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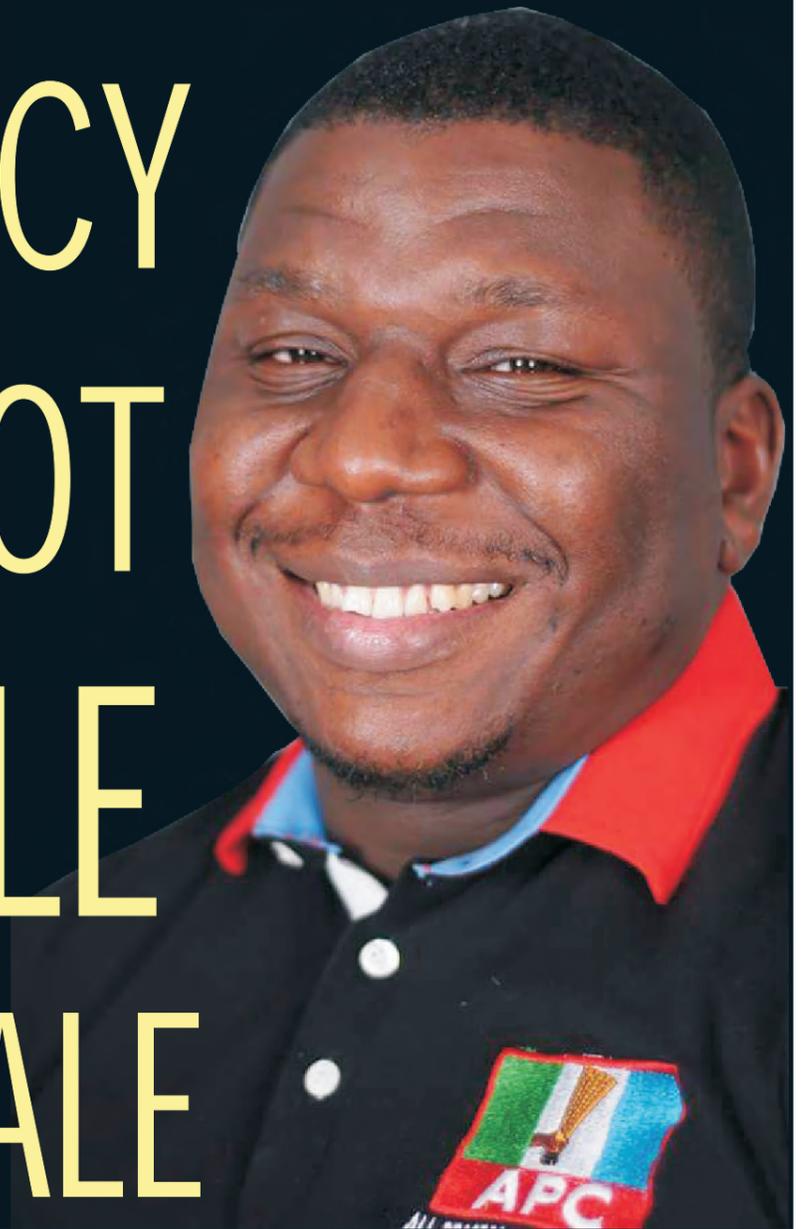
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My candidacy in 2023 is not negotiable – Ladi Ajomale

In 2019, Ladi Ajomale contested the primaries of the All Progressives Congress for the seat of Oshodi-Isolo Constituency II covering Isolo and Ejigbo LCDA in the Lagos State House of Assembly. Following the policy of the party to enable the incumbent, Hon. Jude Idimogu, who had just crossed from the Peoples Democratic Party to spend a second term, Ladi stepped down. After almost four years of obeying the wish of the party, he believes it is time to get the party's nod to run as a candidate. He spoke with Echonews editor, Abolaji Adebayo. Excerpts:

What can you comment on the just concluded APC primary elections?

I think we can reasonably conclude that democracy has shown itself and prevailed. I'm saying that because when you look at Ejigbo and Isolo, the constituency I belong to, we had the ballot boxes there on time, we had the officers on time and people came out to vote for whom they wanted. We heard that all the councillors and the chairman are returning for the second term except the one who lost the election in Isolo.

Although we had a little bit of hiccup, I can conclusively say that democracy proved itself. It was fun, it was interesting for us to see that it was fair play. We had many candidates coming out to show their interest but fortunately, Hon. Bayo Olasoju turned out to be the winner of the primary election. So, I think it was a fair play. Normally, those who are not favoured would make noise and I think the party has been settling that.

Why do you think what happened in 2019 won't happen again?

Well, knowing our party for what it is, we all have the belief and ideology that once we have the candidate that has won an election, we always believe that such a person is likely to go back for a second term after which we now bring out new candidate and new contestant for the new administration.

And that time it was a healthy competition. I can say that it was just for me to compete and show my popularity and to let the people know that I still have them in my heart. So, I decided to come out and contest the primaries just to show my strength and to show that I still have the popularity and I'm still the people's favourite. But as it is, as I said, the party's principle and leadership are supreme no one goes against the leadership of our party.

So, when the situation which I was expecting anyway came that I had to allow our man, Hon. Jude Idimogu to go for a second term, I agreed without any challenge; it didn't cause any problem, it didn't cause any fight. I decided to yield and I was happy at the same time I was proud because I came out as the winner of the primary election.

Now, to answer the question, I don't believe it will happen again. It wouldn't happen again because he has succeeded in his second term. We believe that's what they have in the set up for him to do. So, come next election God keeping us and protecting us, I believe that I will be the one representing our party from 2023 in Lagos State House of Assembly.

People thought you would ride on your father's influence as the former party chairman. **Why couldn't you use his influence?**



Barrister Ladi Adomale

Yes, that is to tell you that the party is supreme and some people made the mistake of saying that once you are in a particular position you can do and undo. Yes, my father is the immediate past chairman of the APC Lagos State and if he wanted to influence anything I believe he could but we believe in fairness and equity. You know for someone like my dad who happens to be my mentor and my best friend, I have learnt so much from him and ultimately everything goes down to when it is your time, it will be your time.

When God says it is your time then it is your time so at that time the way it went we did all the necessary things that we were supposed to do, we made all the requirements, we went to see all the necessary leaders and we did a grand walk and you will confirm that the elections turned out positive for me. Unfortunately, the party's decision was that I should step down and allow him to contest for a second term and there was no argument. My dad did not even fight because it was the party's decision probably if he were still the APC chairman, I don't know, maybe they would have said he should allow me as the APC chairman's son but he didn't do it.

Ultimately that just went down to prove that he is a different party man and that's to show that he believes in the supremacy of the party, as well which I do believe too. Whatever it is that happens in 2023, we are just going to make sure that we do the same work we did to make sure we have the people on our side and we believe that this time around I would be allowed to be the party's flag bearer.

How are you preparing for your ambition?

I have been working with various groups of people across the constituency in Isolo and Ejigbo. I have been working with all the ward chairmen in the two LCDAs. Though there are no more caucuses, I have my teams who I work with and give me the necessary information that we need to work on. We also do some humanitarian work, sponsorship programmes,

training programmes just to keep the people with me and let them know that I still have them in my heart.

We've been having meetings but it is just that recently our focus has been on the local government election. So, we've diverted all our energy, all our strength into the local government

counterparts to come and steal my ideas and use them but yes, I have been able to secure some opportunities that I know will be beneficial to our people especially the women and the youths.

Again, I'm looking at scholarship sponsorship for the youths to be able to get a quality education. Aside from that, I have a plan to do some sorts of a talent hunt for the youths because it is not necessary or compulsory these days for one to just focus on academics. That may not determine your future so, I have a plan to embark on talent hunt for the youths. And based on that particular talent that we discover as we have quite a number of people that are good at football, table tennis, long tennis, whatever sport it is.

I will try to have a good relationship with the governor. If one doesn't have a good relationship with the state governor, one will not be able to discuss some of the issues and challenges in one's constituency. I don't know but I'm suspecting that some of the reasons we haven't gotten some of the development that a member of the State House of Assembly can point to which he has facilitated to the constituency from the state government unlike our MHR, who has done fantastically. He has done quite a number of works. Now what people do not understand is that it is not his own money, he is only able to influence the government to come and do the projects in his constituency.

So, imagine when you have a team of representatives from the federal and the state working together with both governments at the local government level and the state government level and we can bring down the ministry of works, the ministry of education, environment, down to our constituency based on the relationship, we will have a lot of things moving. These are just part of what I'm going to take advantage of to bring development down to our constituency here.

When did you develop an interest in politics? Will you say your interest in politics was influenced by the position of your father as a politician?

No! I picked interest in political struggle as I was motivated by the way people supported Abiola and that was when I started pursuing knowledge about politics. I started making enquires, I started talking to my dad because he was the one who was into politics so he explained the situation to me that for you to be a president these are the certain steps you need to take, these are the certain things you need to do and that was how I started taking interest in politics. And from there, I think it was the year 2000 when my dad started having ward meetings in our compound in Okota. I started joining the meeting. I found the singing and dancing interesting and the merriment that normally followed - a bottle of coke and biscuit.

My interest became high when my dad contested for House of Reps though he was asked to step down even after winning the party's primary.

He did and I believe it was a blessing for him as he is more recognised now in politics. Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, who has been noting my dad's activities, said he has served faithfully during the time of NADECO so he brought him back on board as a cabinet member and I think he started being the Special Adviser on Political Matters to the Governor who was Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu at the time. That's when I got interested in politics, I became more active in 2000.

Read full interview on www.echonews.ng

Residents task govt on timely completion of Aregbe, Karimu Streets

By Damilola Kushimo

The residents of Aregbe and Karimu Streets in Isolo LCDA have hinted at the challenges posed by the yet-to-be-completed road rehabilitation, urging the contractor and authority of the local council to speed up the work on the roads.

According to them, the projects, which commenced in February, was supposed to be completed in April as they were billed for three months.

However, their leaders-Chairman of Karimu Olushi CDA, Alhaji Karimu Aregbe, Mr Tajudeen and Alhaji Awoyemi Olaifa from Aregbe

CDA- to the council chairman, Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye, to live up to the pledge to finish the project before his tenure ends.

They appreciated the council chairman for the project, emphasising that the infrastructural development is a dream come true for them in the community.

They explained that when completed, it will put a lasting smile on the face of road users and residents and improve the socio-economic activities in the community.

The Street all made a passionate appeal to the council boss for the completion of the road before he leaves office.



Karimu and Aregbe streets



Ilasa residents commend political office holders over infrastructures

By Damilola Kushimo

Residents of Ilasamaja have continued to appreciate the Lagos State Governor, Mr Babajide Sanwo-Olu, the Senator representing Lagos West Senatorial District, Hon. Adeola Olamilekan (Yayi), the Member of House of Representatives in Oshodi-Isolo constituency II, Hon. Ganiyu Johnson, and the outgoing Chairman of Isolo LCDA, Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye (Shammeh) for the execution of various developmental projects in the community.

The residents said the community had suffered marginalisation in term of infrastructure development but began to experience significant development recently when Godwin-Omonua/Bankole Junction down to Taiwo Street to Fiditi/Salamotu down to Iyana-Itire was renovated as part of the projects facilitated by Hon. Ganiyu Johnson.

Coincidentally, the council chairman, Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye reconstructed Araromi and Fabiyi Streets.

In addition, a town hall is being constructed in the community by the state government facilitated by the councillor, Hon. Akeem Adeyemi (Alarape). The project has since advanced to the finishing stage.

Senator Olamilekan Yayi has also chosen Ifelodun and Tanimola Streets for reconstruction, as well as the drainage channel on both sides of the streets.

Reacting to the series of developments in the community, Baale of Ilasamaja, High Chief Fatai Abereji, explained that the

developments are the real dividends of democracy the community has been waiting for.

He noted that the development, if sustained and spread to other major areas, will significantly boost business activities in the community which will, in turn, be to the advantage of the council in the area of revenue generation.

His words: "The development that has been happening in our community in the last few months is expected they are

long overdue because we are law-abiding citizens of Nigeria. We pay our dues both at the local and state level. So, we must enjoy infrastructure in every aspect. Of course, Ilasamaja has been marginalised for a long and we appreciate those at the helms of affairs for deeming it fit to look into our plights this time around; we are appreciative. To some extent, this development is not something we should be overjoyed about because they are long-overdue and our

people complain a lot that what we've benefitted as dividends of democracy are not equivalent to our active participation in politics. Ilasamaja should be a mini-LCDA on its own. If all political officeholders at all levels of government are carrying out an infrastructure each in the community, we deserve it and we deserve more.

"We appreciate our MHR for his giant strides on roads infrastructure in our community as well as our council chairman, Hon.

Shamsudeen Olaleye, the state government for the town hall as fought for by our councillor and now our Senator, Olamilekan Yayi for the ongoing development on Ifelodun/Tanimola Streets. We are looking forward to the handing over of the town hall now that what is left are just minor works."

Residents of Ifelodun also expressed their appreciation for the development, saying it would enhance the economic value of the community and ease vehicular movement.

The principal coordinator of Sen. Olamilekan's activities in Oshodi-Isolo LGA, Hon. Emmanuel Olojede explained that the project is a continuation of his principal's developmental efforts in the senatorial district, informing the constituents to expect more in Ejigbo and Oshodi as well.

He explained that, if the weather remains friendly, the ongoing project would be completed within one month as he urged the residents to take ownership.

Illegal parking: How we restored orderliness to Isolo roads - Taskforce

By Damilola Kushimo

The Chairman of Taskforce constituted by the authority of Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) against illegal parking on roads, Mr Demola Balogun, has explained that the agency has restored orderliness to roads.

Balogun, who spoke to

ECHONEWS on a brief assessment of the task force's activities in the last six months, noted that the road-user friendly approach chosen in tackling the menace of illegal parking helped in restoring orderliness on the roads and ensure free flow of traffics.

However, he said the issue remained unsettled at Ago

Palace Way as trailer-carrying trucks still indulge in illegal packing by the roadsides to the detriment of other road users.

He said the task force sometimes work with its state counterpart to tow trucks from Ago Palace Way especially when trucks break down and hinder the free flow of traffic.

He, therefore, urged road

users to comply with traffic rules while warning car dealers who park their vehicles by the roadsides for display, saying the taskforce team would intensify its efforts to sustain and increase more compliance with the rules against illegal parking.

Balogun also cautioned road users especially private car

owners against the habit of stopping in the middle of the road to buy something from roadside stalls, a habit he described as inconsiderate.

Meanwhile, he explained that the fines paid by erring road users vary but all are duly remitted into the council's coffers with proper documentation.

Landlords resume cases against defaulting tenants after JUSUN strike

By Damilola Kushimo

Lawyers and their clients especially the landlords who have been waiting on the courts said they have been relieved with the resumption of courts.

Since the Judiciary Staff Union of Nigeria (JUSUN) embarked on strike about two months ago, lawyers and landlords who had cases to settle with their tenants in court had been complaining as they could not proceed.

Speaking to ECHONEWS, one of the lawyers in the Isolo local council area, Barr. Habeebulah Boladale said the nation cannot afford the recurrence of such industrial strike action by the



Isolo Magistrate Courts Complex

Judiciary Staff Union of Nigeria (JUSUN).

According to him, the industrial action did not only have national consequence but also affected

judicial businesses at the grassroots as well as landlords as he explained that some landlords were relatively helpless and trapped in crisis

with their defaulting tenants.

The 64-day strike which has been said to be the longest industrial strike action by the judicial staff in the country was suspended on Wednesday, June 9, 2021, following a meeting between officials of the union and the National Judicial Council (NJC) where it was agreed that the suspension should be suspended in the ultimate interest of the nation and to allow the federal government implement its promises.

Boladale explained that while the suspension is welcome, the Federal Government should not renege on its promise.

He explained that the belief that

the court is the last hope of the common man should never be in doubt.

Meanwhile, he said only fresh cases were attended to last week when the magistrate court in Isolo opened, adding that there was no sitting on Friday because the court embarked on thorough fumigation of the court premises as the full operation is expected to commence today (Monday).

"It's a great development that court has resumed and judicial activities have commenced. We are very happy because for that two months, we didn't do anything and now some of our clients can heave a sigh of relief because the court has resumed.

Eko Boys High School emerge champion of 9th GTBank Masters Cup

By Saheed Afolabi

Eko Boys High School, Mushin defeated Anwar UI Islam of Agege 2-0 at the Campos mini stadium, Lagos Island to lift the 9th edition of GTBank Masters Cup. Before the final, Eko Boys High School had been defeating all their opponents comfortably, while Anwar UI Islam had a draw during the group stage of the competition. Eko Boys High School had their 13th manfully at their back which are their fans, who were roaring like wounded lions and beating drums from the start of the match till when the central

referee blew the final whistle which paved a good result for the Mushin based school team. Eko Boys had five players disqualified from the final because they have already graduated from the school, the same as the Anwar UI Islam side. Eko Boys scored two early goals in the first half to destabilize the Anwar UI Islam side. Eko Boys were able to score the two goals before Anwar UI Islam could settle in the game. Eko Boys dictated proceedings in the first half and had more chances to score more goals but the chances were

squandered away. Anwar UI Islam couldn't connect their passes in the first half as they gave away possession numerous times. The Eko boys team decided to sit back in the second half and hit their opponent on the counter but the Anwar UI Islam side garnered more possession in the second half but the resilience defence line of Eko Boys proved to be a turbulent task for them. Anwar UI Islam's goalkeeper was impressive in the match with his breathtaking saves to deny the Eko Boys High School side. Eko Boys were able to grind out

a win and ultimately won the competition for the first time in 8 years as they last won it in 2014. Coach of Eko Boys High School, Azeez Mustapha disclosed that he knew his opponent was very good so he told his midfielders to play diagonal passes and score early goals to shock their opponent. Mustapha said he was very happy and excited about winning the GTBank Masters Cup for Eko Boys High School, saying they deserved it after coming close in previous years. Coach of Anwar UI Islam, Abdulmalik, said he was disappointed in his players and



Eko boys high school lifting the GT Bank masters cup

also blamed the organisers for the impromptu notice to play the final after a year break due to the effect of Covid-19. However, he admitted that the better team won while boasting of winning the competition next edition.

Peculiar FC, Future Stars advance to final of Seagold Super Cup

Peculiar FC and Future Stars FC booked their place in the final of the Seagold Super Cup after getting past their opponents in the semi-final. Peculiar FC had a rollercoaster tournament by defeating all the teams they played within the competition before reaching the final. Future Stars FC is the only team yet to concede a goal in the competition as they advance to the final. Peculiar FC made their work easy against their semifinal opponent, Bright Star FC, by defeating them 3-0. Peculiar FC dominated the game in their usual fashion and took the lead in the game in the 2nd minute before wrapping up the win in an emphatic way.

Future Stars on the other side laboured before grinding out a win against Madu FC by defeating them in a penalty shootout 7-6 after the match ended in a stalemate at the end of regulation time. Future Stars lost a penalty in the first half of the game which could have sealed a win for them. Goalkeeper of Future Stars squandered a chance of sending his team to the final when he lost the 5th spot-kick for his side which he should have scored, the miss extended the penalty shootout beyond 5. The goalie of Future Stars proved he was a penalty shootout stopper by saving the 7th spot-kick of Madu FC, which ultimately secured his team passage to the final.

Ottasolo All-Stars force Jalisco All-Stars to a draw

By Saheed Afolabi

Jalisco All Stars battled it hard against the energetic Ottasolo All Stars which made both teams settle for a draw at Jalisco stadium Oshodi. The scoreline denied both teams the bragging rights of the game as both were made to regret their missed chances. Jalisco All Stars who were playing in front of their home fans dominated the game in the first

half but could only muster a slim goal lead. Jalisco All Stars joyfully took the lead as fans of the team went out jubilating like a wild uncontrollable fire. Jalisco All Stars squandered numerous chances which, if converted, could have granted them the rights. Ottasolo All Stars came back on level terms with a scintillating finish to level the scoreline, Jalisco All Stars got a lifeline to



Jalisco All Stars vs Ottasolo All Stars

retake the lead in the game from the penalty spot but, the shot-stopper of Ottasolo All Stars made an incredible save to deny Jalisco All Stars. The game ended in a 1-1 draw as both teams shared the spoils.

Guendouzi agrees to personal terms with Marseille

By Saheed Afolabi

Arsenal midfielder, Matteo Guendouzi, has reportedly agreed to personal terms with French

Ligue 1 side, Olympique de Marseille. The 22 years old player spent the entire 2020/2021 season on loan at Bundesliga side Hertha Berlin. Marseille is now believed to be holding talks with Arsenal regarding the transfer fee of Guendouzi. Guendouzi has not played under Mikel Arteta since his team's 2-1 defeat to Brighton 12 months ago. The midfielder grabbed Neal

Maupay's throat during the match and is not believed to have made a great impression with the manager after being called into a meeting to discuss his antics. He was then reportedly involved in a bust-up with David Luiz at a Dubai retreat after the experienced defender told the youngster to 'grow up'. Guendouzi was subsequently removed from the first-team squad, missing Arsenal's FA Cup final victory



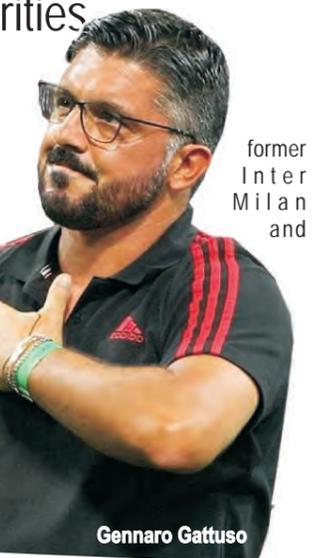
Matteo Guendouzi

Tottenham fans force club authorities to reject Gattuso as coach

By Saheed Afolabi

Gennaro Gattuso has not been accepted as coach of North London side Tottenham Hotspur. The 43-year old Italian resigned as coach of Fiorentina barely 23 days after he was appointed. The likelihood of Gattuso joining Tottenham Hotspur met a brick wall from fans who protested against the decision which was communicated to the club by the Tottenham Hotspur supporter trust. The club has not commented on Gattuso but it is understood they are now looking elsewhere. On Thursday, Spurs ended talks with former Roma manager, Paulo Fonseca. Fonseca, 48, is understood to be stunned by the developments with negotiations reportedly so far

advanced that discussions had taken place about potential signings. Fans moved to create a #NoToGattuso hashtag which was trending on Twitter. "We can and do communicate supporter sentiment to the decision-makers at the club, and have done so very clearly on this occasion" the Tottenham Hotspur Supporter Trust tweeted. "We are aware of and acting on your concerns around potential managerial candidates." Earlier in June, Spurs had also been in advanced talks with



Gennaro Gattuso

Chelsea boss, Antonio Conte, while also trying to persuade their former manager, Mauricio Pochettino, to leave his role at Paris St-Germain. It is now nearly two months since Mourinho was sacked after 17 months in charge.

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Why we formed another ex-political office holders Forum - Alashe

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The former Supervisory Councillor for Agriculture in Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Yemisi Alashe has explained that members committed to the second term project of the incumbent chairman of Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Monsuru Bello has formed a new Ex-political Office Holder's Forum to work for the progress of the local council. In an exclusive chat with ECHONEWS, Alashe said disunity set in when some members of the forum decided to follow other paths different from the resolution of the forum before the APC party primaries. According to her, the chairmanship aspirant, Hon. Petter Ajayi, who is one of the members of the forum, had earlier told other members that he was not aspiring and would

not contest for any political position but later obtained the form to contest the primary for the council chairmanship contrary to what he told them. His action, Alashe said, divided the forum as some members decided not to align with the forum any longer hence, the need to reconstitute the forum. She explained: "Earlier in the year, all of us in the forum had endorsed the incumbent chairman, Hon. Monsuru Bello Obe for his second term. Then, we asked whether anybody had an interest in contesting for the chairmanship but nobody indicated interest. Later when we had been campaigning for Obe, it was during that time that Hon. Peter Ajayi lost his mother. We went to meet him being one of us to sympathise with him and to congratulate him on his birthday because it was at the same time.

"The former coordinator of the forum, Hon. Taningbola, secretary, Hon. Olalekan Musa, Hon. Atinsola and I were the ones who went to Hon. Peter Ajayi with a roll-up banner we did for him. There in his house, he told us even without asking him that he was not going for the political post. He said I, Alashe and Hon. Atinsola should go and tell the chairman that he was not contesting for any post. He even told us that he was shocked that his friend, Sola Adeniran, came out to show interest." Continuing, Alashe said Hon. Taningbola later called her to say that Hon. Ajayi had collected form to contest for the local council chairmanship. She said she told Taningbola that she would never be part of the ambition. "Meanwhile, some people wanted to blackmail me and

Hon. Atinsola with the picture we took with Hon. Ajayi with the roll-up banner we did for him for his birthday. They were claiming that we went to endorse him but God exonerated us especially with his first message he asked us to relay to the chairman that he was not contesting." After the drama, Alashe said they called for the meeting but some of them did not respond but later summoned another emergency meeting where the executive was dissolved as the members said they did not have confidence in the leadership of the former coordinator, Hon. Taningbola. She emerged as the new coordinator at the event. Meanwhile, Alashe said henceforth, all factions are banned, urging all members to come together to move the Forum forward and to also move Ejigbo LCDA to greater



Hon. Yemisi Alashe

heights. She also appealed to the former coordinator, Hon. Taningbola, secretary, Hon. Olalekan Musa

and PRO, Hon. Damilola Onadeko to desist from representing the Forum since they have been removed.

We're grooming world standard female animation experts in Ejigbo - Adenle

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The founder of the School of Arts, the organiser of the ongoing Girl Child Animation Training programme, Mr Adetunwase Adenle, has disclosed the plan to train internationally

competent and recognised girl child animators in Ejigbo. The programme, being held at Ejigbo LCDA Digital Art Library, is organised by the school in conjunction with First City Monument Bank (FCMB). Adenle, who was elated by the turnout of the trainees, said Ejigbo, in the next five years,

would be ranked higher and internationally recognised as part of the areas in Lagos State that have experts in animation. He noted that having more experts in animation would help in increasing the country's GDP through their creations. Describing the participants as

being steadfast, Adenle said their enthusiasm and attitudes to the lecture are commendable, triggering the organisers to do more. He noted that 90 per cent of the 100 girls enrolled for the first one month following the plan constantly attend the lecture contrary to their expectation that more than the average of the number would back out of the training.

He said the organisers, motivated by their persistence and readiness to learn, have made a structured plan for them to do a follow-up on their success after completing the training. "In Ejigbo, we are trying to create an animation hub where people can come in to make animation and work to create different animations together making a team because we don't want a wasted effort for our participants after training," he disclosed.

One of the trainees, Miss Boluwatife Yinusa, who spoke to our correspondent,

expressed much gratitude to the organisers, adding that she has efficiently gathered substantial knowledge on animation within few weeks of training. She said she has been enlightened through exposure

to the training on how to incorporate animation into her long term business plan to make her planned business classy and worth presenting while reaching out to parents to ensure their girls make use of the current opportunity.

Road users applaud Obe

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Commercial drivers at Ile Iwe, Ejigbo have commended Hon. Monsurudeen Bello (Obe) led the government for being steadfast in road rehabilitation.

The reaction was made following the rehabilitation of Ejigbo-Idimu road at Dorcas bus stop and the government's efforts in desilting the drains at NNPC junction to ease the challenge of potholes and stagnant drains in the environment.

The motorists expressed much gratitude to the administration for doing a follow-up on the general wellbeing of the masses as they are hopeful that the

administration would do more if Obe is re-elected for a second term.

One of the motorists who spoke to ECHONEWS, Mr Uchekukwu Ibe, noted that the government's intervention on the road has greatly eased their movement, appealing that the gesture should be extended to other roads within Ejigbo.

Elder Ade Ifedapo urged the local government to also fortify the security system, complaining that drivers are occasionally attacked by hoodlums.

He also wants the government to reduce the different charges collected from the motorists in the name of the government and NURTW.



Training session

Ejigbo, Okota, Orile-Oshodi get more polling units

By Damilola Kushimo

Statistics have revealed that Oke-Afa-Ejigbo, Okota and Orile-Oshodi wards, under federal law, are the three top wards with the highest number of polling units in Oshodi-Isolo LGA following the creation of more polling units in the country. Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) had, last Wednesday,

announced the creation of additional polling units in the country with the addition of 56,872 to the already existing 119,976 the nation has.

With the creation, the number of polling units in the country is now 176,846 with Lagos having 13,390 making it the state with the highest polling units in the country.

Before the announcement, polling units in the Oshodi-Isolo LGA are 513 but the figures have risen to 890 following the addition of 377

polling units. Okeafa-Ejigbo ward that has 78 polling units before now has 186; addition of 108 polling units.

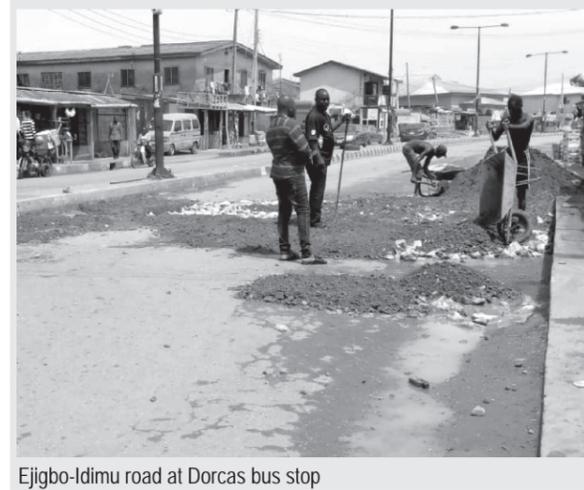
Okota ward now has 92 polling units following the addition of 52 more to the already existing 42 while Orile-Oshodi completes the list of Top 3 in the LGA with 112 polling units following the addition of 39 more to the already existing 73.

Ilasamaja Ward comes next to this as it now has 76 full-

fledged polling units against the 44 it used to have.

Isolo Ward that comprises Akinbaiye and Alagbeji now has 77 polling units, a difference of 34 from what it used to have.

Mafoluku, Ishagatedo and Oshodi-Bolade Wards now have 65, 58 and 101 polling units, respectively while Ajao Estate, Sogunle-Alasia and Sogunle have 36, 53 and 34 from the previous 17, 42 and 31 they have, respectively.



Ejigbo-Idimu road at Dorcas bus stop

PSP drags two churches to court over unpaid bills

By Edith Igbokwe

Two churches in conflict with Excellens link, one of the Private Sector Participants (PSP) in charge of waste management in Oshodi have been fined N5,000 each by the customary court sitting in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government for allowing the case to get to the court before paying for services by the company months ago. The two churches are

Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG), White Chapel Parish located along Oshodi-Apapa Expressway and Christ Apostolic Church (CAC), Oshodi.

They have been mandated to settle their debts before the end of June.

RCCG is owing N60,000, an accumulated bill for 15 months as the church pays N4,000 monthly waste charge.

CAC, on the other hand, is owing N6,000, an

accumulated bill for six months as the church is charged N1,000 monthly.

The secretary of RCCG, who represented the church in court, explained to the court that the N10,000 payment has been made last week and that the balance of N50,000 will be paid by the end of June.

The pastor in charge of the CAC appealed to the court as he promised to settle the bill by next week Tuesday, saying he has been hospitalised for some time and still on

medication.

The president of the court, Mrs Adebisi Laditan, fined both churches N5,000 each to have allowed the service provider (PSP) to take the matter to court before they realised that they were to pay their bills.

She warned that failure to pay up the debts on or before the end of June will attract additional penalty, adding that copies of the payment should be submitted to the court by the two churches involved.

Court dissolves 35-yr marriage, orders husband to pay wife N200,000

By Edith Igbokwe

The customary court in Oshodi-Isolo LGA has finally dissolved the 35-year old marriage between Mr Isaiah Robinson and his wife, Mrs Yetunde Robinson.

ECHONEWS reported last week that the court ordered Mr Robinson to renovate the house built by his wife for her and her children especially their sickle cell 11 years old last born to provide her conducive accommodation due to her health status before the marriage could be dissolved.

However, the husband pleaded for an extension of time till June ending to perfect the renovation of the house.

The petitioner had accused his wife of infidelity and being diabolical, lack of care for the sickle cell child, adding that the marriage lacked the required love to sustain the union.

Following his agreement to renovate the house by June ending, the court, on Thursday, June 17, dissolved the marriage as both parties

refused to reconcile.

While pronouncing the judgement, the court president, Mrs Adebisi Laditan, ordered the husband to give N200,000 to the divorced wife in addition to the N500,000 he has earlier given her to establish business and the house renovation.

The court put the 11 years old sickle cell daughter under the custody of the wife because of her age and health while the husband is to have unhindered access to his children.

The husband was told to ensure that he completes the house renovation as promised.

The court also ordered him to pay N30,000 monthly for the feeding and medication of the little girl and also take responsibility for her school fees.

The copy of the judgement was made available for both parties to obtain while the opportunity to appeal for redress was given to any aggrieved party within the statutory period of 30 days.

Voice out if your rights are infringed upon - LASCOPA urges consumers

By Edith Igbokwe

In a bid to achieve its vision and objectives, Lagos State Consumer Protection Agency (LASCOPA) has enlightened the residents in Oshodi-Isolo on how their rights can be protected and the steps to report any infringement to the agency.

The agency said it is living up to its responsibility to promote and protect consumer rights against hazardous and substandard products and services.

The Director, Consumer Education Department of the agency, Mrs Folashade Ashaye

who spoke to ECHONEWS on behalf of the General Manager, Mr Afolabi Solebo, said the agency is trying to ensure that consumers get value for the money they pay for any product or service and must be satisfied. She listed consumer rights to include the right to safety, right to be informed, right to choose, right to be heard, right to satisfaction of basic needs, right to seek redress, right to consumer education and right to a healthy environment.

"Consumer is expected to take action against purchased product or service if the purpose is not satisfied by getting in

touch with LASCOPA at 2B, Soji Adepegba Close off Allen Avenue, Ikeja rather than accepting the situation and dying in silence.

"However, consumers must not be involved in illegal/sharp practices such as drainage blockage, littering of refuse, environmental pollution and others but, to make purchase legally and collect receipt," she said.

The agency promised to hold regular public enlightenment to guide consumers on their rights and inform them to make complaints and seek redress if any infringement occurs.



Mrs. Folashade Ashaye

Akunna emerges new Greenfield CDA chairman

By Damilola Kushimo

Following the decision of Mr Paul John Nwaenyi to withdraw from the race, Chief Monday Akunna has emerged as the new chairman of Greenfield Community Development Association (CDA).

Akunna won the election unopposed gathering 165

votes.

Mr Rantimi Ogunleye amassed 145 votes to beat Mr Christain Ogueli to emerge as the Secretary while Chief Raphael Ogazi and Mr Christain Asange emerged the vice-chairman 1 and 2 having polled 165 and 156 votes respectively.

The election, described as democratic, was observed by the Community Development

Committee (CDC) led by Hon. Segun Olatunde, CDA chairmen from Isolo, Amuwo-Odofin and Ikorodu North LCDAs.

The election recorded a fair turnout of residents as they confidently cast their votes for their candidates using the option A4 voting system.

Commenting on the election, the chairman of Ago Phase II

United Forum (APUF), Hon. Nixon Okwara described it as free, fair and transparent, commending the contestants for their show of sportsmanship which he said politicians across levels of government should emulate.

"Politicians need to learn that whatever they do, posterity will speak. If you are doing well, people will elect you," he said.



(Rotn) Olukayode Salako

By Edith Igbokwe

The All Progressives Congress (APC) in Oshodi-Isolo LGA has stated that it has settled all discord and reconciled all aggrieved members.

Speaking to ECHONEWS, the Secretary of the Reconciliation Committee set up to address all issues concerning the just concluded party's primary, Olukayode Salako, said the party is sure of victory during the general election as every member is ready to work for its success after reconciling all aggrieved members.

He said the committee has concluded its job, saying the party is expected to be one as he appealed to all members to forget the past and forge ahead in unity.

Salako commended the chairman of the committee,

Prince Samuel Aina, for making great effort and wisdom to ensure every score was settled.

"As an elder, a veteran politician and former local government chairman, he made sure that aggrieved individuals, supporters, groups, caucuses were reunited to make sure that our party wins the general election on July 24. Under his leadership, the committee had a daily schedule to ensure that the two-week assignment yielded a positive result of one purpose, one party spirit and togetherness that would heal the wounds in the hearts of the party members."

He emphasised that with the reconciliation exercise, the party in Oshodi-Isolo LGA is expected to be stronger and more united with the spirit of oneness after the reconciliation.

Medical expert lists ways to control obesity

By Motolani AbdulGafar

A medical expert in Ejigbo LCDA, Dr Adebayo Animashaun, has said that obesity, which has become an epidemic in low and middle-income countries, particularly in urban areas, can be controlled if properly monitored.

He stated that obesity which is carelessly ignored has grown to epidemic proportion with over 4 million people dying each year as a result of being overweight or obese according to the global burden of disease.

He explained that the issue involving an excessive amount of body fat is a medical problem that increases the risk

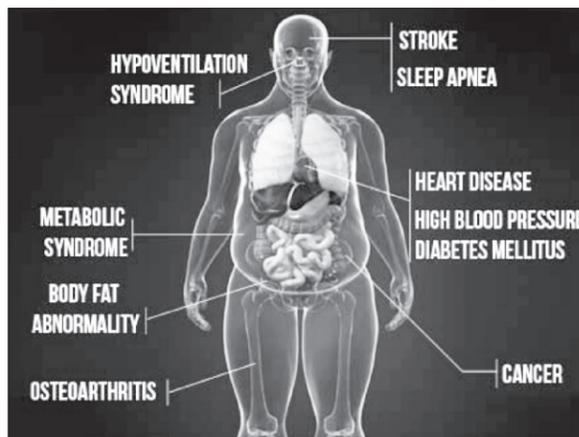
of other health challenges such as high blood pressure, heart disease, diabetes and others.

Animashaun said medically, a body mass index (BMI) that is over 25 is considered overweight while over 30 is categorised as obese.

According to him, preventing obesity plays an important role in maintaining good health because it is associated with a long list of chronic health conditions many of which become more difficult to treat over time.

These include type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, high triglycerides, heart disease, sleep apnea and others.

"By focusing on obesity prevention and lifestyle changes, it may be possible to



Complications of obesity

slow or prevent the development of these diseases," he said.

He encouraged that residents should cultivate the habit of eating healthy foods and fruits even when they are not

diagnosed with any disease that can be a source of health burden that reduces the life expectancy of affected persons due to its relation to many chronic diseases.

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