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By Abolaji Adebayo

**O**n March 11, 2023, another history would be made in Lagos politics as a new political dispensation would birth with a new governor.

The governorship candidates of the ruling party, All Progressives Congress (APC) and the major opposition party, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) as well as other political parties will slug it out with one another for the coveted post of the state governor.

The sitting governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu will be representing APC, the Lead Visioner of Lagos4Lagos Movement, Olajide Adediran (Jandor) will fly the PDP's flag while the former chairman of Surulere Local Government, Hakeem Olaogun-Dickson will be contesting on the platform of Accord Party (AP).

The race to 2023 governorship elections in Lagos State might shape up to be very fascinating considering the activities, popularity and weight of each candidate.

The primaries, held on May 25 and 26, produced Sanwo-Olu as the APC candidate and Adediran as the PDP flag bearer while the Accord Party's primary was held on May 30 where Dickson was unanimously picked by the party as its candidate. Before they emerged as the candidates of their parties, there had been internal crises in some parties especially the PDP.

For the PDP to present a formidable fight in the state in 2023, it has to find a solution to its never-ending internal crisis.

Though the Accord Party is trying to put its popularity and that of its candidate to test, with little or no action from the other political parties in the state, political analysts still believe that the 2023 governorship election in Lagos State will be, as has been the tradition for about two decades, a contest between the two major parties - APC and PDP.

Based on the internal politics which played out to produce Adediran, Jandor as he is popularly called, analysts said it might be difficult for



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the party to put up a good fight during the general election.

PDP in Lagos is notorious for its infighting, particularly during election seasons, prompting speculations that the party is populated by APC moles.

The party had more aspirants for the party's ticket: Ade Dosumu, AbdulAzeez Adediran, David Kolawole, Olanrewaju Jim-Kamal, Adedeji Doherty, and Gbadebo Rhodes-Vivour.

Following the emergence of Adeniran, some other aspirants felt cheated and showed their grievances.

Adediran, a former member of APC, joined the PDP in January, this year and declared his intention to run for governor on the PDP platform two months later.

At his declaration in March, Adediran said the APC reign in the state had come to a terminal point.

"There is a terminal point for everything and the terminal point of APC in Lagos is 2023. We were the APC, we have created that implosion in APC and we are now in PDP.

"PDP has been doing between 30 percent and 34 percent in every election year. So, the 20 percent which PDP needs to cross that

threshold is what we have brought in from APC to PDP."

Ade Dosunmu, an aspirant, was the party's candidate in 2011 when they lost to the then incumbent governor, Babatunde Fashola.

The margin of loss that year remains the widest margin of defeat in the state's gubernatorial election since 1999.

Dosunmu represented the party again in 2015 in the Lagos Central senatorial election. He lost to the APC's Oluremi Tinubu.

Adedeji Doherty, another aspirant and a founding member of the party in the state, was the state chairman in 2019 before a court removed him two years later.

Mr. Jim-Kamal, who also ran for the party's ticket, said the party has been losing elections in the state because of imposition.

"I opted out in 2015 when I discovered somebody was to be imposed on us."

Analysts said if the PDP in the state can put its house in order, and with a key APC member now in its fold, it might stand a chance of causing an upset at the poll in 2023.

A source within the PDP said Adediran's emergence as the party's candidate which was viewed by some as imposition could

further throw the party into a crisis.

Apart from this, some of the political analysts who spoke to ECHONEWS believed that it would be difficult for Adeniran to break the stronghold of APC backed by the party's presidential candidate, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

Kehinde Samuel said: "The contest is between Jandor of PDP and the incumbent governor from the ruling party, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu. The other guy whose name you just mentioned will barely get sizeable votes and Jandor will only try, Sanwo-Olu will win for the second time because the calculations are in his favor.

"He is the incumbent and his party leadership is strongly with him. In governance, Sanwo-Olu has been at his best and he will hope to consolidate his achievements when he gets reelected. Jandor might come near but Sanwo-Olu will win." Another political watcher, Saheed Akintunde said: "PDP seems to be a stronger force now and I have this belief that they will give APC a run for their money this time around. It won't be business as usual come 2023.

"Jide Adeniran is contesting to win, unlike the party's last gubernatorial candidate who was just contesting

to make money through negotiation. It will be a serious contest between APC, PDP and let's say Accord party too because they are there to spoil the vote.

"If either APC or PDP can approach Accord for negotiation it will be a plus to their side because having a loose end might be costly to either of the two strong forces. I can't say who will win now because it will be a keenly contested election."

Meanwhile, Dickson, following his emergence as the party's candidate, had boasted of victory in the coming governorship race in the state.

He appealed to the teeming youths for their collective support to the party to ensure total victory in the general elections.

He said: "We need the youths to take over governance and through seminars, workshops and professional training, we will get it done.

"We are not a violent party and we assure the people that there won't be any form of violence from us."

According to him, with the kind of unity among members of Accord, "We are ready and eager to take on the APC, PDP and other 15 political parties next year 2023."





# CPN charges govts on child protection

Child Protection Network (CPN), Lagos chapter has called on the governments at all levels and other stakeholders to effectively prevent, protect and assist children who are victims or at risk of harmful practices. According to the organization,, they should look critically at the challenges they are currently facing, address the harmful practices and list strategically steps that could be taken to improve the protection of children against harmful practices in Nigeria and Africa. Speaking at the Day of the African Child (DAC) 2022 Celebration, organized by the body at Bimbo

Odukoya Foundation, State Secretariat of CPN, Ilupeju, Lagos, the CPN Lagos State Coordinator, Aderonke Oyelakin, noted that Nigerian children still experience harmful practices and so also other children in Africa. "CPN goal is towards the protection and assistance of children who are at risk and victims of harmful practices in Nigeria and we use this day to call on all relevant stakeholders who are working in the area of children's rights on the continent in order to reinforce their efforts in addressing the obstacles related to harmful practices affecting children. "CPN is across the 20 LGA of the

state, our core is to prevent and respond to children related issues and provide apt and efficient services." Identifying the harmful practices against children, Oyelakin said: "Harmful practices include, amongst other forms of abuse, child marriage, forced marriage, FGM, breast flattening, hate crimes, child abuse linked to faith or belief and so-called honour-based abuse. "Harmful practices are persistent practices and behaviours that are grounded on discrimination based on sex, gender, age and other grounds as well as multiple and/or

intersecting forms of discrimination that often involve violence and cause physical and/or psychological harm or suffering. Harmful traditional practices are particular forms of violence against women and girls which are defended based on tradition, culture, religion, or superstition by some community members. "In a nutshell, harmful practices refer to behaviours and practices which are harmful to people's physical and mental health.' A variety of harmful practices exist, including 'FGM, child and forced marriage, virginity testing and related practices, extreme

dietary restrictions, including during pregnancy (force-feeding, food taboos), binding, scarring, branding/infliction of tribal marks, corporal punishment, stoning, violent initiation rites, widowhood practices, accusations of witchcraft, infanticide, incest and body modifications that are performed for beauty or marriageability of girls and women. "Harmful practices affect the child's physical and mental health in the short and longer-term, impair their ability to learn and socialize and impact their transition to adulthood with adverse consequences later in life

which we refer to as ACE- Adverse Childhood Experiences." Mranwhile, she noted that progress has been made in some African countries but it is still not enough. Speaking on the theme of the celebration "Eliminating Harmful Practices Affecting Children: Progress on Policy & Practice since 2013", Oyelakin said it was selected by the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC) for the celebration of the DAC in 2022. She, therefore strongly advocated for proper education of children, saying: "Educating children lifts them out of poverty".

## Ogundipe receives INEC form, appreciates council chairman's support

By Edith Igbokwe

Oshodi-Isolo Constituency I, Lagos State House of Assembly flag bearer of All Progressives Congress (APC), Hon. Stephen Ogundipe, has been presented the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) nomination form by APC state chairman, Pastor Cornelius Ojelabi, at the party secretariat in Ikeja. The elated candidate on his return to the local government visited the council chairman, Otunba Kehinde Oloyede (Kendoo) whom he presented the nomination form to. Ogundipe appreciated the council chairman for his support, before, during and after the peaceful primary, promising not to disappoint the party and to be supportive in uplifting the council to the admiration of all. Kendoo expressed a great happiness on the choice of Ogundipe, stressing that he needs good synergy between the representatives and the local government, promising that the council will ensure the required collaboration with the representatives both at the House of Representatives and the State Assembly. He, therefore, advised the candidate to see the interest of the people as paramount in governance.

# Community appreciates LASG over canal revamp

By Edith Igbokwe

The community of Oshodi and environ has expressed a great relief to have been free from flood issue after the curve lines within the DHL bridge canal was separated to allow free flow of water without interception. The affected community members have appreciated Engr. Lagos State Government to have rescued them from the menace of flood especially during the present rainy season period. The state Engineer who simply wants to be addressed as Engr. Ifeanyi disclosed to ECHONEWS that a wall was constructed within the canal to help reduce

the flow velocity and direct flows to its right channel without interceptions. He noted that the cause of the flood experienced by the community members was caused by flow interjection coming from the North, East and West side of the canal. With the separation of curve lines within the canal, Engr. Ifeanyi stated that it will help regulate flows from different axis without hindering the major flow coming from the up stream of the canal. He further explained that the curve lines constructed within the canal is about 20 meters long and 1.5 meters in height to reduce the flow pressure.



canal reconstruction exercise

# Olasoju promises more wealth creation, career opportunities for youths

Following the successful completion of the two-week snail farming training for agroprenuers and snailery enthusiasts, the chairman of Isolo LCDA, Otunba Adebayo Olasoju has promised more wealth creation and career opportunities for the youths. He made the promise while receiving the participants in the training who visited him to show appreciation. The training was an initiative of the state government to encourage youths and agroprenuers to tap into the lucrative business of snail farming. The exercise was held at Badagry where beneficiaries who were drawn from the 20 LGAs and 37 LCDAs in Lagos State underwent

intensive training for two weeks. Leading the elated beneficiaries to the council chairman's office, the Coordinator of NYCN, Isolo Local chapter, Comrade Sikiru Akibu, appreciated Olasoju for the privilege given to the beneficiaries and the regard accorded the youth body. The All Progressives Congress (APC) youth leaders from the seven wards in Oshodi-isolo LG have held an inaugural meeting with their LGA youth leader, Hon. Buari Aremu, to discuss their welfare. Various issues bothering on how

In his remarks, Otunba Olasoju congratulated the beneficiaries for maximizing the opportunity to empower themselves and improve their knowledge about agribusiness as he promised to open more windows of opportunities for the youths. He added that more wealth

creation and career opportunities will be opened for the youths in the council areas to complement the laudable initiative of the state government. "I want to congratulate you for maximizing that golden opportunity to better your knowledge about agribusiness and I hope you've

begun putting the knowledge to use. As a conscientious and goal-driven government, we will ensure that we facilitate and organize more human-capital development programmes for you (our youths) as well as empowerment programmes because that's part of our responsibilities," he said.

# Oshodi APC youth leaders hold inaugural meeting

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The All Progressives Congress (APC) youth leaders from the seven wards in Oshodi-isolo LG have held an inaugural meeting with their LGA youth leader, Hon. Buari Aremu, to discuss their welfare. Various issues bothering on how

best to cater for the interest and welfare of the youths within the party were discussed. Aremu informed the house of the importance of development in the party, stressing the need to evenly represent the interest of the youths in the scheme of events. "It is our duties to diligently protect

and promote the interest of the youths within our party so that we will not be sidelined. "This meeting will be coming up regularly and it is our duty to fully represent the youths within this local government." The group deliberated on how best the impact of the youths in the local

government will be felt in the coming election. They equally vowed to make a positive impacts in their respective wards to have APC emerge victorious at the 2023 pulls. Hon. Salako Tobi was unanimously appointed as the secretary for the gathering.





# Pry school benefits from FIRS palliative

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The management of Orile-Agege Primary School has commended the local council for selecting the school to benefit from the palliative disbursed by the Federal Inland Revenue Service (FIRS). The disbursement was made as compensation for the local council for its commitment to prompt tax payment among other councils. The head teacher, Mrs. Duropitan said the donation would aid students in participating in class activities and equally ease

the affairs of the teachers. While appreciating the council authority, the head teacher said Hon. Johnson Babatunde's led administration has within a year made a great contribution to the education sector. Duropitan advised individuals and organisations in the council to emulate the deeds of the chairman, saying he serves as a role model to others. According to FIRS, Babatunde has over the time superseded the tax payment of its council which has earned him a good reputation among others.

The agency said the council had continuously regulated its tax payment before deadline which made the agency select a school in the council for the disbursement of the palliatives. No fewer than 1000, 60-leave customized notebooks were donated to the beneficiary primary school after selection. Some staff members of the council also commended the council boss, noting that his commitment has contributed to sustainable finance and funding for governance, public and social services and economic development.



## Council commends blood donors

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Orile-Agege LCDA has commended selfless individuals in the community that have continuously donated their blood in Orile-Agege General Hospital. The council chairman, Hon. Johnson Babatunde noted that their donation has contributed to the healthy living of sick residents. He tagged them as heroes who are consistently saving lives by voluntarily donating their blood, saying their contribution would ever be appreciated in the council. He said the blood donation should be seen as an opportunity to serve

humanity, admonishing eligible individuals to join hands with medical personnel and donate whenever they are chanced. He advised donors to adhere strictly to doctor's prescription after donation, saying regenerating their blood system is also important. Babatunde also noted that as a donor, there are other numerous advantages they stand to benefit when they donate amongst which is free medical test to check if the donor is fit, hale and healthy. He enjoined all healthy residents to contribute their quota to the health development of the residents.



Hon. Johnson Babatunde

Members of Orile-Agege Community Development Association (CDA) have commended the council chairman, Hon. Johnson Babatunde for the reconstruction of the council secretariat. According to them, the reconstruction would encourage officials to be more dutiful while executing their primary assignment. A member, who is a business man, Mr. Tunde Aina said the reconstruction would bring about unification of other functions of the government in the same vicinity with the expansion of the secretariat. He said the rehabilitation will serve as a new face in work delivery which will motivate officers and simultaneously beneficial

## CDA commends chairman over council reconstruction

to residents. Another member, Mr. Oluwaseyi Farounbi said the council chairman deserves commendation, saying it will be in the record as one of the big achievements during his tenure. He admonished residents to pay their levies promptly so that more development and projects could be embarked upon.



## Council boss' wife campaigns against domestic violence

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The wife of Amuwo Odofin Local Government chairman, Mrs. Opeyemi Buraimoh, has called on parents, political, religious and community leaders to synergise and fight all forms of sexual violence which she said had infiltrated the community

and ruined the youths. Buraimoh together with the council vice chairman of the council, Hon. Maureen Ashara, led some groups of women from various sectors on a walk against domestic violence, human trafficking, rape, child abuse, prostitution and others facilitated by the department of Women Affairs and

Poverty Alleviation of the local government to campaign against domestic violence. Lamenting, Buraimoh said it may be difficult to totally eradicate the menace but it could be reduced to a little percentage of no significance. She said part of the ways to curb the vices is through

engaging the youths, victims, parents and guardians in positive activities that will reshape their thinking and make them feel loved and cared for. She charged mothers to pay much attention to their children, particularly the girl child and encourage them to report any encounter of sexual abuse.





# Residents commend philanthropist for coordinating PVC registration

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Residents of 401 Road, Festac Town have commended a resident of the area, Mr Ogunsanya Ayodele, for organizing Permanent Voter's Card (PVC) registration centres for members of the community. The centers were birthed following the inconvenience experienced by residents to acquire their PVCs before closure. A beneficiary who is a football player, Mr. Patrick Eke, expressed gratitude to the organizers of the centres which were put up in an attempt to reduce the queues at the office of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) at First Gate, Festac Town and to ensure residents are registered. He commended Ayodele's organisation for giving preferential treatment to elderly, nursing mothers and pregnant women, saying his idea would encourage the weak to get registered. He said his actions proved



that he has his community at heart despite not occupying an important political post. Eke appreciated the tight security surveillance

created, saying INEC's procedure during the registration rebuilt hope in residents that they are fully set for the upcoming general elections.

He urged residents who are yet to get register to ensure that they do as he emphasized the need to partake in the upcoming elections.

# We're not sponsored by governments - UBF

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The United Breeds Foundation has denied receiving any financial supports from the governments both at the local and States levels, saying its activities were not sponsored by the governments as being circulated. Its convener, David Ohiembor and Youth President, Michael Onuwaje Tesinro, reiterated that the Foundation is not sponsored by politicians or any government institution. They said: "A false claim and information have come to our knowledge, misleading information or narrative about United Breeds Foundation Community Service at Apple Junction being purportedly financed by Amuwo-Odofin Local Government. "This is to state categorically that neither of these public servant representatives, either the the House of Assembly or

House of Representatives members is our sponsor. The information going around is false and should be disregarded. "Please note that we have not received a kobo from any politician or government nor its agencies at any time since our three years of existence. "The need for us to make this known to all is pertinent expending the huge budget expended daily on this community service." "We urge the public to shun rumours of government or politicians funding. Consequently, well-meaning Nigerians and citizens or residents of Amuwo Odofin LGA and its environs who appreciate this painstaking, pragmatic community service can support and appreciate us financially to encourage us to deliver community service to the community by visiting our website where you can find our various bank accounts for your kind and most profound donations."

# Residents decry bad state of road

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Residents of Amuwo-Odofin have decried the inaccessible state of 2nd Avenue road linking 1st gate down to Alakija. They lamented that the road has been in a devastating condition for quite some time and that nothing has been done about it. Commuters and business owners complained that the bad state of the road has negative effect on the living and businesses, saying they lose customers who prefer visiting easily accessible stores to avoid the potholes on the road. They also noted that the road has become a primary



2nd Avenue road, Amuwo-Odofin

source of traffic jam around Festac Town. One of the commuters whose car got damaged lamented bitterly, saying it was the fourth time she would be fixing her car because of the road.

She said her husband had on some occasions parked his car at home to avoid being late to work. She also said commercial vehicles have now officially taken to 'one-way' route in order to avoid the bad road

which has recently caused accident for a lady. She appealed to the council authority to ease the people's suffering by fixing the road and save their lives and economy.

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# GH appeals for blood donation

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The management of Epe General Hospital has appealed to the residents to donate blood to save the lives of patients who are in need of it. The Chairman, Blood Transfusion Committee, Dr Hassan Olajide, who made the appeal, said the importance of blood donation cannot be over emphasised. He said donating blood could help the donor in many ways as the test done helps detect some of the diseases like HIV, Hepatitis B and C and it also allows a donor to know his/her genotype and blood group status. He appreciated all the donors, specifically The Epe Youths Forum, The members of the Ahmadiyya Society of Nigeria and the entire Epe Division who came on the second day of the World Blood Donation Week. "We indeed appreciate their kind gestures and the blood donation done by



Ikorodu general hospital celebrates World Blood Donor Day

their members. May God reward you all abundantly," he prayed. Hassan hinted that the hospital management went as far as Lagos Island in seeking blood, even at odd hours, noting that such act has caused the hospital a lot.

After several sensitization of the Epe residents on the significance of blood donation, Hassan said there has been a great improvement in blood donation to the General Hospital. Also speaking, the Secretary of The Blood

Transfusion Committee, Mrs. Oluyeba Motunrayo, said there were lots of screening procedure taken before accepting blood for donation. "The exercise required a lot of extra energy or effort to achieve but it was worthwhile."

She expressed delight on the massive turnout of Epe residents as she encouraged more participants and youths to visit the hospital for regular blood donation. A blood donor and a community mobilizer, Mrs. Shabi Aminat disclosed

that she had been donating blood over the years, advising that she enjoyed doing so because of the significance of the exercise. "There are lots of benefits attached to blood donation and that is what inspired me to be donating my blood regularly. "I felt relieved each time I donate my blood and I am always happy that I am free of diseases due to periodical check up and blood scrutiny exercise experienced before accepting my blood for donations," she said. Mrs. Shabi Aminat who is also a member of the General Hospital Blood Transfusion Committee, appreciated the Lagos State government's intervention on the health sector. She urged the government to do more most especially in the area of electricity and provision of adequate infrastructure to stabilize the hospital.

# Eredo Council chairman urges residents to pick up PVCs

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Chairman of Eredo Local Council Development Area, Epe, Hon. Monsuru Akinloye, has urged residents to pick up their Permanent Voter's Cards (PVCs) at collection centres. Akinloye made the plea to the residents last week, noting that there are lots of uncollected PVCs at the centres. He said voter's card serves as weapons to vote out bad governance and to vote in good one, telling people that they can determine who leads them through their voter's cards if they vote widely and wisely according to their conscience.

"One man, one vote. Your voter's card is the answer to elect responsive and reliable candidates to occupy the leadership positions in our dear country. Your card will make you eligible to vote into power your choice candidates." Akinloye also appealed to those who are yet to register for their PVCs to do so before the deadline. "I and my family have done our registration and we have collected our PVCs, other residents and subordinates need to do so too. "We have different registration centres across the council area, therefore, residents can visit any of the centres for registration," he said.



The Chairman, Eredo LCDA, Hon. Ismail Monsuru Akinloye at an inspection exercise



The chairman of Ibeju-Lekki Local Government, Hon. Abdullahi Olowa has charged newly admitted students of Lekki Adult Literacy and Vocational Centre to cultivate a critical thinking habits for them to become problem solvers in their various fields.

He noted that their age as a student should not be considered a barrier for them to activate their thinking faculty across the learning realm established in the school.

He said the council hope that they perform efficiently better than their peers in other local governments as he wished that Ibeju-Lekki becomes an admirable council among its peers.

Olowa also commended the board of trustees for its commitment to wiping out

# Olowa charges students to be solution developers

By Motolani AbdulGafar

illiteracy, while also acknowledging and applauding the Lagos State Government for the recent approval granted to set up a vocational Centre in Ibeju-Lekki.

He admonished the students to see the programme as an opportunity to embrace a whole new paradigm.

He, therefore, promised to continue to contribute immensely to the education sector in different realms in the council.



Abdullahi Olowa in a group picture with newly admitted students at Lekki Adult Literacy and Vocational Centre

## NSC predicts difficulty in Lekki port

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Nigerian Shippers' Council (NSC) has said import and export trade could be obstructed due to difficulty in executing cargo evacuation.

The Secretary of the council, Mr Emmanuel Jime said Lekki Port might in some cases experience a similar situation as Apapa and Tin Can ports which would jeopardize Nigeria's economy.

He noted that cargo evacuation specifically would both be influenced in the import and export areas as the road condition is not encouraging.

Jime noted that he has been

reaching out to the government, agencies and private stakeholders involved in the project but has yet to get a response based on the accessibility of the port ahead of the still-to-come September resumption.

He said government representatives have only been giving unrealisable promises to the media, saying there will be solutions to the road networks and other transport modalities.

In the meantime, he suggested the use of barges for the evacuation as the road connection cannot be possibly fixed before the operation commences.



A picture of Lekki port

Ibeju-Lekki Local Government has commended Bisola Ibrahim, student of Community Senior High School, Akodo, further for sailing through to qualify for international debate competition.

Ibrahim had participated and won a debate and quiz competition organized by the council.

She qualified for a national tournament having won the maiden inter-school debate competition organized by the council, representing her

## Miss Ibrahim qualifies for national debate competition

school at the district level where she emerged winner and qualified to compete at the state level which she also won.

She further represented Lagos State at the South West regional level held at Abeokuta while coming second together with her peers making her qualify for the National

Tournament which is tagged "PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE" to be held in Abuja.

The council chairman, Hon. Abdullahi Olowa noted that the quest to educational success in Ibeju-Lekki has just begun, promising that his administration will not relent in its quest to take Ibeju-Lekki Local Government to the peak

of educational success.

He appreciated the commitment of teachers as they cooperate with the council on its initiative in educating the pupils.

Olowo urged parents and guardians to assist and complement teachers' efforts especially when their children are at home.

## Olowa tasks revenue committee to live up to expectation

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The chairman of Ibeju-Lekki Local Government, Hon. Abdullahi Olowa has charged the newly appointed revenue officers to exceed the council's expectation from them.

He noted that the essence of appointing the five-man team is to compliment the previous measures to improve the Internally Generated Revenue of the council.

He said the council expects them to judiciously manage the collection of rates and levies without discrepancy in the community.

"I am appealing to every member of the committee to see this as an



Newly inaugurated revenue officers in a group picture with Hon. Abdullahi Olowa

opportunity to serve the people but not as a means to an end. Note that we are all in this together to fulfil the dream of Ibeju-Lekki being the face of the new Lagos."

Olowa further stated that it is when there is additional finances

to run the government that the grassroots can perform maximally to the expectations of the electorate.

The newly inaugurated members include: Hon. Ajina Kabir Adeshina (Chairman), Hon.

Shafari Saheed Adeleke (Vice Chairman), Engr. (Mrs) Olubunmi Akitoye (Council Manager), Mr. Sunday Onabanjo (Council Treasurer), Barr. Aboaba Olaronke (Legal Adviser).



# Court arraigns man for allegedly raping minor

By Edith Igbokwe

A man, identified only as Damilare, has been arraigned before Justice R. A. Oshodi of the Lagos State High Court sitting at Ikeja for allegedly raping a minor. The 16-year-old victim who was aged 14 years at the time of the incident, said Damilare met her on her way to a salon and promised to give her money and buy her a phone. "I said my parents would complain. He then asked to take me to his house, but I said no because my parents sent me to go and have a haircut."

During cross-examination by the defence counsel, she explained that the defendant dragged her into his house, took off her pants and raped her, adding that when she screamed, he used his hand to cover her mouth. She said: "He pushed me on the bed, removed my pants and raped me. When I screamed for help, he used his hand to cover my mouth." The 16-year-old said she noticed that she was bleeding after the attack. The case was adjourned till October 26, 2022, for further hearing.



# Odefisayo canvasses vocational trainings for students

By Edith Igbokwe

Lagos State Commissioner for Education, Folashade Adefisayo, has canvassed vocational trainings for students, noting that majority of Nigerian students are not taught what would make them excel beyond the classrooms. She urged the government and stakeholders to ensure children possess vocations that could make them survivors beyond the walls of learning. She made the call at the inaugural session of the the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), Lagos 2022 Law Week. The Lagos branch of the International Federation of Women Lawyers has insisted that child education remains a key factor in nation-building. It, thereby, advised parents to take the education of their children more seriously, as a way to actualize their true potential and impact positively on society regardless of their gender. The team of female lawyers recently made the call at the inaugural session of the FIDA Lagos 2022 Law Week, held at the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs, with the theme 'Education As A Catalyst For Boosting The Self-image Of The African

Child'. According to the conveners of the event, Nigeria records the largest figures of out-of-school children, ranking 5th globally with about 10.19 million out-of-school children, amounting to 34 per cent of the total population of children in the country. The FIDA Regional Vice-President, Joy Ezeigbo, hinged on parental primary responsibilities anchored on the principle of "intentional parenting", implying that parents should engage the children based on their academic or vocational interests, rather than foisting on them the parents' choice of career. "Parents have the primary responsibility in the development and upbringing of their children, but in carrying out that primary responsibility, the best interest of the child should be bored in mind, adding that a situation where children study in a hostile environment would invariably reduce their productivity." The Director, Institute of Humanities, Pan-Atlantic University, Ifeyinwa Awagu, expressed dismay over the poor handling of the curriculum in Nigerian schools and proposed a holistic overhaul of the curriculum and the education system as a



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whole.  
"The curriculum is not about what is in black and white, but more about what we do with it.

True, our curriculum has issues that should be looked into, but, it's more about how we teach the content than

about what the content is."  
Other speakers insisted that "education does not have to be formal" and enjoined parents

to consider non-formal education that could help bring out the best in their children.

# Man dragged to court over alleged car theft

By Edith Igbokwe

A 27-year-old man, Olamilekan Adeayo, has been dragged before an Ikeja Magistrate Court for allegedly stealing a car worth N2 million. Adeayo was standing trial on a two-count charges of conspiracy and stealing.

The Prosecutor, DSP Kehinde Ajayi, told the court that the defendant committed the offences in March at Iyo Street, Meiran Ekor Road, Lagos. Ajayi said he conspired with other suspects still at large and stole a Range Rover HSE Black Jeep, with registration number MUS 124 BE, valued at N2

million belonging to one Biodun Ajegunle. According to her, the offences contravened Sections 287 and 411 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015. The defendant, however, pleaded not guilty to the charges levied against him and the magistrate, E. Kubeinje, granted him bail

in the sum of N500, 000 with two sureties in the like sum. Kubeinje said one of the sureties must be a blood relation and must show an affidavit of means and evidence of two years' tax payment to the Lagos State Government. He adjourned the case till July 7 for mention.





# Ikorodu LG chair signs N1.9bn appropriation bill into law

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Ikorodu Local Government, Hon. Wasiu Adesina, has signed the 2022 Appropriation Bill of the Council into law. This followed the agreement and presentation of the Bill by the legislative committee to the Council Chairman at the Chairman's conference room in the secretariat. Presenting the Bill to the chairman, the council leader,

Hon. Adebowale Adebola stated that the councillors worked round the clock to ensure that the bill received progression. He said the people of Ikorodu LGA were delighted with the speed at which the council boss was delivering his projects, adding that delaying the passage of the budget (by the legislative chamber) would be a disservice to the good people of Ikorodu. Before signing the bill, the council chairman appreciated the leadership and members

of the legislative arm for their effort and cooperation, assuring that the budget would be executed fully. While also commending his executive members for their continued cooperation and support to the growth of the council, the chairman promised that his government will keep enhancing its capacity to meet the needs of residents in Ikorodu Local Government area. "Ward projects are bestowed based on a needs assessment of the people at the

grassroots, as well as on feasibility of the proposed project with regards to budget provision. "This administration will continue to work in synergy with the Legislative Arm, to ensure that Ikorodu LGA continues to develop and grow from strength to strength," he said. He confirmed involvement of the Lagos State Government in the ongoing Agura-Gberigbe road structure, applauding Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu for

extending the road edifice towards the province. Adesina also presented a utility vehicle to the head of the council's revenue department, saying his goal is to ensure all sectors are in top-notch performance to realize maximum productivity as he pledged to procure two more vehicles. In the bill, N1,949,065,849.80 was approved as the year 2022 budget. The bill indicated income estimate from value-added

tax (VAT) to be N1227,862,162.18, while N26,000,000 was approved as an income estimate from State Coordinated Revenue 2022. The sum of N105,000,000 was approved as income estimate from Ikorodu Local Government Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) for the Financial year 2022; N170,056,228.07 was approved as Expected Loan from Bank, while estimated recurrent expenditure is put at N1,329,031,876.49.

## Ikorodu General Hospital celebrates World Blood Donor Day

By Saheed Afolabi

To commemorate this year's World Blood Donor Day, the Medical Laboratory Department headed by Mrs. Yemisi Adegoke collaborated with the Lagos State Blood Transfusion Service to organise a Blood Donation Drive and awareness walk to Ikorodu Garage Roundabout. Initiated by the World Health Organisation (WHO), World Blood Donor Day aims to raise global awareness of the need for safe transfusion of blood and blood products while celebrating the critical

contributions made by voluntary and unpaid blood donors. This year's slogan, "Donating blood is an act of solidarity. Join the effort and save lives," reinforces the aim to draw attention to the roles that voluntary blood donations play in saving lives and enhancing solidarity within communities. Speaking at the event, The Medical Director/CEO, Dr. Taiwo Hassan emphasised the need for regular blood donation which is crucial to saving human lives during medical emergencies. Hassan encouraged the participants to take a pledge to

donate their blood and give a gift of life to others as this single gesture can create a million smiles. Mrs. Adegoke stated that the celebration raised awareness of the need for safe blood transfusion. She thanked voluntary, unpaid blood donors for their life-saving gifts of blood, emphasizing "donating just one pint of blood can save more than one person's life". Certificate of appreciation was also presented to regular voluntary donors and lots of gifts to appreciate all the voluntary donors in attendance.



Ikorodu Local Government has concluded arrangement for the enforcement of one passenger per bike (Okada) in the council area starting from July. The agreement was reached by the council authority during a stakeholders' security meeting held at its secretariat recently. The council chairman, Hon. Wasiu Adesina, asserted that come July 2022, Okada riders would no longer be allowed to carry more than one passenger per trip across the central part of the waterbed region in Lagos State.

## LG to enforce one passenger for Okada in July

The security-inclined-based decision by the council boss which was supported by both DPOs - A.P Balogun & Adekunle Omisakin - from Sagamu and Baiyeku axis of the division, saw arousal of concerns from participating stakeholders and residents who felt the new statute would be tough on inhabitants in fulfilling their daily chores. According to Adesina, the need to regulate Okada transit came

up due to security justifications, adding that most times perpetrators of social vices can only execute evil plans through the use of the motorcycles. "While we're looking at different ways to combat insecurities in our communities, we also have to set some regulations in place to help our law enforcement agencies do their work effectively. "Crime propellers in our community can easily operate

with Okada, which makes it hard for our law enforcement to spring into action on time. But if we insert regulation to curtail the deeds, though it will be tough on our residents it will drastically reduce the crime rate. It is a bitter-sweet ruling, but a win for peace and tranquillity. "This is why from July 2022, (through our law enforcement agencies) we shall only allow Okada riders to carry just one

passenger per trip, any okada rider that fails to adhere to the rule at any given time will face the Law for defaulting. "I want to exhort and implore the good people of Ikorodu Local Government to support our numerous security agencies to fight against insecurities across our vicinities. "So far, we've seen a drastic decline in crime rate across Ikorodu according to our DPO's, and we intend to keep it going

down till we can have a very peaceful Ikorodu, a perfect destination for all," he said. The backdrop of growing menace and nuisance constituted by commercial motorcycles, popularly known as Okada also made Lagos State Government impose a fresh ban to curtail the unruly activities of the riders which commenced on June 1st 2022 in axis local government areas and nine LCDAs (Ikorodu excluded).





# Former council vice chairman, Saliu installed new Oloworo

The former Kosofe Local Government Vice Chairman, Prince Babatunde Saliu, has been installed as Oloworo of Oworoshoki Kingdom. The Oloworo official installation finally put to rest the controversy surrounding the seat since HRM Oba Bashiru Oluruntoyin Saliu, Elebo 1, joined his ancestor. HRM Oba Babatunde Saliu, Elebo 2, was recently presented with a letter of appointment and staff of office by the Ministry of Local Government and chieftaincy affairs. Oba Saliu was accompanied by Baale Idris Saliu, Apesin of Oworo, Aremu Idris Hassan, Bada of Oworo, chiefs, amongst others. The Chairman of Kosofe Local Government, Barr. Moyosore Ogunlewe, has congratulated the newly crowned Oloworo of Oworoshoki Kingdom, Prince Babatunde Saliu, on his emergence as the monarch of Oworoshoki Kingdom. The council boss, in a statement signed by his Chief Press

By Edith Igbokwe

Secretary, Comrade Taiwo Fadipe, stated that the appointment and ascension of his vice, marks the beginning of a new era in Oworoshoki Kingdom". Ogunlewe noted that the new traditional ruler's experience in the corporate world, administration, politics and the traditional institution had prepared him for the new royal duties he is assuming. He urged the new Oworoshoki monarch to discharge his duties with the fear of God, passion, commitment and have the heart of a servant and readiness to carry his people along in day-to-day decision-making for the progress of the kingdom. He urged him to work with the government and other traditional rulers across the state and country to foster peace, harmony and socio-economic development across the country. Ogunlewe wished the new oba a "long and highly" successful reign in the service of his people and the country.



Prince Babatunde Saliu, Oloworo of Oworo

## Lagos CP charges officers to sustain effort on black spots

By Edith Igbokwe

Following the arrest of the two-man robbery gang along Ketu/Ojota Road, the Commissioner of Police, Abiodun Alabi has directed that efforts be sustained in all identified black spots to arrest and prosecute all miscreants in accordance with the law. Police crack detectives have arrested a two-man robbery gang known to be notorious for dispossessing motorists of their belongings around Abiola Garden and Ketu/Ojota Road. Police Public Relations Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin announced their arrest in a statement issued recently. The spokesman said the suspects are Kareem Ahmed (26) and Afo Emma (24). They were found with 5 stolen android phones, a jack knife, a cutlass, a mask and weed suspected to be Indian hemp. The duo are assisting the police in an ongoing investigation aimed at arresting other criminal elements in the axis. Hundeyin said the arrest followed repeated complaints from motorists on the activities of criminals.

Chairman of Agboyi-Ketu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Dele Oshinowo has unveiled a record-breaking billboard to showcase the presidential agenda of Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

The billboard, strategically located at Ketu Bus stop, Ikorodu Road, features other All Progressives Congress (APC) candidates entitled to be voted for by the electorate in Agboyi-Ketu LCDA. The candidates include APC Governorship candidate, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu; Senatorial candidate, Lagos East, Senator Tokunbo Abiru; House of Representatives candidate, Hajia Kafilat Ogbara; and House of Assembly candidate, Hon. Femi Saheed. The chairman, who spoke through his Special Adviser on Media and Publicity, Comrade Opeyemi Ahmed, noted that the large-scale print advertisement was to ensure that residents connect with the unique messages of the party's candidates. The council boss further noted that

# Oshinowo commends Tinubu for creating LCDAs, unveils APC candidates billboard

By Edith Igbokwe

the display was also to show special appreciation to the former Governor of Lagos State, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, for creating Agboyi-Ketu LCDA in the face of intimidation and in spite of the monumental threat being unleashed by the then Federal Government. "For us in Agboyi-Ketu LCDA, this upcoming presidential election in 2023 is for us to show our unique appreciation to that special individual who created Agboyi-Ketu LCDA in the face of intimidation. "Indeed, that exceptional political will and courageous vision exhibited by the APC presidential candidate during his tenure as Lagos State governor has demonstrated his unique capacity and sagacious

ability to break all impending barriers in transforming our country to a loftier heights." Oshinowo affirmed that the creation of the local government has brought about massive dividends of

democracy at the grassroots level in Lagos State. "The success story of Lagos State as a huge centre for development cannot be complete without identifying the massive

contributions of the thirty-seven Local Council Development Areas created by Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu. "The creation has ensured all parts of the state are connected to the

development grid. Thus, we are confident that the APC presidential candidate will replicate this vision in a bigger way to ensure every part of the country will witness even development."

## Okanlawon appeals to constituents to get PVCs

By Edith Igbokwe

The incumbent lawmaker representing Kosofe Constituency 1, Hon. Sanni Okanlawon has appealed to residents to get their Permanent Voter's Cards (PVCs) as he received Independent Electoral Commission (INEC) nomination forms at the All Progressives Congress (APC) party Secretariat on ACME Road, Ikeja. The lawmaker who doubles as the Chairman of the House Committee

on Education promised more significant representation. Shortly after the APC assistant state Secretary, Hon. Jumoke Animashun, presented the (INEC) form to him, she noted that the form signifies him as the flag bearer of the party for the 2023 general elections. "The collection of INEC form by the state party means that I am the party's flag bearer of Kosofe Constituency 01 for the forthcoming Lagos State House of Assembly.

"I appeal to co-contesters to calm down and let everybody be at peace so that together we can win the election for our party and I enjoin them to join hands with me to ensure victory at the 2023 poll." Speaking on the ongoing PVCS registration, he noted a gradual increase in the registration exercise and commended the large crowd at the registration centre as he enjoined others who have not registered to make themselves

available for the ongoing exercise. "The large crowd at the registration center is quite encouraging and that implies that people are coming out to register so that they can exercise their franchise during the 2023 election. "My message to them is that they should all come out in their large numbers to register and collect their PVC because it is their power which can be used the way they like in making a change in governance."



# NBA annual conference holds in Lagos, August

By Saheed Afolabi

The Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) has started registration for its 2022 Annual General Conference billed to hold in Lagos between August 19 and 22, 2022. A statement signed by Tobenna Erojikwe, Chairman, Technical Committee on Conference Planning (TCCP), indicated that registration for the conference opened on June 12, 2022 with an early bird registration window. Erojikwe added that participants are to register for either physical or virtual attendance through. Renowned Nigerian author, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie, will be the Keynote Speaker at the conference which will hold at the Eko Atlantic City, Victoria Island, Lagos, under the theme "Bold Transitions".

The statement further indicated that early bird registration for the conference will run from June 12 to July 17, while regular registration will start on July 18 and end on August 5, 2022. Late registration will run between August 6 and 12, 2022, while registration for virtual attendance will be ongoing. The statement reads: "The core objective of the 62nd edition of the NBA Annual General Conference is to host a world-class conference, with in-depth discourse on critical issues affecting the legal profession and the country, facilitated by the most eminently qualified resource persons able to galvanize all conference attendees towards the path of becoming better legal practitioners and experts in their chosen fields; shape

public opinion on critical issues; and inspire lawyers to build the law firms of the future. "The registration fees are broken down according to categories. There has also been a significant reduction in the fees for virtual attendance compared to 2021. "Lawyers in the category of 1-5 years of practice will pay N15,000 for early bird registration, N40,000 regular registration, N80,000 for late registration, and N5,000 for virtual attendance as against N7,500 charged last year. "Lawyers within the 6-10 years category will register with N22,000 for early bird, N60,000 for regular, N120,000 for late registration, and N10,000 if they want to participate virtually compared to N11,250 paid for virtual participation last year.

"Lawyers who have practiced between 11-15 years will pay N36,000 registration fee if they make use of the early bird window, N70,000 for regular registration, N140,000 for late registration, and N15,000 for virtual attendance, N3,000 less than the N18,000 charged last year. "For lawyers between 16-20 years, the cost is N54,000 for early bird, N80,000 for regular, N180,000 for late registration, and N20,000 for virtual registration compared to N27,000 paid in 2021. "Lawyers who have more than 20 years of practice will pay N95,000 if they come as early bird, N150,000 for regular, N300,000 for late registration, and N30,000 for virtual attendance, a whopping N17,500 reduction from what it cost them to attend virtually in 2021.

"Senior Advocates of Nigeria, Attorneys General, and Benchers will pay N190,000 early bird, N300,000 regular, N500,000 late registration, and N50,000 for virtual participation, N45,000 less than the N95,000 they paid last year. "It will cost Magistrates and other Judicial Officers N50,000 to register if they use the early bird window, N50,000 regular, N50,000 late registration, and N20,000 for virtual attendance compared to N25,000 for last year. "Honourable Justices, Honourable Judges, Grand Khadis and Khadis will pay N75,000 registration whether they come as early bird, regular registration or late registration. However, if they wish to participate virtually, the cost is N25,000 instead of N37,500 they paid in 2021.

"For non-lawyers who want to attend the conference, the fee is N100,000 irrespective of whether it is early bird, regular or late registration. If they want to register to attend virtually, the fee is N30,000, N20,000 less than last year's fee. International Delegates will pay a fee of \$300 for either early bird, regular or late registration, but \$100 for virtual attendance, \$50 less than last year's fee. "The AGC will bring together thought leaders in the areas of justice delivery, technology, economy, politics, judicial reforms, human rights, and rule of law. The aim is to have leading lawyers and thought leaders in the various fields to discuss and harmonize positions on the way forward on building a more effective Bar and a resilient country able to thrive amidst changing global dynamics."

## Police to amend charges against Lebanese driver as crushed lady dies

By Saheed Afolabi

The Lagos State Police Command says it will amend the charges against the Lebanese driver, John Greg, who crushed a lady, Omotola Akinsanya, while driving against traffic on Sanusi Fafunwa Street, Victoria Island. According to the state Police Public Relations

Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin, the amended charges will reflect the new reality now that the lady has died. "The case is already in court and now that the lady has died, we are going to amend the charges to reflect the new reality. We may charge him with manslaughter," Hundeyin said. The deceased's brother,

identified as @wellzapi, announced the death of the 31-year-old on Twitter. "My sister Omotola has passed away," the victim's brother wrote. He also attached an obituary notice to the post. Omotola was battling for her life after being crushed by a Toyota 4Runner driven by Greg, who reportedly drove his vehicle on top speed against traffic.



Lebanese hit and run driver

## Police to investigate shooting at Lagos club

By Saheed Afolabi

The Nigeria Police Force has ordered Lagos State Police Commissioner, Abiodun Alabi, to conduct investigation into the alleged shooting of two fun-seekers by five police escorts attached to the popular musician, Damini Ogulu, popularly known as Burna Boy. The shooting occurred on June 8, 2022, at Club Cubana on Victoria Island, Lagos. Force Headquarters spokesperson, Muiyiwa Adejobi, in his tweet, said the escorts have been identified, arrested and detained over their misconduct. The escorts were said to have shot two fun-seekers, Irebami Lawrence and another simply identified as Tolu. However, the spokesperson in the tweet said the Force Headquarters had ordered the CP to forward the result of the investigation for appropriate action. It was learnt that on that fateful day, the musician and five police escorts visited the club at about 4.a.m. On arrival, four of the escorts were said to have waited at the entrance of the club house while the fifth, who was in mufti, escorted the musician to his VIP seat in company of three women. While the clubbing was in top gear, the musician spotted another

woman whom he made advances at. Unfortunately, her husband who was present, was said to have rebuffed the musician, asking him to keep off. This was said to have led to argument between the man's friends and Burna Boy's team, which resulted in the alleged shooting of two fun-seekers while the musician fled the scene on realizing what transpired but the police, thereafter, arrested and detained the escorts. CSP Muiyiwa Adejobi confirmed

the arrest, saying investigation into the matter has since commenced. He assured members of the public that the matter would be unravelled. He said: "We have commenced investigation into this matter. The policemen have been identified and arrested. They have been detained immediately after the incident. "The IGP has ordered the CP Lagos, Abiodun Alabi, to conclude his investigation and forward report for necessary action," he concluded.







The White House Gents Club, Fadeyi, Yaba, has commenced plans to stage a Table Tennis competition with attractive prize and trophies as part of activities lined up for its forthcoming 25th Anniversary.

Chairman of the club, Otunba Yomi Onabanjo who disclosed the plan said the competition was designed to feature all-age categories of players drawn from many community sports clubs across the city of Lagos.

The venue mapped out for the event is the hall of the clubhouse, 36 Ayonuga Street, Fadeyi Lagos.

He said the tournament is open to all age grades in line with plans to make it serve as a platform for recreation for the elderly people and an

# Club plans sport competition to mark 25th anniversary

By Edith Igbokwe

avenue for the young ones to unleash their talents in the game of Table Tennis.

Onabanjo added that the Sports department of the clubs is already discussing the mechanics of the competition with sports clubs that have indicated interest in participating to determine the number of players and officials coming for the event.

Speaking on the impact of

the club in its 25 years of existence, Onabanjo said a lot had been done in the area of social responsibility through the contributions of members of the club and donations from their friends and business partners.

According to him, the club has been alleviating the suffering of residents of Ayonuga Street and environs by providing them with free potable water, though frequent power outage and high cost of diesel have of late disrupted supply of the

water project.

Onabanjo pointed out that the club saw the need to assist the community with provision of water as an intervention to prevent possible outbreak of water borne diseases in the community as the residents have been compromising their hygiene by depending solely on water supply by itinerant vendors dispensing the commodity in plastic kegs.

He added that apart from not being sure of the source of

the water supplied by the vendors, the residents pay exorbitant prices to enjoy the service which puts an additional burden on them in the face of the worsening economic situation in the country.

"Up till now, the people in the area have no access to the government pipe-borne water. majority of the people seek succor from mallams for their daily water supply which is quite expensive and unhygienic. But beyond the convenience of giving the

residents clean water nearby, we are also saving the community from possible outbreaks of water-borne diseases."

However, he felt disturbed by the stop of the water supply from the club due to the sudden hike in the price of diesel used in pumping the water for the public.

He assured that very soon the challenge would be surmounted to pave way for the residents to start fetching water again, courtesy of his organization.

## Okada Ban: LASG inaugurates special squad

By Edith Igbokwe

To further enforce the clampdown on commercial motorcyclists, Lagos State Government has inaugurated Anti-Okada Squad, which is in line with the Transport Sector Reform Law (TSRL), 2018. The development was disclosed by the Commissioner for Transportation, Dr. Frederic Oladeinde.

Oladeinde stated that the anti-Okada squad is to work with the police in enforcing the ban in the six local government areas which includes the mainland axis and on highways, major roads, and bridges.

He noted that the newly inaugurated Special Anti-Okada Squad is to report to the police and any impounded motorcycle will be crushed in public.

He pleaded with residents to help the state government in its fight to combat crime by reporting any nefarious activities of the squad to the Ministry of Transportation.

He stated that the public can report through the following help/complaint lines: 09038208154, 09034810153, 09033090826 and 09169655855.

He reiterated that such reports will help the government generate feedback on strategies for the protection of lives and property, while individuals arrested (i.e., riders and passengers) will be made to face the full wrath of the law in line with the provisions of Section 46, sub-section 1, 2 & 3 of the Transport Sector Reform Law (TSRL), 2018.



Okada riders

The chairman of Lagos Mainland LG, Hon. Mrs. Omolola Essien has approved a tentative date for job interview to all mainland residents that applied for job through the local government.

The interview is scheduled to hold at the Secretariat, 2, Ondo Street Ebute Meta on Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 10:00am prompt.

All applicants are advised to come with photocopies of their curriculum vitae (CVs) and credentials to be

## Council fixes June 21 for job interview

submitted at the venue.

Earlier, the council had partnered with an outsourcing firm to provide youths with jobs to reduce unemployment rate in the community.

However, the application and submission exercise had taken place sometime last two months before the fix of June 21 as the tentative interview date.



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# Residents hail Alhaja Oye-Balogun for giving out interest-free loans

By Edith Igbokwe

Beneficiaries of interest free loan have commended the giver, Alhaja Fatimah Oye-Balogun, aka 'Faaji', who is one of the notable politicians in Ifako/Ijaiye. The reputable businesswoman and philanthropist recently conducted her routine philanthropy by dolling out, through her Eleos Foundation, interest-free loans to indigent residents of the Ijaiye/Ojokoro

Local Council Development Area (LCDA) in Lagos State. The initiative targeted 100 beneficiaries that got between N50,000 and N100,000 interest free loans. Alhaja Oye-Balogun gleefully noted that her foundation aims to impact the lives of people positively in all spheres. This is the eighth edition of the initiative. She confirmed that 100 persons had benefitted. She said: "I love to make people around me happy. For as long as almighty God

continues to bless me, I will not relent from giving back to my community. This informed the entire essence of my Eleos Foundation that has routinely engaged in giving my people interest-free loan. "The interest-free loan programme is targeted at improving existing businesses that need reinvigoration. Being a source of help and succor in this regard is one of the many ways by which I intend to contribute to the betterment of lives of people around me and

give back to the community. "I also implore beneficiaries to make judicious use of this opportunity while paving a smooth path to others who are yet to benefit. They should stay true and committed to the repayment of this loan." Tunde Oyekunle, the leader of the Ijaiye/Ojokoro LCDA legislative arm who was present at the ceremony described the initiative as laudable. "I thank Alhaja Oye-Balogun for contributing her own quota

to giving back to the community. The government cannot do everything, so I will encourage others to come forward as Alhaja Oye-Balogun has done, to help complement the efforts of the government in providing welfare succour to the people," he noted. Some beneficiaries hailed the initiative, saying Mrs. Oye-Balogun has proven to be a real helper of the masses. Mrs. Risikat Abdullah, a second time beneficiary of the

initiative, thanked Alhaja Oye-Balogun for according priority to people's welfare in her life endeavors. "In fact, Eleos Foundation has been very good to people like me. This is the second time I will benefit from this initiative. I got N50,000 the first time and because I paid back as and when due, I was called this time too. "So, I urge other beneficiaries to pay back as agreed so that others can also benefit

# LSPGM, Mushin branch reassures Tinubu, APC support

By Saheed Afolabi

Members of the Lagos State Parks and Garages Management (LSPGM), Mushin branch have reassured the All Progressives Congress (APC) of their support, pledging their loyalty for the ruling party as they also promised to mobilise massively across the entire state to ensure that the party's presidential candidate and all other candidates emerge winners in the 2023 general elections. They made the pledge during their congratulatory visit to the

chairman of Mushin Local Government, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye, on the victory of Asiwaju Bola Tinubu at the APC Presidential convention. The Mushin branch team led by Alhaji Suraju Adeniyi delivered the message of the branch chairman, Alhaji Akeem Aganran, to the council boss. In his response, Bamigboye expressed his appreciation to the team for their support throughout the pre-primary campaign activities of Tinubu. He also thanked the leaders in Mushin for the cooperation and unity among them. He sent his greetings to party leadership of Senator Ganiyu

Solomon, Alhaji Chief Taoreed Faronbi (Baba Alado) and other leaders in Mushin for the success of the primaries both at the state and national levels. The chairman, however, appealed to the group to continue in sensitizing their members towards getting their Permanent Voter's Cards. He emphasised that the PVC is the only instrument that can be used to help in making the "EMI L'OKAN" dream of Asiwaju come to reality. He also emphasized that they should continue with the campaign train, moving from one park to another and ensure that all their members at the



Lagos State Parks Management, Mushin branch in a group picture with Hon Bamigboye

various motor parks and garages in Mushin Local Government and Lagos State are fully registered with INEC and BATified for the 2023 general elections.

# EKEDC assures customers of quick metering

By Saheed Afolabi

Following the outcry of many of its customers in Mushin and its environs, Eko Electricity Distribution Company (EKEDC), has promised to embark on metering them sooner. The company's Managing Director, Dr Tinuade Sanda, gave the assurance at a customer engagement forum organized by the company last week. The customers who attended the forum were residents from Mushin, Itire, Odi-Olowu, Tejuosho, Yaba and Papa Ajao. Sanda, who was represented by the Chief Financial Officer, Mr Joseph

Esenwa, disclosed that the engagement was continuous and aimed at fostering the relationship between DisCo and its esteemed customers. He said: "Under the NMMP, free meters were distributed to customers and we are waiting for phase one of the programme. However, the ongoing MAP scheme is to enable customers to purchase prepaid meters directly without delays. "We have the mobile MAP which we have launched in Festac District and customers are getting their meters within 72 hours. "My advice to you is that you should embrace this MAP and get your

prepaid meters to avoid issues relating to estimated billing and other disputes." While admitting that power supply had dropped significantly within the last few months, she noted that this was due to the challenges bedeviling the electricity sector. Speaking further, she revealed that EKEDC had got a loan from the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) to help carry out its operations effectively to enhance productivity. Sanda said the industry stakeholders from the generation, transmission and distribution were also working together to ensure that the power situation improves across the country.

# Adeboye blesses Mushin community with borehole

By Saheed Afolabi

Pastor Oluwagbemileke (Leke) Adeboye, son of Enoch Adeboye, the Redeemed Christian Church of God Worldwide (RCCG) General Overseer, has inaugurated and donated a borehole to a community in Mushin. According to him, this is to ensure access to clean, healthy potable water by the people of the community. The inauguration of the borehole was part of activities to celebrate his 40th birthday, with the theme "Shining The Light", which was marked with extravagant praise and thanksgiving ministrations concert in Mushin. The event, which was held at the

Bishop Aggrey Secondary School field, Mushin, was organized by the wife of the celebrant, Pastor Titi Adeboye. Leke Adeboye, the last male child of the General Overseer of RCCG, was born on May 20, 1982, when the Adeboye family resided in Mushin. He is the Principal Executive Assistant to the General Overseer of RCCG and also the Assistant Pastor-in-Charge of Province (CSR), RCCG Youth Province 1. He is also the Pastor-in-Charge of RCCG Living Seed Church (LSC) known as the "Bridge"; a vibrant youth Church under Youth Province 1, as well as the global Coordinator of RCCG Pastors Seeds Family. He said it was a nostalgic experience

for him having grown up in Mushin. "I was born and raised here a while before my family relocated to Ogun State. "Mushin is where I and my brother Dare started life before he departed this world. May his humble soul rest in peace, Amen. "Also, this is the place where the Mission RCCG General Overseer, my father, lived while he was based in Lagos. So I considered it necessary to come back home to impact my people; you must not forget your source." Giving insights into his motive for giving the community a borehole, Adeboye emphasised the importance of water while explaining that clean water is indispensable to everyone.





# Onilude charges religious leaders to promote peace in community

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The chairman of Badagry Local Government, Hon. Segun Onilude, has urged all religious factions in the council to live up to their expectations by promoting peace in the community. The council boss explained that to promote community peace and unity, all religious factions must co tribute positively to ensure peaceful coexistence. He said peaceful living could only be achieved in the society when religious factions tolerate each other and understand the doctrine of each faction.

He tasked religious stakeholders who paid him a visit in his office to curb the menace of religious difference and enmity that continue to jeopardize the development of the community. Onilude said he made the appeal knowing that their actions and communications to their congregations would go a long way in reviving promotion of peace in the community. He also reached out to all religious members to appreciate the significance of practicing their religious beliefs which he said safeguards their reasoning and way of doing things on the right path.



Religious stakeholders in a group picture in Badagry Local Government

## SSANU-LASU appraise Vice Chancellor, expect more benefits

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Senior Staff Association of Nigeria Universities (SSANU), LASU Branch, has appreciated the Vice Chancellor of the institution, Prof. Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello, for her commitment towards the promotion and welfarism of its members. They described Olatunji-Bello's action as unprecedented which has elevated the status of most workers. The union's chairman, Comrade Oluwaseyi Lawal, said her action has brought renewed hopes that great scour will be experienced by his members who have been craving for better welfare packages as remuneration. He cited her commitment to the promotions of members on the principle of transparency, meritocracy and due process as means to instill a good legacy. Lawal listed the areas of securing approval of the Appointment and Promotion Committee for the conduct

of Re-Assessment Examination and Interview for eligible candidates across all cadres in the just conducted 2020/2021 promotion year which facilitated the release of arrears of allowances by the state government and provision of opportunity for members through the mechanism of internal vacancy as evidences of her human-faced leadership. He, therefore, stated that her actions would aid LASU to become the best in West Africa.



Prof. Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello

Four suspected criminals in Badagry Local Government have been docked for alleged theft.

The suspects identified as friends were in a Chief Magistrates' Court in Badagry, on hearing for allegedly stealing of six 12kg gas cylinders, three bicycles and two wheelbarrows.

The police charged Abiodun Oyinlola, 28; Adam Aiyekpo, 25; Kelechi Johnson, 29 and Aliyu Maikudi, 25; with theft and breach of peace.

The Prosecution Counsel, ASP Clement Okuoimose, said the

defendants committed the offence on May 19 at about 5:00 am, at Plot 13, Oteyi Garden Estate, Abule-Ado area of Lagos State. Okuoimose alleged that the defendants broke into one Mrs Obiageli Okechukwu's apartment and stole six 12kg gas cylinders, three bicycles and two wheelbarrows all worth N390,000. He said that the defendants also conducted themselves in a manner likely to cause breach of

peace.

The offence, he said, contravened the provisions of sections 287 and 168 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

The defendants however, pleaded not guilty to all the charges.

Chief Magistrate Fadahunsi Adefioye admitted the defendants to bail in the sum of N100, 000, each with two sureties in like sum. The case was adjourned till June 22, for further hearing.

## Council to create space for fish sellers

As part of effort to bring sanity to the market, Ojo Local Government authority has pledged to create a separate space for the fish sellers in Iyana-Iba Market

According to the council chairman, Hon. Rasulu Idowu, doing so would bring orderliness into the market while enforcing the rules guiding the market just as he warned that defaulters would be severely dealt with.

Idowu noted that the council has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the market stakeholders on a fifth agreement titled 'No shop should display goods on top of drainage.'

He said the council has started enforcing the agreement by deploying the task force to clear all shops erected on drains as well as unauthorized mini shanties established in the market.

The council chairman said the authority would ensure the traders comply by the law and order for the development of the market and community as a whole.

He said while working towards an increased internally generated revenue as expected in every local council, the council would not jeopardize the wellbeing of its people, saying illegal trading affects free movement and healthy living of residents.

## Four suspected thieves docked





# My goal's to play football to highest level – Waheed Ajani

By Saheed Afolabi

Promising, talented playmaker, Waheed Ajani has set his sights on becoming a household name in the future. The Valiant FC tricky playmaker just won the Most Promising Baller Of The Year at the Ballers awards held recently in Lagos. Speaking to ECHONEWS, Ajani stated that he is very happy winning the coveted award, adding that his goal is to play football to the highest level as he sees himself playing with the top players in some years to come. The crafty player appreciated his club chairman, coaches and teammates for standing by him and helping him to win the award, as he hopes to make his family wealthy

through football and also play for the Super Eagles of Nigeria someday. "I feel very happy and honoured winning this award, though it came as a surprise to me but I believe that with God all things are possible including hard work. "Valiant FC have been a great family to me. The love they have shown to me since joining the team has been great and also I appreciate the club's chairman and my coaches for believing in me. "My goal is to play football to the highest level so I will be able to help my family, those who are in need and people who believed in me since the beginning of my career. "Next five years, I see myself playing with the top players and also representing the green white green flag of Nigeria's Super Eagles."



Waheed Ajani

Teammates, private trainings brought me success – Monday

By Saheed Afolabi

The NWFL Premiership Super 6 held sway at Benin city, Edo State as Bayelsa Queens emerged champions of the tourney which was held to determine the champions of the elite women league in Nigeria and who will represent the Nigeria at the CAF Women Champions League. On loan FC Robo Queens player to Bayelsa Queens, Gift Monday scooped 3 out of the 4 individual awards on display because of her great performance in the NWFL Premiership Super 6. Monday, who only had 3 goals in the regular season before going into the Super 6, scored 9 goals in 5 games in the super 6 and a total of 12 goals all through the season to emerge as the Queen of goals in the league. She went home with the MVP award, highest goal scorer award and player of the match award as she became the most talked about player in the NWFL Premiership Super 6.

Speaking to ECHONEWS, Monday said she did not believe that she could emerge the highest goal scorer going into the Super 6 but her teammates and private training session made her achieve success. "I didn't believe I could emerge as the highest goal scorer of the league, because I only had 3 goals to my name going into the Super 6 but hard work, my teammates' cooperation and private training sessions made me to be able to achieve success. "Honestly, I'm very happy and to my fans, my coaches Emmanuel Osahon, Moses Aduku and all the Bayelsa Queens coaching crew, Bayelsa Queens chairman and all the players, I really appreciate them for making me achieve success in the NWFL Premiership Super 6, I'm grateful and to all my fans also, I appreciate you all for your constant support always."

# I'm overwhelmed with love, support for Charity Football – Yemi Fortune

By Saheed Afolabi

The convener and organizer of Charity Football, Yemi Fortune (Unstoppable) said Charity Football is all about giving back to the society through football, as he was overwhelmed by the turnout and show of love that the event received. "I'm Unstoppable Yemi Fortune. I'm so overwhelmed with the turnout today which was massive. I want to appreciate all the teams, friends and well wishers that turned out for this event. "Charity Football is all about giving back to the society through football and some of the teams and individuals that turned out for the game gave their best and contributed their own money including food stuffs, which will be used

to buy the needs of the less privilege and orphanage homes because the whole event is centered around giving to the less privileged and orphanage homes. "Giving back to the less privileged and orphanage homes has become a norm in our modern society as people continue to preach for wealthy individuals to always show support to the less privileged and orphanage homes." The first edition which held at Jalisco Mini Stadium, Oshodi, saw individuals and All Stars teams show up to play the round leather game and also used the medium to contribute funds which the proceeds was used to buy needs for orphanage homes and the less privilege in the society. Some notable individuals who spoke to ECHONEWS, also

gave commendation to the organizer for putting up a great event and bringing people together. Joshua Adegboro, President Akinola All Stars said: "I will give kudos to the organizer, Yemi Fortune, this is a good course and I will urge him to make it an annual thing, from our end we are always happy and willing to support a reasonable course and by the next edition, we at Akinola All Stars will play a major role." Kolawole Ajani, vice chairman of Jalisco All Stars, Oshodi stated: "The charity football is a good initiative at least to reach out to the orphanage and the less privilege and we at Jalisco All Stars are assuring the organizer that we will give him our full support in subsequent editions." Adebajani Gbeleyi (Skibanj) noted: "It's a good initiative

from Yemi Fortune and he has been doing it for years and we need to give him kudos and encourage him to do more." Coach Banire Banis said: "I saw the post on Facebook, I was very happy and I decided to give my support to the programme and I urge ex internationals to buy into this programme by giving back to the society." Olayemi Balogun, a football stakeholder in Oshodi, commended the organizer by saying: "Charity Football is a great thing, it's what everyone should be involved in because it's about giving back to the less privileged and giving back to the society, I commend the organizers of this event." Folashade Ijamilusi, a national team player who plays for FC Robo Queens gave her full support, as she

said: "It's a great event and kudos to the organizer, Yemi Fortune for putting this together because it's an impressive one and what I will also be giving my full support to." Chidinma Ogbuchi, national U20 and FC Robo Queens player, said: "It's a great initiative and this has urged me to also give back to the society in my own little way." Omoshola Fayemi, founder, Skillful Football Foundation, Oshodi, showered praises on the organiser, "I will like to appreciate the efforts of Yemi Fortune, kudos to him. It's a very lovely event and gives us the opportunity to meet our old friends and it also promotes friendship among the older players and we at Jalisco All Stars will give him our utmost support always," she commented.





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