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Electrocution: IKEDC pays 250k for burial, offers N1.5m compensation

The Ikeja Electricity Distribution Company (IKEDC) has paid N250,000 for the burial expenses of the late Taiwo Akinlusi, the goalkeeper of the Ejigbo All Stars Football Club that was electrocuted to death at a betting shop at Eko Akete Plaza, two weeks ago. It also offered to pay the sum of N1, 500,000 to the family as compensation for its loved one.

IKEDC made the offers when both parties resumed discussion on Monday, explaining that this was the standard practice of the company in such circumstances.

However, while the family accepted the amount offered for the burial, it asked to defer the discussion on the compensation after the burial.

From the mood of the representatives of the family, the compensation was considered too low to give the wife and children a fresh start in coping with the challenges of living.

Akinlusi is survived by his wife, Christianah Titilayo Akinlusi and three children

—Adesewa, Olawale and Oluwatimilehin.

The burial programme will start with the wake-keep at No 2, Fehintolu Street, Ejigbo, Lagos on Thursday July 23.

On Friday, there will be a burial service at the same place before the remains of the late goalkeeper will be interned at Atan- Ayobo cemetery in Ayobo, in line with the COVID-19 regulations.

The regulation stipulates that no fewer than 20 persons are allowed at such occasion and adequate provision must be made for social distancing and wearing of face masks.

The family was ably represented in the discussion by the secretary of the Community Development Committee of Ejigbo LCDA, Barr. Bimbo Olawale.

Head of the family and former chairmanship candidate in the 2017 local government elections in Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Wale Akinlusi has thanked the CDC chairman, Mr. Jelili Atiku for the support he received in making progress with the matter.



Late Taiwo Akinlusi

LG, CDC need to monitor PSP's performance in community - Saka

By Olushola Okewole

The Chairman of Coalition of Bucknor Community Development Association (CDA), Ejigbo, Mr. Toyin Saka, has charged the local council authority to order the Department of Environment to collaborate with the Community Development Committee (CDC) to monitor the operation of the Private Sector Participants (PSPs), the waste management operators in the council area, saying their performance has been low.

The CDA chairman has claimed that PSP's performance and ineffectiveness has led to waste spillage into drains thereby blocking free flow of water in his community.

He said the company needs to be more proactive to ease the issue of waste spillage into the drains, charging them to be more effective, intensify their work and remove the piled up refuse from the community to prevent flood.

While speaking with ECHONEWS, Saka explained that the blocked drains have caused trouble in the community as flood was gradually baking over the community.

His words: "LAWMA PSP in Bucknor hasn't been helpful at all. Some CDAs including Ashamu East, Promise Land and others that are closer to the canal haven't been enjoying patronage from the operator.

"There should be a collaboration between the department of the environment and the CDC to supervise and monitor the PSP operators because some areas have been left unattended to which contributes to the patronage of cart pushers and indiscriminate dumping of refuse

"If the refuse disposal system is effective, it would be easy to know those who are not patronising the operator and they can be tagged as the saboteurs in the community. But when we are left on our



Mr Toyin Saka, the Chairman, coalition of Bucknor CDA

own, how do you want us to dispose our refuse or discourage us from patronising the cart pushers or use other means of disposal? "The environment officials in Ejigbo LCDA are actually trying their best in ensuring our areas are clean but their efforts are not supported by the PSP. We have always been put in the scheme of things but the bottleneck has always been the collection of refuse from our flood prone communities."

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Okota Ward is epicentre of COVID-19 infections - MOH

Damilola Kushimo

The Medical Officer of Health (MOH), Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Dr. Baqiah Nojimudeen-Yesufu has disclosed that Okota Ward is the epicentre of the deadly coronavirus in the council area.

She made this known in a chat with our correspondent, stating that local contact tracers and 8-mam medical team to carry out the home care management would soon commence work to complement the efforts of state and federal government in battling the virus.

Although she did not give the breakdown on the cases in each ward within the council

area, Dr. Nojimudeen-Yesufu confirmed that the cases were higher in Okota than any other ward.

"From our local statistics, Okota Ward is the epicentre of the virus in Isolo LCDA," she claimed.

According to her, people's compliance with the various measures given by the government to prevent community spread of the virus was too low in the council area. She noted that as at July 3, as announced by the Commissioner for Health, Prof. Akin Abayomi and the Primary Healthcare Board, the number of cases in Oshodi-Isolo LGA including Isolo and Ejigbo LCDAs was 477.

Nojimudeen-Yesufu, who felt

dejected, said the figure is worrisome because many residents are not carrying out safety precautions recommended by the authorities at local, state and federal levels.

Speaking on the local contact tracing of confirmed cases and the home based care, the healthcare giver noted that both have become important at the local level to solidify efforts to curb the pandemic now that the isolation centres are overcrowded.

She said: "As it appears, more than 80 per cent of the cases now are asymptomatic while the other 20 per cent are those that have symptoms and they are the ones we see at isolation centres. But now, the

centres have become overcrowded. Though ideally, we are expected to isolate every positive case but we don't have the space anymore and looking at what other countries are doing, we see that asymptomatic cases could be treated at home.

"The care is going to be handled by an 8-man medical personnel which includes a doctor, community health officer, community health extension officer, nurse, the decontamination officer and the laboratory officer. It is strictly from the primary health care department. It is a team of trained caregivers and health personnel. Also, we will be recruiting members of the community who will serve as

contact tracers and follow up on all the people that have been in contact in one way or the other with anyone tested positive for extended follow ups."

Asked whether the home based treatment won't expose other members of the family to the virus, the MOH explained: "If they know that the person is positive, they will take needed precautions just that most people don't know what their symptoms are and that's why they are not taking it serious but when they know that they have a family member that has the virus, they will be careful. And also, such will reduce stigmatisation in some way because it is because of the stigmatisation that we don't

have people disclosing their status but, with the home based method for asymptomatic or mild cases, stigmatisation will come to zero.

She said the home care scheme will take off next month at the end of the training of the personnel.

"Their work has become necessary because the whole team is becoming overwhelmed. Though the contact tracing is ongoing at the state level, we cannot overlook the need to do so at the community level especially to solidify all efforts. In light of this, we hope that the people will give much regards to the precautions and encourage governments' untiring efforts."

Osolo demands more CSR from Chi Limited

Damilola Kushimo

The Osolo of Isolo, Oba Kabiru Agbabiaka has charged Chi Company Limited to engage in more Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) activities in the community.

The monarch made the demand when he visited the company located in Ajao Estate, Isolo on Tuesday last week.

The monarch who went with a retinue of his chiefs was received by the top officials of the company led by the Managing Director, Roy Deepanjan.

The Senior Special Assistant to the monarch who doubles as the Vice Chairman of Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC), Area D Command, Mushin, Hon. Adegboyega Adeleke explained that the rationale behind the visitation was to encourage the multinational company to increase its

support for the community and complement government's efforts.

Welcoming the monarch, Deepanjan pledged that the company would respond to the royal request soon and continue to be socially responsible in the community.

He stated that regardless of the global economic setback which has forced many companies to reduce their workforces, none of its employees has been laid off since coronavirus pandemic broke out, adding that all the workers are fully paid.

The recent royal visit was the second visitation by the monarch to the company since he ascended the throne 16 years ago and the company's 40 years of existence in Ajao Estate, Isolo LCDA.

On his entourage were the Baale of Ilasamaja, High Chief Fatai Abereijo; the Olorogun of Isolo, High Chief Wasiu Saka; the Bashorun of Isolo, High Chief Mufutau Arowooye.

Damilola Kushimo

The United States Mission in Nigeria has praised the Isolo council leader, Hon. Remy Shittu Remy for taking educational materials to 120 students of Ajumoni Senior Grammar School, Okota, Isolo LCDA in their various homes.

The compliment was made via the official Facebook account of the ambassadorial commission where Remy, an alumnus of the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) who happened to be the team lead for Ajumoni Senior Grammar School and his counterpart for Jibowu High School, Yaba, Joseph Ofega, were commended for taking the delivery of the educational materials to the students' homes.

An excerpt from the statement read: "Kudos to International Visitors Leadership Program Alumni (Lagos Chapter) who distributed educational materials to 120 students at Ajumoni Grammar School,



Hon. Remy presenting a backpack containing educational materials to one of the beneficiaries

Okota and 104 Jibowu Junior High School students in Yaba."

Recall that ECHONEWS reported that the presentation of educational materials which

include writing materials, mathematical sets, past questions and a face mask, all contained in a backpack, was part of the graduation ceremony supposed to be

held for the students who participated in the 6-week annual mentorship program held in their schools prior to the declaration of lockdown on school activities.

Community leaders demand demolition of buildings on water ways

Damilola Kushimo

Following the consistent rainfall and its resultant damaging floods in Ago-Okota area of Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), community leaders of Ago Okota, Greenfield and Startimes Estates are asking the government to pull down buildings obstructing water channels for violating physical

planning regulations.

It also called on the government to curb the excesses of land speculators who encroach on spaces mark for water channels.

Ago Okota is flood prone because it is close to the Oke-Afa and Oshodi -Apapa Expressway canals leading many residents to battle with deluge whenever it rains.

Recent torrential rainfall has

made it difficult for floods to find their way to both canals on time leaving hapless citizens with flooded drains and roads.

The joint meeting which was held at Startimes Estate was attended by the councillor representing Okota ward, Hon. Kanayo Osondu, his counterpart in Ajao Ward, Hon. Magnus Chidiebere, the Chairman of Community Development Committee

(CDC), Isolo LCDA Hon. Segun Olatunde and other stakeholders.

Startimes Estate complained of government's neglect of the estate offering to partner with the government in finding lasting solutions.

It urged the government to inspect the estates and identify obstructions of water channels and carry out proactive measures.



HRM Oba Kabiru Agbabiaka

Football fans commend NFF for cancelling NPFL

By Saheed Afolabi

Football fans in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area (LGA) have commended the Nigerian Football Federation (NFF) for cancelling the 2019/2020 Nigerian Professional Football League (NPFL) season due to Covid-19.

The league was initially suspended indefinitely in March due to Covid-19 pandemic but has been finally cancelled by the NFF to safeguard the health of players and officials. Speaking to ECHONEWS, Emmanuel Edem, a football fan in Oshodi, said it is ideal to safeguard the health of the players as he believes that

NFF has made a wise decision, urging the body to conduct Covid-19 test for all players before the resumption of the league to be safe. According to Edem, the low compliance with the measures against contracting Covid-19 does not encourage organising such a league, saying it is better to cancel the league to prevent further

spread of the virus. He said the cancellation of the league would also give the NFF enough time to improve the standard of the stadia across the country. "It is a wise decision by the NFF and I believe September which has been scheduled for resumption is achievable. The NFF should also conduct Covid-19 test for all players

before resumption of the league to avert the spread of the virus while the league is on," Edem said. Another football lover, Christopher Ogar described the decision of the NFF as a wise one, noting that it would have been a disaster if the league was allowed to hold with reported cases of Covid-19 increasing daily.

Meanwhile, the NFF announced that there will be no promotion or relegation from NPFL for the 2019/2020 season. The NPFL 2020/2021 season will start from September/October 2020 and end by May 2021 subject to the full approval of the health authorities.

How coaches monitor players through social media

By Saheed Afolabi

The continued closure of sport facilities at the grassroots has made coaches to deploy social media such as WhatsApp, Telegram, Facebook and others to monitor and mentor their players. Some of the coaches who spoke to ECHONEWS said they have to sacrifice their time using the available technology and opportunity to monitor their players to make sure they did not deviate from the core values of being focused while encouraging them to always keep their fitness level. The Praise King FC coach at Ago palace way Okota, Knolly Knight, declared that the shutting down of sport facilities

has limited his watch on his players, forcing him to learn how to hold meetings with them on social media platforms to guide and encourage them on keeping fit, and at least to engage in workouts three times in a week. He said: "Well, the lockdown is really limiting my watch on my players but with the help of social media platforms like WhatsApp and telegram, I have been able to make sure they are in good shape. I arrange meetings regularly on social media to encourage my players to be upright by doing their workouts and fitness training three times in a week to be in good shape." Golden Stars FC of Ejigbo coach, Olugbenga Christopher,

revealed to ECHONEWS that he monitors his players through the use of social media to ensure they are in the best possible condition which includes their mental health, fitness level and well-being as he reiterated that WhatsApp has been his favorite app in sending out information to his players and also serve as an instrument in monitoring them. "It has not been easy coping without seeing my players but WhatsApp has come to rescue. I use the app to send out information to my players. I also monitor them through the app, advising them constantly not to stay idle and that they should engage in personal trainings," he said.



Knolly Knight

Sport wear dealer laments low patronage

As ban on sport activities is yet to be lifted by the government due to coronavirus pandemic, sport wear dealer in Oshodi Wasiu Olalekan, has lamented low patronage of customers. Olalekan said the continuous shutting down of sport activities has affected his business, complaining that it has been difficult coping during this pandemic. He noted that before Covid-19 outbreak, he sold more than 20 pairs football boots in a month at the rate of N25, 000 or N15, 000 per pair depending on the quality, the maker of the boots and the year of manufacturing. "Things are hard right now, business was moving before Covid-19 found its way to Nigeria. For example, we sold not less than 20 pairs of football boots in a month but since the ban on sport activities, we started recording low patronage because most active footballers don't have a place to train or play matches which will require them to buy boots. "Jerseys are also affected because a jersey which costs between N5, 000 and N7, 000 was always in high demand before the virus came into the country but now we hardly sell 10 jerseys in a month. For the balls, I just sold two balls today for over three weeks. It's that bad and I hope things return back to normal soon," he complained.

Football players eager to go back to field

Grassroots footballers have expressed their eagerness to return to field, saying there is no reason for continuous shutting down of footballing while some other activities have been reopened. This came as a reaction to the statement recently made by the Minister of Youth and Sports, Sunday Dare that the return of sporting activities would be determined by Nigeria's Covid-19 status. Dare had noted that though sport lovers are eager to re-open sport centres, only the Presidential Task Force (PTF) has the power to allow the return of sports. "Sadly there is still a journey ahead, the PTF will give the signal to go ahead when they are sure we are all safe. On our

part, we are being proactive by putting in place necessary protocols," he said. The Minister also said that the ministry intends to have necessary protective materials in place at major government sport centers and that the awareness campaign on Covid-19 prevention would be taken to all sportsmen and women. Reacting, Taiwo Agbaje who plays for Ysdron Sport FC of Isolo as a goalkeeper said: "I don't see any reason why football will not be allowed to resume despite the fact that other non-contact sports like athletics are allowed. The government only needs to ensure that hand sanitizers, soap and water are available at each sport center scattered



Sunday Dare





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Students berate govt for delaying WASSCE

By Olushola Okewole

Final year secondary school students in Oshodi-Isolo LGA are groaning over the fate that will befall them if the Presidency and state governors are unable to resolve the controversy over the suspension of the West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) annually conducted by West African Examination Council (WAEC) due to coronavirus pandemic.

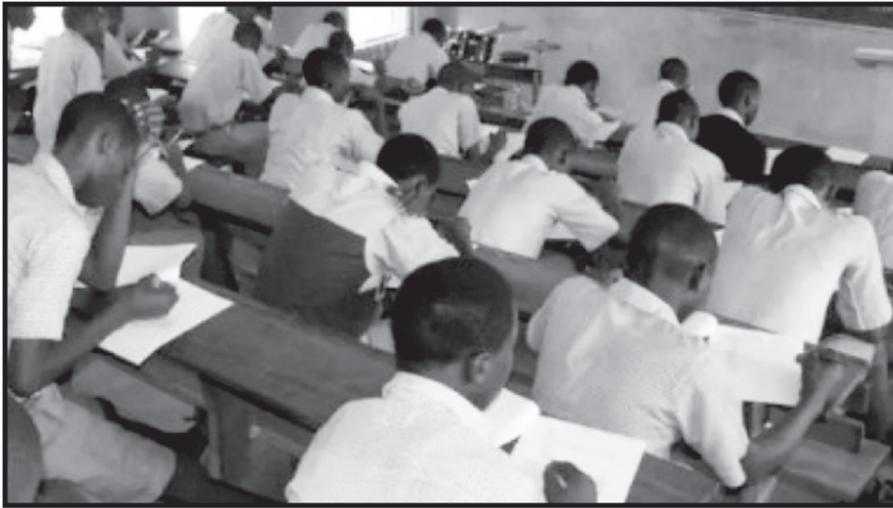
The students, who spoke to ECHONEWS in random interviews, said the government's decision on the WASSCE is a delay of their academic progress.

They complained that waiting till next year to write their final examination means a waste of a whole year.

As a measure to curb the spread of Covid-19, the Presidency has directed that no secondary school in Nigeria should participate in the examination.

But stakeholders in the education sector are engaging the Federal Ministry of Education to find an amicable settlement.

Adeleke Abraham, a student of



Central High School, Okota said: "The lockdown has affected me in many ways especially academically. I was preparing for WASSCE before the lockdown started, it disrupted my preparation so I will have to start all over again. I'm not happy with the way the government is not stable with the actual date of the examination. It is affecting my plans of preparation."

Owoade Gratitude of Gloryland College, Ejigbo said: "The postponement of the WASSCE is not WAEC's fault. It is the Nigerian Government's fault. Other countries that are

members of WAEC are ready except Nigeria. I can say I understand the Nigerian Government reluctance, it's because of Covid-19 but on the other hand, social distancing had always been observed during the previous WAEC examinations to avoid examination malpractice. So, I think that excuse should not hinder us. I'm no longer preparing for the exam as I was doing before. This constant postponement has made me to relax, my preparation has reduced."

Jumoke Babatunde, a final year student of Groombase

Secondary School, Ejigbo said: "First, I think the government is trying to protect us against contracting coronavirus. To me, I don't know how we can comply with the social distancing order in schools considering the number of students in each school. The postponement has really affected me because that means we will have extra year in school and my plan to write JAMB exam next year will be delayed. I'm now learning fashion designing so that I won't have to waste the whole year."

Covid-19 stalls public hearing on five bills

By Olushola Okewole

No fewer than five Bills are still waiting to be passed into bye-laws by the legislative arm of Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) due to the COVID-19 lockdown.

According to the council leader, Hon. Lanre Akinbowale, coronavirus crisis has affected the process of passing bills presented by the councillors into bye-laws.

The bills waiting to be passed into bye-laws include Car Wash bill and Radio & Television license bill which have undergone first reading by the House.

Others are bills for the regulation of street naming, establishment and regulation of open market and operations of dry cleaning and laundry houses in Ejigbo LCDA.

Akinbowale explained to ECHONEWS that since the lockdown was pronounced in March, everything has been on hold, making it impossible for the lawmakers to organise public hearing which, he said, is the mostly important part of the law making process.

Analysing the benefits of the bills if eventually passed into laws, Akinbowale said the bill on regulations of street naming is to regulate the

process of street naming in the LCDA and put an end to the disagreement over the ownership and naming of streets.

Again, the bill on regulations of dry cleaning and laundry houses is to generate more revenue for the government as coronavirus pandemic has affected the revenue of the council.

He explained that anyone who runs a laundry would register and pay certain amount which would guarantee the business owner operation within the council area.

Also, the bill on open market, according to the council leader, is to guide the establishment of open markets in the council area, to address issues on open market and to curb the menace of road side trading.

Akinbowale said the bills, if passed to law, are beneficial to both the residents and government, stating that they are to guide the operations of people to operate within the law and to have rules and laws guiding the people in the LCDA.

He recalled that some of the bills already passed into bye-laws have been effective in the community, citing the security bye-law which has afforded many CDAs the opportunity to have night guards.

Security alert: CDA seeks police intervention

By Olushola Okewole

The Taiwo-Faye Community Development Association (CDA), Ejigbo, has called on the police to

rescue the community from the menace of hemp-smoking hoodlums causing unrest night and day.

The CDA chairman, Mr. Babajide Makinde, explained that from 10pm till midnight,

the miscreants gather at Fayemi transformer junction to smoke hemp and disturb the peace of the community.

He added that the community suspended its plan to build street gates and hire night

guards because residents' income has been reduced by the COVID-19 lockdown.

He said the CDA has written to the Ejigbo Police Division to assist and still waiting for its response.

Obe assures community of benefits of cemetery project

By Olushola Okewole

Ejigbo LCDA chairman, Hon. Monsuru Obe has assured residents in Morning Star area that the proposed cemetery project of the local government will bring development to them.

Speaking in reaction to agitation by some residents of the community against the project, Obe said the project is in fulfilment of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution which mandates local governments to build and maintain cemeteries.

He said every local authority is expected to provide spaces for maternity clinics to enable the birth of newborns and cemeteries to provide a resting place for the dead.

He said the project will also discourage the practice of people burying their dead in the homes thus exposing the community to possible environmental challenges and frustrating real estate

transactions as such houses cannot be sold without ultimately relocating the graves to the cemetery.

He said as a government-owned cemetery, the highest standards of land preparation and management shall be adopted to ensure adequate distance from the aquifers in the area in compliance with the regulations of the Ministry of Environment.

Obe said the architectural and environmental design includes provision for family vaults and a foyer for burial services.

Noting that it would be irresponsible not to provide a cemetery for the increasing population in the LCDA, he said many residents currently patronize the cemeteries of other local governments such as Ikoyi- Obalende, Yaba, Ayobo-Ipaja, and Igbogbo-Baiyeku and pay huge amount which enhance the internally generated revenue of such councils.

"The cemetery will also



Hon. Monsuru Obe

contribute to the internally generated revenue of the council and enable us to complete government projects in the community, build more roads and culverts."

Some residents of the community had embarked on a march to express their objection to siting the cemetery in the area on Sunday.

They want the government to relocate to any other location.

They engaged the former chairman of the LCDA, Mr. Kehinde Bamigbetan at his residence on Onaiwamimo Street, Ejigbo.

Bamigbetan explained that building a cemetery was in line with the functions of local governments and advised them to discuss how the community could benefit from the project with the chairman, Hon. Monsuru Obe.

The Chairman of Tiwadi Community Development Association (CDA), Mr. Oludare Agboola, told our correspondent that the residents started reacting after reading in one of the February editions of ECHONEWS Newspaper, where it was reported that Ejigbo LCDA was planning to have a cemetery at Morning Star Street.

Agboola that the community would be affected by the odour that may emanate from the cemetery if not well managed.

Police warn residents against buying secondhand phones

By Damilola Kushimo

The Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Aswani Divisional Police Station, Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), CSP Oyin Francesc SOA has advised residents against buying secondhand phones which she said, could land them into police net.

She gave the advice in a brief conversation with our correspondent, reiterating

that secondhand phones often land people in trouble because the phones might have been stolen.

According to her, though there are genuine secondhand phones, it is best to avoid them since the buyers can't be sure of their sources.

"I advise people to stay away from such deals to avoid being incriminated." She said.



CSP Oyin Francesc

PSP appeals to Mafoluku community over delays

By Edith Igbokwe

The Private Sector Participant (PSP) operating in Mafoluku area of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, Excellence Links, has appealed to customers for delays in picking refuse blaming it on challenges faced at the dumpsite due to the rains.

The residents had alleged the PSP of neglecting its service to the community, complaining that delays had made refuse to pile up on the streets which could cause outbreak of diseases.

According to them, they expected the waste management operator to be up and doing as the community was not owing any bill having paid for the

months of May and June.

Speaking on their behalf, the chairman of Agbelekale Olaiya Community Development Association (CDA), Alhaji Sikiru Adegbelemi, complained that despite the fact the community does not tarry in paying their waste bills up to date, the company has been deficient in serving it.

We have paid our bills for the months of May and June and for the past three weeks now, our refuse has not been picked and the community members are still generating more refuse by the day," he groaned.

He therefore implored the PSP operator to do the needful to prevent rainfall from washing the waste into the drains.

Responding, the PSP operator, Excellence Links pleaded with the community, stating that the challenge faced at the dumpsite would be rectified in the next three weeks.

The representative of the company who spoke with ECHONEWS, Mr. Wale Ishaq, explained that the company still discharges its duty but has to alternate its areas of coverage since it

could not carry out its duty simultaneously in all the areas due to the challenge.

He said: "Everything will soon be normalised in the next two to three weeks. We are facing challenges at the dumpsite

now, the dumpsite at Ojota can no more take refuse during this rainy season but we have moved from Ojota to Igando. Regular refuse disposal will soon take effect."

Gbeleyi distributes 1,000 nose covers

By Edith Igbokwe

Former House of Assembly aspirant in Oshodi constituency I, Adebajji Gbeleyi (Skibanj) is offering 1,000 nose covers to 500 residents at the rate of two per one beneficiary.

The second batch of nose covers supplements the first batch of 1,400 nose covers earlier distributed.

Interested residents can pick theirs at Bola Ahmed Tinubu

Shopping Complex, Block C Suit 16 beside Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Secretariat every Monday to Friday between 1pm and 6pm.

Gbeleyi, said his passion for better and healthier living prompted him to contribute the items against the continuous spread of coronavirus in the community.

is word: "I must not wait until election period before contributing my quota to the



Gbeleyi second batch of nose mask distribution

development of the community. It should be a continuous process and having reached out to people with nose guides which I

believe will go a long way to curb the persistent increase in coronavirus cases, other development projects would not be left out."

NGO supports govt against COVID-19

By Edith Igbokwe

A Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO), Yield Africa Foundation, has made a move to support the effort of the government in curtailing community spread of Covid-19.

The Foundation, known for empowering youths and women through skill acquisition training, has embarked on sensitising the residents of Oshodi-Isolo LG and donated face masks to the local government authority.

The group took its sensitisation advocacy and protective materials to the people on the streets and market stalls in Oshodi

community.

While receiving the materials from the organisation at the local council Secretariat, the Vice Chairman, TPL Daisi Osho commended it for supporting the government in the fight against COVID-19.

He encouraged the group not to relent in working towards the development of the community as he pledged local government's support for its subsequent programmes.

After presenting the face masks to the local government, the group moved to the markets and streets of Oshodi to sensitise people on the effects of coronavirus while distributing protective and writing materials such as nose

covers, face shield, exercise books and pens to people.

Speaking on the gesture, the Yield National Coordinator, Olatunde Martins said the organisation supported the government to protect the residents against contracting the virus, promising that the gesture would be taken to other communities.

Martins explained that the writing materials (books/pens) were distributed to encourage students to study more at home while schools are still shut.

He advised the youths to contribute to the society and promised that the foundation would embark on its free skill acquisition training soon.



The face mask distribution exercise in Oshodi

CDA suggests highway parking to stop trucks in inner streets

By Edith Igbokwe

The Chairman of Araromi Community Development Association (CDA), Alhaji Olasunkanmi Ogunbakinde, has suggested that trucks carrying textile containers should park along Oshodi road to offload their goods and employ labourers to take them to warehouses in inner streets.

This, he said, will reduce obstructions to vehicular movement on the streets.

Ogunbakinde said the residents were not at peace with the container owners blocking vehicular movement

while offloading their goods at Araromi, Oredeni and Ogunlana Streets in Oshodi.

He informed that the commuters always faced difficulties moving through the streets whenever the containers were being offloaded.

The CDA chairman noted although the affected streets are too narrow to take two vehicles at a time, no less than five to seven containers filled with textile (Ankara) fabrics are always parked on the streets to be offloaded.

He said the association has reported the road obstruction to the police at Akinpelu Police Division but yet to

receive their reply.

He said: "We are not happy about the disturbance in our community even, the waste management vehicle find it difficult to gain access into the streets to do their routine refuse collection job. We have suggested that the containers should be parked along Oshodi road which is wider and allow the Mallams carry the goods into the warehouses on the street."

Ogunbakinde urged the government to intervene, noting that in case of emergency, the containers may delay the hope of victims for medical assistance.

Airtel takes 4G sim cards to Oshodi residents

By Edith Igbokwe

As part of its business strategy, Airtel, one of the Nigerian network service providers, has taken its 4G sim cards to the residents of Mafoluku, Oshodi to enjoy the upgraded network service.

At different locations across the community, beneficiaries were given the cards free of charge but were required to buy a recharge card of N100 to activate the sim and register personal data information into the system before it could be used.

The customers who wanted to upgrade their sim cards to 4G network were required to pay N500 and present a valid identify card such as National identity card, voter's card or



Airtel free sim card in the stores of Mafoluku oja

driver's license to enjoy the fast network service.

Speaking with ECHONEWS, another Airtel team leader who wanted to be identified simply

as Toyin said they would be going from one location to another to make sure more people benefit from the exercise.

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