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# How I moved my council's IGR from N15m to N70m - Daini

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The Igbogbo/Bayeku Local Development Authority (LCDA) has been able to increase its Internally Generated Revenue (IGR) in the last one year, by 367 per cent. The chairman of the LCDA, Bldr. Olusesan Daini, revealed this when he said his administration has been able to jack up the internally generated revenue (IGR) of the council, from a paltry N15.4 million in 2017 to about N70 million at the end of 2021.

He disclosed this while speaking at the LIRS Workshop on Councils' Revenue Collection organized by Korki & Associates.

Explaining how he revolutionalized and professionalized revenue collection in his council area, Daini said: "When I assumed office July 25, 2017, the highest revenue ever collected in the history of Igbogbo/Bayeku LCDA was around N15.4 million. I looked at it and I said how do we help the situation, we have to improve it.

"I am glad to say that as at the end of last year, we made above N70 million - almost 400 per cent increase without adding any new rate and without increasing any tax. So, what we have done is to block the loopholes and professionalize the practice. When we talk of professionalizing the practice, we talk of due process.

"We have a very robust law on financial activities in the state but unfortunately, many people don't make use of it.

"If you look at Lagos State Public Finance Management Law 2015, Page 6, Section 57, it

speaks about setting up a revenue committee. We are to appoint the chairman, CM, the CT, the Legal and other members as part of the committee. If you check the responsibilities of the committee as contained in Part B, it shall be responsible for the assessment and the collection of all taxes, fares, rates, charges or other revenue under the jurisdiction as an account borrow amount collected in a manner to be described by the chairman of the local government subject to the Financial Memorandum guidelines.

"The first thing that should be done by any local government who wants to add value is to seek the law that protects the operation and collection of revenue. If you can do that, you have moved ahead of others.

"After that, I looked into the law that gave me power to make my own bye laws. Any local government that wants to professionalize any activity must act according to the law of the state. After doing that, I looked inward." The council boss explained that he set up an independent revenue committee headed by the Council Treasurer, adding that he also recruited new staff for the committee and gave them proper training on professional collection of revenue.

He further said he also set up a monitoring security and revenue task-force in which he was involved.

"There is a law in the Financial Memorandum supporting setting up a revenue committee. It gives autonomy to the committee to be independent. It stated that a revenue committee shall be autonomous and has its own workforce. So, I looked into that autonomy and worked with it.



Bldr. Olusesan Daini

"I designed a logo for them and made them autonomous from the local government treasury so that they are totally not being guarded. The committee has its own staff different from the staff of the treasury. "When I set up the committee, I had to bring in some new hands and orient them while moving the old hands out of the system in order (not) to corrupt the system.

"I had to train and localize the training for the new revenue staff. I got the training consultant. I was in the training myself to know actually what they would be doing outside there, in the field. We did that. It cost me N1.2 million monthly to pay my revenue staff. I have informants in each of the revenue team so that they don't jeopardize the system and our efforts."

As part of strategies to monitor the revenue collection, Daini said he had different departments saddled with different responsibilities. These, according to him, include ICT department, Legal department.

"No receipt can go out of the revenue committee without the consent of the Council Treasurer because it is the Council Treasurer that will do the monthly analysis, get the statement and be sure of all the money spent and received, make sure all payments are reflected in the account.

"Another major thing that can also help is to make use of POS and POP. I have 10 POS machines. It is difficult for you to collect (the) money with hand. I also do monthly jingles on radios, informing people that if they must pay with cash, they

must get the slip.

"I lead an independent monetary team on a monthly basis. I lead the enforcement myself but to the critical places. I make sure I collect the money that belongs to the local council even if the state intervenes." Apart from the rates and taxes, the council boss explained how he also dabbled into agribusiness to generate revenue for the local council.

"When we talk of diversifying, I went into fishing at a particular time and I made millions of naira from it. I trained people and empowered them in agribusiness, I was making money. I trained people to produce more fish and I was paying them. I was making money and they were making a living as well. All these are how we can go to increase our revenue."



# Amuwo-Odofin stakeholders canvass for widows' support

By Motola AbdulGafar

Community stakeholders in Amuwo-Odofin Local Government have canvassed for the physical, therapeutic and financial support for widows within the community.

The appeal was made during a stakeholders session with the council boss, Hon. Valentine Buraimoh to extend his support to the partially ignored in the community. They canvass that the widows are amazing people who put in efforts to stabilize their emotional instability to fit into society

despite various challenges they have encountered without disturbing the peace of other neighbours. They unanimously agreed that Buraimoh should include widows aid in his still-to-come 2023 budget of the year for adequate representation.

Meanwhile, Buraimoh appreciated their open-mindedness amidst other requests they tendered as he described their action as a way of showing transparency to his administration.

He promised to fulfill his promises and beyond as the convenience of the public is his priority.



Hon. Valentine Buraimoh while appreciating community stakeholders

Residents hail construction company over speedy job on Apapa/Oshodi Expressway

By Motola AbdulGafar

Residents of Amuwo-Odofin Local Government have commended the relentless efforts of the Hi-tech construction company in speeding-up the reconstruction of the Apapa/Oshodi Expressway in the area. They noted that commuters and residents have been looking forward to the completion of the road which they said would relieve their daily movement.

Speaking with ECHONEWS, a road user, Adepeju Akiolu noted that aside from her movement as a student, the reconstruction would improve the economic activities in the area as traders would find it convenient to ply the road on their way from the market.

She said the speed of reconstruction is an amazing fact as compared to the arbitrary, usually construction the community is used to.

She explained that the flyover bridge being constructed at Second Rainbow - Cele and the Aguda piling work are about to be completed.

She stated that the speed of work has been advanced to casting iron rod reinforcements and rigid pavement which they perceive as a sign of dedication.

Akiolu appreciated the government for the construction while appealing for more massive construction in the area.

She advised road users to ensure the proper use of the road on completion as the government has aided the masses which is left for them to complement their efforts.

The Chairman of Lagos State Park Management, Alhaji Musiliu Akinsanya (MC Oluomo) has set up a task-force over the alleged extortion and exploitation of road fees from tanker drivers around Apapa/Oshodi Expressway. Oluomo said he took the action to ensure regulation and orderliness among members of the association in the State.

## Oluomo sets up task-force to check alleged extortion of tanker drivers

By Motola AbdulGafar

To ensure the commitment and adherence of members, the chairman of branch C Amuwo-Odofin LGA, Prince Ajele Abeyi Abayomi (Ikomodina), his counterpart, Branch A chairman, Comrade Kazeem Raji (Student) and three others have

been appointed as members of a task-force to curb extortion of tanker drivers.

He ordered them to curb the alleged extortion and harassment of tanker drivers, saying the association does not permit illegality among its members.

He warned all members not to collect money

from heavy-duty tanker drivers or NUPENGs.

He promised concerned transporters that with his insight in choosing credible representatives, the task-force team will ensure that they will experience hitch-free journey towards Mile 2 Bridge, Sunrise, up to Coconut, Apapa, and that they will not be

illegally extorted nor harassed.

Oluomo further charged the task-force to make sure all forms of extortion and exploitation around the Apapa/Oshodi Expressway axis are terminated, warning that he will not tolerate any complaint from external forces towards mismanagement.

The All Progressives Congress (APC) candidate for the Lagos State House of Assembly in Amuwo-Odofin Constituency I, Hon. Olusegun Folorunso (Ola Western) has appealed to the residents to give him total support by voting him in the 2023 general elections.

He said his willingness to serve the people was borne out of the fact that he was born and bred in the street which made him experience the true nature of street boys.

He said, however, as an intellect, the need to observe the requests of

## APC state assembly candidate, Ola Western seeks community support

By Motola AbdulGafar

the lowest of the low within the community has been a triggering factor for him to decide to engage in political aspirations.

Folorunso noted that his step towards the state level is to facilitate the restoration of state benefits that would aid the community with good assurance as he represents them among other local governments in the State House of

Assembly.

He promised that he won't be scarce after the election and assured that his scorecard will speak for him as a man of the people.

He appreciated the efforts of the NURTW Chairman in the area, Prince Ajele Abeyi Abayomi (Ikomodina) for coordinating his members very well which has brought about peace and unity in the community.



Ola Western while canvassing his candidacy





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# A Day with the ALGON Chairman

By Kehinde Bamigbetan

**A**labi Kolade David, a lawyer and a businessman, is better known in Bariga, Lagos where he stays, as the Executive Chairman of the Council, one of the additional 37 councils set up by the Lagos State Government to bring government closer to the people in 2003.

Alabi's influence spreads beyond the council area. As the chairman of the Conference of Chairmen of Local Governments of Lagos State, he is a major stakeholder in the decision-making process. It is not surprising that the Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu calls him to discuss matters of state in the course of our interaction.

In the last two years, Alabi's election as a Local Government Chairman has also opened opportunities at the national level. He presides over the Association of Local Governments in Nigeria and recently got a task from his party – the All Progressives Congress – to head the Directorate of Local Governments of the party's presidential campaign council. With such tentacles across the federation, it is easy to assume that Alabi would be too busy traveling and meeting to be found in his office.

Wrong.

Without a prior appointment, the Echonews Newspapers marketing team visited the headquarters on Tuesday. The receptionist confirmed he was in the office, concluding a meeting and will see us very soon.

It turned out that he was indeed finishing a meeting with former executive secretaries of local governments in the state ahead of the elections.

From that meeting, he began a round of consultations of staff, political associates and members of the community who streamed in twos and threes with various complaints. Between working on memos and files brought by aides, he listened to and addressed complaints.

The Echonews team was there to resolve the delay in paying an advertisement published in the annual edition of its National Women Conference edition. He called the information officer, Mr Oladele Adekunle to find out what caused the delay. Then, he ordered that the debt must be paid that day. It was paid.

Alabi invited us to visit a few of



Bamigbetan, Osijo, Ojelade with Alabi at the site



Twin school project with assembly gallery

the projects the council was doing. On our way to the car, a woman, who claimed to be over 70, called out to him to assist her with money to buy drugs. She said she had lost her children and had no one to take care of her needs.

Alabi summoned the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. (Mrs) Foluso Oyewole, of the council to take over all the medical expenses of the woman immediately.

Our first stop was the 700 metre road, including a bridge on Olorunfunmi/Olorunesan Street to decongest traffic. We met the contractors on site. The contractors had the usual challenge of creating a road out of a built environment. They had marked the fences of the houses for demolition to make way for the 10 metres width to include drains on both sides, pedestrian walkway and the road. But who would bell the

cat? Who would tell the landlords and community leaders of their imminent loss?

At this point, the leader in Alabi stepped in. The house most affected belongs to a certain Pa Ojelade. Alabi sent a staff to invite him to site. Soon, the old man arrived.

Alabi shot straight. He explained that the council was responding to the clamor of the community for development by embarking on the road project but the standard measure and facilities would not be achieved without demolishing structures on the right of way.

He offered Pa Ojelade the reconstruction of the walls of the remaining structure by the council.

Initially perplexed, Pa Ojelade gradually adjusted to the reality of the situation and proposed a legal record of the transaction. This art of community engagement is a reliable index



Inspecting the new legislative building under construction

of Alabi's goodwill among the people and soft skills as a community manager who has been serving the grassroots over two decades.

Alabi started as Councillor as early as 2003 and has been a Supervisor, the Vice-Chairman, Executive Secretary before he was elected the Executive Chairman.

Compelled to play catch-up by providing public facilities in an area built up with residential estates, Alabi is laying the foundations of his vision for the local government by establishing uncommon standards.

He is currently constructing a twin-school project; Igbehinadun and Adaranijo Primary School which will be a standard learning environment equipped with world class facilities. Both will share a spectator's stand for assemblies and formal occasions.

He is also keen to establish the three arms of government at the local government level. For instance, we visited the new Legislative building undergoing construction. This building includes a spacious chamber with about 50 seat-gallery, the offices of the \*Councillors are ensuite. Alabi said the furnishing and interior decoration will be world class. Significantly, flanking Alabi on the tour is a former Sole Administrator, Hon. \*John Osijo. He told Echonews how Alabi kept the political family in the local government intact by ministering to their welfare.

His words: "I am not saying this because he is here. The chairman has tried to keep all of us together by providing access and taking care of our needs. All former office holders are receiving support of one kind or another regularly. We owe him a lot of gratitude".



# Apapa gives road construction interlock face lift

By Motola AbdulGafar

Apapa Iganmu Local Council Development Area (LCDA) chairman, Mrs. Funmilayo Muhammed has preferred interlock stones to asphalt for the road construction projects in Akorede, Badia and Ijora axis. According to her, considering the soil texture and land structure, interlock stones will last longer and avert flood issues than asphalt on the surface of the road. She reiterated her

commitment to ensure that community people enjoy the dividends of democracy as she inspected the ongoing roads construction. She implored the contractors to give their best on the job to have quality and lasting roads for all. She further promised that her administration will be resourceful to keep all Apapa Iganmu roads motorable. She noted that roads accessibility will help to boost socio-economic activities in all nooks and crannies of the community



Interlocks for road reconstruction

Apapa Iganmu Local Council Development Area (LCDA) chairman, Hon. Mrs. Funmilayo Muhammed has advised beneficiaries of free vocational skill acquisition to make good use of the opportunity given. The council partnered with Speed Up Lagos Initiative to train youths across the LCDA in vocational skills of various kinds. Such skills include, make-up, catering, hospitality management and home essentials, cosmetology fabric/souvenir, hair making, fashion designing and others. Beneficiaries were presented with certificates at the council Secretariat, CZ Anago complex after training for two weeks. The vice Chairman of the council, Hon. Bamidele Olawale

## Make your acquired skills work for you - Muhammed

By Motola AbdulGafar

represented the council chairman with words of admonition to the beneficiaries to be skillful with the acquired knowledge. He noted that skill acquisition is the real wealth making source that anyone can acquire to become self independent. Supervisor for Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation (WAPA), Hon. Funmilayo Adewole encouraged beneficiaries to continue the practice of skills acquired to become professionals. HOD WAPA Mrs. Omolara Obilaja advised graduants to explore more than the obtained skill to add style and brand to themselves.



Certificate presentation to beneficiaries



# Kasali justifies reconstruction of police post

By Motola AbdulGafar

The Chairman of Lekki LCDA, Hon. Rasaki Kasali has said the reconstruction of a new police post in the council area was borne out of the need to strengthen the level of security in the area. The project duration is said to be six months with the demolition and reconstruction of an existing mosque on site, demolition and reconstruction of a police post on site, construction of the police station, 2NOS, blocks of 8 units, bedroom apartment, watch tower and external works. He said that the site is

located in the centre of the council where information can easily be gathered from both ends which will aid the work of the officers. He appreciated the commitment of the State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu to bring back the post to life as the reconstruction and provision of technology needed would be fully facilitated by the State which will encourage the officers to be willing to do more for the community. He appealed to residents for their patience towards the government as they continue to unravel new projects while promising that they will continue to cater for their wellbeing.



Lagos officials handing over the reconstruction of police post to Kasali

## Kasali builds public toilets Eleko, Ise

By Motola AbdulGafar

As residents continue to demand infrastructural development in Lekki LCDA, the council boss, Hon. Rasaki Kasali has facilitated the construction of public toilets at Eleko and Ise town respectively. The construction, he said, was to satisfy commuters, road users and residents' inconvenience while striving to get better. He said although convenience is just one in a million of the needs of the community, the council will on no account overlook all demands of its people. Kasali appealed to community users to maintain the structure as it is built to serve the community in the long term and canvassed for their cooperation and continuous trust towards the development of the council.

## CDC solicits council's support to complete hall project

By Motola AbdulGafar

Ifako-Ijaiye Community Development Committee (CDC) sub committee has solicited the support of the council chairman, Prince Usman Hamzat

towards the completion of CDC multipurpose hall construction. The sub committee visited Hamzat's office at the secretariat soliciting for his assistance to continue the building project. Leader of the

committee, Prof. P. Adeniyi commended Hamzat's contributions to the project so far, while seeking his relentless effort to ensure successful completion of the community multipurpose hall.

Responding, Hamzat stated that he is not reneging on his promises to complete the hall before the end of his first term "Completing the project will be a thing of joy to me, as it will bring glory to the local

government," and urged his friends to contribute towards the building project. The council treasurer noted that he will get back to the committee in due course after concluding with the chairman.

## Groups donate learning materials, encourage reading culture in students

By Motola AbdulGafar

Two non-political groups in Ibeju-Lekki Local Government - The Lagos Free Zone and Supermarine Services have in their capacity encouraged reading culture in Secondary School students in the council. They donated books and bookshelves to 11 Senior Secondary Schools, 11 Junior Secondary Schools and two Primary Schools in the area. Publishing on their social media timeline, the Lagos Free Zone noted that the donation is to support

the educational development of students in the council. They said it is expected that students should be able to excel tremendously in their academics as much as educational materials and proficient teachers are made available to them. They noted that they expect that the provision would be a source of future upliftment for the students as they continue to nudge towards the realms of success in life.



Groups in a group picture with secondary school students after donation



# Imota residents get free drugs

By Saheed Afolabi

Imota Students' Union embarked on medical outreach to sensitize the residents on their health status. They also provided free medical checkup and drugs. The students did this as part of their programme to mark ISU WEEK'22 tagged "Free Medical Check Up, Drugs/Health & Waste Management Enlightenment in the hospital's compound". The programme was considered one of the most anticipated in the annual lineup activities of ISU WEEK. It was graced by 26 medical personnel - doctors, pharmacists, laboratory officials, environmental officials, health educators and auxiliary nurses who attended to 231 residents within the age range of 16 – 80 years and children from 1 – 15 years. Mr. Saheed Yekini, PRO, Ikorodu General Hospital, Imota annex, communicating in Ijebu dialect, and translating to Yoruba and English, encouraged participants to make use of the general hospital in the community,

discouraging the improper waste disposal culture and also sensitized the people on the need to subscribe to Ilera Eko, an health insurance scheme of Lagos State Government. According to Comrade Adenusi David Olamide, the Chairman, ISU WEEK'22 Organizing Committee, "This programme is organized to sensitize our people to the dangers of drug abuse, improper waste disposal and also to give them the opportunity of a free diagnosis, free consultations with doctors, free eye check up service and free drugs. Speaking further, he noted that, "most of the people in the community are low income earners and while struggling to put three square meal on the table, they barely have anything left to spend on checkup and other medical services, hence, the organization of this program". The Health Educator from Ikorodu General Hospital, advised the participants to often check their B.P and visit the general hospital equipped with qualified medical professional and

updated facilities for checkup and not to wait till they are overwhelmed with health issues before visiting hospital. She also advised against drug abuse and discouraged the practices of going to the pharmaceutical shops without a doctor prescription. Talking to partakers, the Environmental Health Official, charged all the participants to be conscious of their environment, because it can only sound healthy, if the environment is clean. She advised the participants to sort their wastes; the biodegradable to a container and the non biodegradable to be sorted in another container; all should be in a container with a covered lid placed at the front of the house. One of the participants who identified himself as Oklaho, asserted, "this program is one programme people always look out for in the community. It gives us the opportunity to see doctors, get health related advice and free drugs." Appreciating Imota Student's Union for the



Residents enjoying Free medical outreach in Ikorodu LG

opportunity, he wished every member of the union well in all their endeavours. The president of the Union, Comrade Ogunbowale Olatayo Bodunrin acknowledged the Director of Ikorodu General Hospital for collaborating with the union. "I'm deeply indebted to the Director of Ikorodu General Hospital for partnering with the union." He continued, "They supplied us with drugs and

personnel, boosting our coverage. Also, I want to recognize all the public and government hospitals in Imota and Agbowo that released their personnel for the outreach. "We're indeed grateful for the presence of His Royal Highness, Oba Mufashir Bakare Agoro, the Ranodu of Imota and the Olufoworesete II. "It is important to note that ISUWEEK'22 programmes still continue and while I am so grateful for the kind gestures of our supporters,

I also want to call for more support. "We really do have a lot of programmes and projects that target all age brackets, especially the students in Imota and its environs and we are currently running out of resources to execute the programmes and projects. "Hence, we call on all and sundry to come to our aid, so that together, we can build the Imota community of our dream," he concluded.

## Council boss donates transformer to community

By Saheed Afolabi

The Chairman of Eredo LCDA, Hon. Ismail Monsuru Akinloye has delivered a brand new 500KVA transformer to the people of Kula-Nla in the Odomola community. The transformer, according to him, is a fulfillment of his campaign promise. He also assured them that the installation of the transformer will be done in a few days time by the council.

Akinloye therefore called on the people of Kula-Nla to give maximum support and vote for the all APC candidates at all levels in the forthcoming

general election. He stressed that he would continue to make them happy by delivering dividends of democracy to them.



The new transformer for Kulu Nla community

Few weeks after the approval of renovation of Mojoda primary healthcare center, the job has commenced as the chairman of Eredo LCDA, Hon. Ismail Monsuru Akinloye, visited the site to inspect the primary health centre which is currently under renovation. The inspection was necessary in order to pay an on the spot assessment on the level of the work done so far. He said the project will be ready for commissioning in a few weeks time. "The Mojoda PHC will help the community in

## LCDA commences renovation of Mojoda PHC

By Saheed Afolabi

attending to the numerous medical complaints in the community. The renovated PHC will also spur the medical

personnel in the hospital to be punctual to work because of the conducive environment." He said that he wants to change the narrative of governance in Eredo LCDA.



Hon Akinloye inspecting the Mojoda PHC



Lagos Mainland Local Government chairman, Hon. Omolola Essien has reiterated her commitment to education sector as she commissioned 8 blocks of classrooms in Ijero Primary School, Ebute Meta West.

Upon commissioning, Essien provided the 26 primary schools in the Local Government with school bags and stationeries.

She noted that her administration will do more to reposition basic Education in Local Government Education Authority (LGEA).

She emphasized that the school construction

# I'll do more to reposition basic education - Essien

By Saheed Afolabi

was in line with the State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) specifications. She, however, stated that provision of educational materials spur learning and teaching in the school as it is paramount to bringing up future generations that will impact positively to the society.

According to her,

adequate arrangements were made for sick bay to ensure good first aid attention when the need arises.

"Some months ago, when I visited Ijero Primary School, the state of the classrooms and number of pupils in each class were not encouraging. The outcome of the visitation led to eight blocks of classrooms commissioned which will be replicated in other schools as well."



Commissioning and school bags distribution

Stakeholders in Lagos Mainland Local Government have charged the council chairman, Hon. Mrs. Omolola Essien to make provision for more infrastructure in the community as they deliberated on the 2023 fiscal budget formulation.

Their wants varied from road infrastructure to good healthcare facilities, good education, empowerment and others.

They appealed to the council boss for a good representation on the suggested projects that need urgent attention of the Government.

Responding, Essien assured that her administration will be vibrant in delivering dividends of democracy to the communities within the Local Government.

She expressed to continue to support and to provide basic amenities to the people. She, however, urged residents to guard and protect government properties within their communities.

According to her, the council achieved most

By Saheed Afolabi

projects mapped out in the 2022 budget and more is proposed to be achieved in 2023.

She highlighted sectors achieved to include, health, education, infrastructure, empowerment, security and others.

Education section achieved construction of 8 blocks of classrooms, two staff offices, a library and a sick bay with first aid equipment and personnel to attend to pupils when the need arises.

Distribution of GCE and Jamb forms to



2023 Lagos mainland budget formulation

indigents seeking to pursue their dreams in higher institutions.

Empowerment

recorded 3,000 graduates of software development and computer application

programmes to set youths up for self independence. Others include road

infrastructure, healthcare services and security projects.

## Kosofe LG cabinet appreciates office car gift

By Saheed Afolabi

The vice Chairmen, Head of Administration (HOA), Councillors and Secretary to the Local Government of Kosofe have appreciated their

chairman, Barr. Moyosore Ogunlewe for the official car gift presented to make discharge of duty seamless.

The beneficiaries have stated that the car will enhance their productivity at work as each one of them

received either Toyota Highlander or Toyota RAV4 as official cars. Ogunlewe urged beneficiaries to continue discharging their duty diligently to bring about development.

He assured that his administration will

continue to give the legislative arm the room to perform effective duty as a partner in progress. He reiterated that the gesture will be extended to the supervisors and the management.

On behalf of the

Councillors, the leader, Hon. Idowu Oluloro expressed sincere gratitude and promised to maintain the cordial relationship with the chairman and to provide good bye-laws that will develop the entire community.



A worker of the Lagos Waste Management Authority (LAWMA) has been awarded a sum of N10,000 as compensation for her hard work towards ensuring a clean environment in the State.

The energetic old woman, Mrs Victoria Benson was awarded by a non-governmental organization, Progressive Women Foundation in Badagry Local Government in encouraging her dedication towards the quota of the State Government.

The coordinator of the foundation, Hajia Gidado noted that the award was made not by preferential treatment as she, in person, observed Mrs Benson when sweeping in the early hours in the Local Government with enthusiasm despite various illicit acts she experienced while sweeping.

She said she had on

# LAWMA worker gets monetary compensation

By Motolani AbdulGafar

many occasions seen her relating with passersby with patience, particularly road sleepers who reluctantly leave their sleeping points before she can sweep the area. Benson from the interview is a widow who lost her husband 10 years ago and has singlehandedly raised four children to date.

She appreciated the surprise package rendered by the foundation as she was only dedicated to her job to make a living without expecting any external reward.

She prayed for their continuous success in all endeavours and the development of the State.



Hajia Gidado awarded Mrs Benson a cash price

## Jinadu tasked to ensure voters' compliance

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Concerning the appointment of the Local Commissioner for Agriculture/Commerce and Economic Planning in Ojo Local Government, Hon. Hamond Jinadu, as a member of the Presidential Campaign Committee of the All Progressives Congress (APC) towards the elections of the party's presidential candidate, Asiwaju Bola Tinubu and other flag bearers ahead of the 2023 general elections, Jinadu has been advised to ensure an all-inclusive voters willingness to participate in electing the party's flag

bearers.

He was encouraged to invest more efforts towards ensuring the success of the candidates as the essence of organizing

such a committee is to ensure orderliness and unity in the party.

The Secretary to the Presidential Campaign Council, Hon. James Faleke

noted that the appointment is a clarion call which is not just to bear the official title but to be efficient as an office holder.

He noted that his credible political record has shown his competence and capability in carrying out his duty which they expect more from

him. He appealed to all party loyalists to embrace unity and peace to reap their efforts after the election.

## Be the leaders of tomorrow, Ege encourages pupils

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Lagos State House of Assembly candidate on the platform of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Ojo Constituency I, Olusegun Ege has encouraged pupils of St. Micheal Primary school to instill in themselves the idea of "we are the leaders of tomorrow" which they sing while in

school.

He said the nursery rhyme is not only to refresh themselves but to also give them a hint of what the future holds which they are meant to strive to attain.

He said that naturally, they are winners, leaders and excellent kids who only need to bring out their abilities to attain success.

Ege advised parents and teachers to take good care of their pupils

because they are all great minds as future lawyers, doctors, presidents, governors and leaders exist among them.

He, therefore, enjoined the pupils to be more focused on their studies and to be good ambassadors wherever they find themselves while appreciating the teachers, management and parents for their laudable efforts towards the upbringing of the



Hon Segun Ege



The Candidate of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) for Lagos State House of Assembly, Oshodi-Isolo constituency 1, Otunba Stephen Olukayode Ogundipe has commenced ward to ward campaigns to woo voters for himself and all the party Candidates. Ogundipe appealed to party members to reach out and

# Ogundipe starts ward to ward campaign

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mobilise for the party to excel at the coming 2023 general elections. He commended the chairman on his efforts

on road rehabilitation and provision of pipe bone water in all wards of the local government among other infrastructural development projects embarked on.

He promised to work along with Kendoo if elected as member of the state house to bring more dividends of democracy to the constituents. He made the statement

at a stakeholders meeting convened by the Oshodi-Isolo Local Government APC party chairman, Hon. Saheed Animashaun. Animashaun charged members to be united

and to work collectively for the success of the party. He assured them of support from the party at all times to record landmark success for the party.

## Councillors get official cars

The Chairman of Surulere Local Government, Hon. Sulaiman Yusuf has presented official cars to the councillors to aid their duties. He said the gesture was in fulfillment of a pledge as well as actualization of part of his responsibilities to make the councillors happy. While unveiling the cars for presentation, the former council chairman, Hon. Wazri Uthman commended the incumbent chairman for his will to acquire the cars for the councillors amidst the current economic challenges. Speaking on behalf of the councillors, the council leader, Hon. Barakat Bakare Akande applauded the council boss for his efforts and appreciated him for the cars.

## Bad roads to get urgent attention in Oshodi

The chairman of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, Otunba Kehinde Oloyede (Kendoo) has stated that roads in bad state will be given rehabilitation while regular and routine maintenance work will be carried out on others to ensure that they last. He deployed contractors to Omilade street, Mafoluku area for rehabilitation of the bad drainage to avert flood issues. He noted that the contractor will ensure the work is completed on schedule for easy access to other major roads within the community.

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Smart City are the inaugural winners of the Jagaban Cup 2022 after a pulsating 5-4 shootout victory over stubborn Messiah FC in the final of the tournament held at the Mobolaji Johnson Arena, Lagos on Friday night.

The two teams tried to cancel out each other before the regulation time but there was nothing to separate them until penalty was used to decide the maiden champions. Smart City proved to be more precised in the penalty shootout, winning by 5-4.

Earlier, 36 Lion narrowly lost the third place match to Ikorodu City also via penalty shootouts after both teams failed to score any goal during the regulation period.

Despite the heroics of

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36 Lion goalkeeper, Samuel Oriola who saved two of Ikorodu City's spot kicks to take the penalties to sudden death, the latter still triumphed 3-2 after NPFL La Liga U15 Promises graduate Sulaimon Lawal blasted the decisive spot kick beyond the Lions' goalie's gaping hands. The exhibition match between Community Team and Family Team ended 1-1.

It was a fantastic and thrilling end to the first edition of the Jagaban

Cup which drew out over 7000 Lagosians to the Mobolaji Johnson Arena.

The tournament was organized to galvanize support for All Progressives Congress Presidential Candidate, Bola Ahmed Tinubu who is the frontline candidate for the 2023 Presidential Election and the tournament has delivered on its promises and even exceeded expectations.

The tournament was packaged by 36 Lion Investment, Diamond Sports Management and Lagos Enigma.

# Jagaban Cup: Smart City emerge champions



## USA was my toughest opponent in the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup - Amina Bello

By Saheed Afolabi

The Nigeria U17 Women's team, Flamingos recently made history as they became the first African country to win a bronze medal at the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup.

The feat did not come without hard work and perseverance from the squad as they made history.

Speaking to ECHONEWS, one of the rising stars of the tournament, Amina Bello, said she was happy scoring in the World Cup and admitted that the game against USA was her toughest in the tournament.

Bello, who can play at any position in the attacking line, scored 2 goals and made 3 assists in the World Cup added that Coach Bankole Olowookere helped them

grow, a very disciplined coach who loves his players to play according to instructions and Rasheedat Ajibade remains her role model.

"I will like to appreciate God almighty for giving me the opportunity to be able to make the team list for the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup because if not for him, I will not be there.

"I feel so happy and excited going to the world cup for the first time and scoring a goal, my joy knew no bounds as at that moment. "USA was my toughest opponent in the World Cup, because it was a very tough game and we were able to beat them through penalty shootout.

"Losing the semifinal tie wasn't a good one, I felt bad about the team losing the semifinal tie with Colombia, I was not happy, I was literally sad after the game.

"Winning the bronze medal

was a joyous moment for me, I was very happy, I was like thank you Jesus for making this happen, even though we were not able to make it to the final, we were still able to win the bronze medal and broke a jinx.

"My favorite team is Chelsea Ladies because that's the team I look up to and I wish to play there one day, Rasheedat Ajibade remains my role model and a player I look up to.

"Coach Bankole Olowookere is a very disciplined coach, he loves players that plays to instructions.

"I believe my club Naija Ratels will finish well in the NWFL Premiership 2022/2023 season, we are working hard for it, we qualified for the super 6 in our debut season in the NWFL Premiership and we hope to do better than last season."



Amina Bello





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