places with your vision and zeal.

"I advise you not to relent because I am sure your hard work will pay off soon."

who is famous for his memorable saves during the Semi Final clash was crowned Goalkeeper of the tournament.

The Ikorodu side will face Crusader Football Club of Bayelsa on Wednesday in Owerri as they begin their Federation Cup journey.

The team will also be resuming their NNL campaign on Saturday.

CHI Partners With Isolo LCDA To Rehabilitate Roads

CHI Limited has announced its partnership with Isolo Local Council Development Authority (LCDA) to rehabilitate road networks around the company's vicinity in Isolo.

CHI Limited disclosed this in a press statement.

According to the company, the initiative will improve the condition of road infrastructure and have a positive impact on residents of the community as well as other road users who ply these critical roads daily.

The statement also quoted the managing director of the

company, Mr. Eelco Weber, as saying that the current road rehabilitation project is in line with the company's commitment to positively impact the lives of the people in its immediate community.

"We believe that beyond manufacturing healthy fruit juices and value-added dairy that nourishes the body and enhances good health, we must also positively influence the development of the community we operate in. Partnering with the Isolo LCDA in the rehabilitation of these roads is one of such positive developments because it impacts the



lives of the people by making these roads up to acceptable standards, reducing traffic bottlenecks, improving everyday journeys, and boosting economic activities," he said.

The company also noted that as a socially responsible corporate citizen, it prioritizes the road rehabilitation

initiative that serves industrial & residential communities and takes cognizance of its importance to the development of the Nigerian economy.

It stated that the current road rehabilitation project is not the first CHI Limited is undertaking but added that in July 2018, the company

partnered with the Isolo LCDA for the rehabilitation of roads within Ajao Estate. The statement further explained that the road rehabilitation project will be executed by Emmadokun Ventures, a civil engineering and construction firm, and is expected to be completed in two weeks.



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With the Motto, Knowledge is Power, Ooni Ogunwusi adds fresh value to education

By Kehinde Bamigbetan

Eiyenkorin, the site of a defunct university project in Kwara State, Nigeria is set to regain its academic allure again. , thanks to the Ooni of Ife, His Imperial Majesty Babatunde Ogunwusi. Grapevine sources said the enterprising monarch had his eyes on setting up his dream project in the South West but the National Universities Commission advised that the area was saturated. Watchers of the youthful king are not surprised by his latest move. His seven-year reign has marked up various initiatives to boost education. These include the annual sponsorship of indigent scholars for higher degrees and various competitions to encourage the

youths to embrace education. For instance, as part of the preparations for the next Children's Day on May 27, he is organising a Mathematics competition for children on May 20. Since the announcement, the palace has been besieged by youths seeking to register on what is certainly a journey of discovery of the youngest mathematician in his domain. Such brilliant ideas cast the king in the robes of the champion of literacy worldwide, an achievement that is propelling to .build more legacies. According to the promotions, the new academic institution is called Ojaja University to honour one of his great predecessors on the throne Ojaja the First. Ooni Ogunwusi is Ojaja the second. The courses approved

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His Imperial Majesty Babatunde Ogunwusi.

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getting ready for its first set of intakes. Following the ongoing admission examinations into higher institutions, Ojaja University is asking all students

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