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On the average, no fewer than 667 vehicles are registered in Lagos State; about 20,000 registered on monthly basis as applicants pay between N37,825 and N210,175 for private and commercial vehicle number plates depending on the type.

Last year, the Joint Tax Board said Nigerians would pay N18,750 for standard private and commercial number plates against the old rate of N12,500.

Following the upward review of number plates and driver's licence fees by the Joint Tax Board., Lagos State Government announced its own new rates for different number plates which has been effective since last year.

According to the new rates, Lagosians would pay between N37,825 and N210,175 for new number plates.

The General Manager, Lagos State Motor Vehicle Administration Agency, Mrs. Lape Kilanko, stated that the revised rates for number plates and driver's licence had come into force since August 1, 2021.

With over five million cars and 200,000 commercial vehicles on the roads (when the national average is 11 vehicles per kilometer), Lagos daily records an average of 227 vehicles per every kilometer of road.

This makes it imperative for the state government to vigorously pursue scientific transportation management; hence the creation of Lagos State Motor Vehicle Administration Agency (MVAA) as an autonomous statutory body, charged with the responsibility of developing a sustainable policy on motor vehicle documentation and other related matters.

Prior to the creation of MVAA, the task of issuing number plates fell on the Federal Government through the Federal Road Safety Corp. The FRSC had the monopoly of



Mrs. Lape Kilanko

carrying out this task for all the 36 States in Nigeria including the Federal Capital Territory. For a State like Lagos that records 30 per cent vehicular movement of the country's total, the delay, hassles and stress that Lagosians go through to get vehicles registered can best be imagined.

The State Government through MVAA started the issuance and registration of Number Plates in 2007. It now issues averagely 20,000 number plates monthly and controls more than 60 per cent number plates issued in the country.

The Agency noted: "Today, one finds Lagos Number Plates all around the nation because it is easier to register vehicles in Lagos State. The process has become so simplified that registration and issuance of Number Plates can be done under one hour in the State.

"Furthermore, Lagos State has a robust data base for every transaction which has also helped in the security challenge of the state and the country at large. In conjunction with the law

enforcement agencies, an individual's details or information can be assessed in less than five minutes when needed.

"For individuals who request for special numbers for their vehicles, it has also become a lot easier in Lagos State. There are two types of special numbers namely: out of series numbers and fancy numbers. Out of series numbers are requested for by individuals who want particular number series. Fancy numbers is when an individual wants his/her name, title, status among others as his or her number plate.

"The production of number plates by the Lagos State government has not only made registration of vehicles in the state easier, it has also put the state at the fore front of vehicle administration in Nigeria. As of today, aside the federal government as represented by the FRSC, Lagos is the only state that produces number plates in the country. This isn't in any way surprising because Lagos is not only the Centre of Excellence, it is also a pace

setter in diverse ways.

"As a testimony to its rising profile, today, MVAA has over 91 stations across the State. This has made registration of vehicles and other related services easier and easily accessible and it has further taken governance to the doorsteps of the citizenry. To complement this is the establishment of the One Stop Centre in 2014 in Oshodi. The One Stop Centre is a centre that takes care of every class of clients with all the products and services of the Agency like issuance of plates, registration of vehicles, processing of driver's license, auto dealers' certificate etc. It is also known as the mega station. With the success of the centre, there are plans to replicate it all over the State.

"In order to further step up on its activities, the state government has gone a step further to create an online portal () for the organization.

"Through the portal, motorists and law enforcement agencies can confirm the authenticity and genuineness of number plates issued by Lagos State. It

is imperative to state here that the creation of this portal is also a step to key into the Smart City initiative of the present administration.

"It is also an innovation that has helped motorists take control of their vehicles, helps determine the status of their vehicles and when vehicle is due for renewal. This has greatly helped in building the confidence of the motoring public in the Agency's products and services and has positioned Lagos State as the number one vehicle license distributor in the country.

"It is, however, important to highlight the synergy and effective collaboration of the Agency with other similar federal and state agencies such as the Federal Road Safety Corp (FRSC) and the Lagos State Vehicle Inspection Service (VIS) on issuance of Driver's license. The Agency is the first point of call after applicant has gone to driving school and also the last point of call. One major advantage of this is that it is easy to track individuals as well as the genuineness of one's driver's license if and when the need arises.

"As the Centre of Excellence celebrates her golden jubilee anniversary, one cannot but affirm that motor vehicle administration has come of age in the state. Though, the journey has not really been an easy one, but it has, nevertheless, been a worthwhile one. In all, it is a good thing that MVAA is in its own little way contributing to the vision of Lagos State becoming the destination of choice in Africa.

"No doubt, Lagos State is fast becoming the destination of businesses in sub-Saharan Africa, so it's imperative that the good people of the state continue to abide by all rules guiding motor vehicle registration and, indeed, all other laws that are meant to ensure that things work smoothly for all and sundry in the State."

Beauty & Brains

Antonia Akinlagun is a versatile entrepreneur who resides in Lagos State. She has a BSc. Degree in Business Information Systems and Human Resources Management. She is an astute individual running her privately owned business Mosaic (Mosaic Management Services Ltd) which is focused in Real Estate, Capital Projects Execution, Hygiene Services, and Operational Risk Management in addition she sits at the helm of a Social Enterprise Foundation known as Ark Africa empowers Nigerians through community projects which support small scale businesses, skill acquisition, the disabled, General Social Developments and Health Solutions which are in line with the United Nations SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals) 2, 4, 6, 8, 17 which seeks to encourage and build the youth of tomorrow. Her core values are education, youth empowerment (skills acquisition) technology and innovations and good Health/Medical Projects.

ON EDUCATION

She shares a similar view with Nelson Mandela's Quote on Education. "Education is the powerful tool which we can use to change the world"

She's of the view that education is light and power. She believes education is a right and not a privilege and because of this everyone should have access to free basic education. She calls on the government and private individuals to invest in the Education of our dear country if we want growth. She thinks that education liberates people, gives one hope and ensures a successful future, boosts the progress of a nation, gives knowledge, improves the standard of living of people, and makes citizens more productive.

She argues that indeed education is the most powerful weapon. One Child, One Teacher, One Book and One Pen can change the world.

ON YOUTH EDUCATION AND EMPOWERMENT.

The main hope of a nation lies in the proper education of its youth. -



Antonia Akinlagun

Erasmus

She's of the view that for a country to progress, such a country needs to educate and invest in the youths. This is the reason the Youth empowerment program is a core value in Ark Africa Foundation. She's of the view that when youths are empowered it can aid young people to develop the skills, they need to earn a living and deter

them from engaging in crime.

She thinks that the reason why Nigeria is where it is today is that the country has not prioritized youth empowerment. She argued that empowered societies will not suffer as severely from the problems of unemployment that many Nigerians and many African countries are currently wrestling with.

Talented young people create jobs. Empowering young people can significantly reduce poverty rates. One of the keys to empowering young people is skill development. Equipped with essential skills, young people can use them to feed themselves, help others, and even invest in future causes that help their countries financially. This increases employability and contributes to the country's GDP.

She argued

ON TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATIONS.

She's of the view that the world is going digital and argues that the government and private organizations need to encourage and invest in technology and innovation.

Ark Africa is planning of partnering with some International/well-respected Local Technological companies to train some youths in Technological/Digital skills.

ON HEALTH/MEDICAL OUTREACH

She argues that health is wealth and that so many people are dying because of a lack of knowledge about their health. Ark Africa plans on going with professional health practitioners to the Slums/Ghettos to sensitize them about their health, give free medical check-ups and support them with free drugs.

Through her enterprise, she developed a very strong keen interest in politics which will give her the platform to be able to work closely with the grassroots and be a part of the New Nigeria she strongly believes will emerge.

Her mandate as an active, committed, democratic political activist with a proven willingness and determination to serve is to make an impact and ensure the lives of the average citizen are living in the conditions and youth is employable and employed with the ability to build a great nation.

Being a highly result-oriented professional, she is a member of the Rotary Club, International Women Society (IWS), IFMA, WIMBIZ, and BBG (British Business Group). Her interests are Golf, Strategizing, Cooking, & Motivating People.



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Serve community before nation, Alli-Macaulay urges women politicians

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Chairman of the House Committee on Women Affairs, Poverty Alleviation and Job Creation, Hon. Mojisola Alli-Macaulay has urged women politicians to ensure a good rapport within their family and community before aiming at serving the masses beyond. She said as a lady known as a society builder, their political strength would be built

on their contributions towards the development of the community before people from other local governments accepts their campaign. She noted that as an aspirant, one has to prove to the people that one is ready for true and dedicated service through actions and not by mere words as their diligence would prove their loyalty while representing the community at the state level. Alli-Macaulay the member Lagos State

House of Assembly, representing Amuwo-Odofin Constituency I said that as a female representative, one has to go extra mile in convincing the people as a preliminary awareness have been created, but the capability of each individuals determines their success and support from all. She further encouraged all female aspirants to have their specific aim and objectives and work towards achieving it to distinct them from other candidates.



Hon. Mojisola Alli-Macaulay

Ojelabi urges govt to enforce strict water safety laws

The All Progressives Congress (APC) State Chairman, Hon. Cornelius Ojelabi has urged the Lagos State Government to enforce strict water safety laws as it continues to develop water transportation in Lagos. He said the party regretted the ill-fated boat havoc that occurred at Ibeshe community, Amuwo-Odofin Local Government which claimed 19 lives of indigent family members with old, young and children as passengers. Ojelabi noted that the patriotism of the government will extend from a condolence visits and regards to wellbeing and safety as they do not wish for such to happen again in the State. He further appealed to boat passengers to ensure putting on their life jackets when traveling on the waterways as some shows nonchalant attitude when requested to do so. He said wearing the lifejackets enables passengers to float in case there is an accident which will temporarily preserve them till a rescue team arrives.

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The chairman of Amuwo-Odofin Local Government, Hon. Valentine Buraimoh has boasted that the Presidential candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Asiwaju Bola Tinubu and his Vice, Senator

Kashim Shettima are competent for the proposed political office with regards to their scorecards and proficiency. He said that their campaign bid would enjoy wider support irrespective of religion or ethnicity as what we need as a country is a working

government regardless of the political class we belong. He noted that Asiwaju is a man with a long-time ambition as he would never embark on a journey without proper planning and modification. He advised residents and Nigerians as a

whole to overcome various disparities as God can not emerge to transform Nigeria without putting in place the requirements. He also advised youths to avoid engaging in political thuggery as the 2023 general election nears saying they are bound

to achieve greater things in life rather than disposing themselves to thuggery. Buraimoh, therefore, assured residents of the reliability of the ruling party as they would not be disappointed after electing their flag bearers.

Buraimoh boasts over presidential flag bearer



Hon. Valentine with council executives



LG embarks on drain rehabilitation to abate flooding

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Chairman of Epe Local Government, Princess Surah Animashaun, has restated her commitment towards improving the standard of living and well-being of the entire residents of Epe, just as she commenced immediate rehabilitation of two street drains in other primary schools. The ongoing projects are rehabilitation of drainage at Alausa and Popo Oba Streets. The project, scheduled to be completed in three months, is being supervised by Works & Infrastructure Department of Epe Local Government. The Supervisor for Civic Engagement, Hon. Sikiru Rahmon and the Special Adviser on Works Hon Ashiru Waheed, who went for an inspection of the projects, commended the

job so far done. They both noted the progressive approach to the provisions of social and infrastructural development, regular environmental sanitation, health care services, maintenance of peace and adequate security of lives and properties. According to them, the exercise is necessary due to the deplorable state of the drains in the community to reduce the risk of flooding during the rainy period as well as to make the drainage system useful, saying it would open up the drainage system to ensure a free flow of water and protect major roads in the community. The chairman then assured residents of her unalloyed commitment to making Epe habitable for all and sundry, as well as delivering the gains of democracy to the people at the grassroots.

Eredo LCDA chairman distributes books to all public primary schools

The chairman of Eredo LCDA, Hon. Ismail Akinloye, has continued the distribution of exercise books to public primary schools within the LCDA. The chairman said he has reached all the 18 public primary schools namely: AUD Primary School, Odo-Egiri; RCM Primary School, Odo-Mola; UPE Primary School, Iraye-Oke; Pobo Community Primary School, Poka; UPE Primary School, Imokun; LG Primary School, Noforija; Government Demonstration Primary School, Noforija; RCM Primary School, Iragunshin; RCM primary school, Mojoda;

UPE Primary School, Odogbawojo; St. Joseph Primary School, Ibowon; AUD Primary School, Ibowon; UPE Primary School, Ilara; Anglican Primary School, Igbooye; LG Primary School, Igbooye; St. Vicent RCM Primary School, Ijiih; RCM Primary School, Igbonla; nd UPE Primary School, Ajegbende. The vice chairman, Hon. Adesanya implored the pupils to inculcate the right habit of concentrating on their education while urging the teachers to display the right attitude to imparting knowledge. He regarded education as the greatest luxury a child will always be privileged to be given.

Lagos Island LG Vocational School graduates 40 students

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Lagos Island Local Government Vocational School has graduated 40 students from different departments. The graduates had participated in a three-month training in Computer Literacy, Catering and Hotel Management, Fashion Designing and Hair Dressing. The Senior Special Assistant on Education who represented the Vice-chairman/Supervisor for Education, Miss Sherifat Oshoala in her opening remark appreciated the work done by the principal, Alh. Abiola Agboola in transforming the institution and training the students to be independent. She said: "One of my greatest regrets from my Secondary Education is that I did not spend time learning any vocational skill at all. I'm proud that you all have embraced this LILG's Vocational Training Programme which I strongly believe will give you an edge in the labour market." Mr. Hakeem Agbetoba, Senior Special Assistant on General duties who represented

the deputy Chief of Staff congratulated the students and commended their decision to learn a trade which will be of great benefit to them. Mrs. Victoria, a parent to one of the graduating students could not hide her joy as she was full of gratitude to the principal and all the instructors for the work done on her daughter, stating that the whole family is grateful as their daughter now makes different delicacies for them, based on what she learnt at the institute.

Another parent, Mr. Abdul-Azeez Seriki stated that the computer literacy class has had a huge impact on his son, appreciating the Local Government for the opportunity given to the child. In her remark, the SSA Media to the Chairman, Miss. Adeola Olusi appealed to all the graduating students to always put to practice all they've learnt at the school and improve on it. She appreciated the parents for the initiative and pray they reap the fruit of their labour.

Com. Olawale Aremu of the Lagos Community Youth Development Association thanked the parents for the support given to their children. He said the children should ensure they practice what they've learnt so that they won't forget and also appeal to them to be careful with the friends they chose because bad friends corrupt good manners. He recounted his own experience while in school and the impact the kind of friends he kept have on his life.



Issuing of certificates

2023 Election: Eredo LCDA chairman visits five wards

By Motolani AbdulGafar

In other to spur support for Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu and all other APC candidates in Lagos State, Eredo LCDA Chairman, Hon. Ismail Monsuru Akinloye took a significant tour of five wards. It was in an aim to crave the indulgence of the people in the LCDA

about the need to support all APC candidates at all levels in the forthcoming general elections. He considers all the aspirants as worthy leaders who in all core had assumed the qualities of representing the people trustworthily in the capacity aspired for. He believes that it is an idealistic view to state

the reputable ideology of the candidates' personality. Akinloye seized the tour to engrave the credibility of the Tinubu and others in the hearts of the people and assured that the victory of the aspirants is sure to birth forth progress in the country. The LGA Chairman pleaded to all members of the respective wards

to support the "credible candidates of our party, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu for President, Mr Jide Sanwo-Olu for governor, Sen. Tokunbo Abiru for Lagos East, Senate, Hon. Wale Raji for House of Reps and Hon. Ogunkelu Sylvester for State Assembly in the forthcoming general elections as no body will be left with fingers of regret to bite.

Kasali emphasizes essence of dietary intake for the aged

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Lekki LCDA, Hon. Rasaki Kasali has emphasized the essence of dietary intake for the elderly ones. He said that since they are prone to different disease(s), a healthy nutritional intake of food is part of what will prevent them from such diseases. He cited that any adult older than 70 needs Calcium and Vitamin D to help maintain bone health more than they did in their younger

years but this can only be achieved if they consume the right food. In collaboration with Princess Ajike Foundation, Kasali donated free food items to support the elderly in the council. He said his administration is focused on the well-being of all sections without secluding anyone. He promised to continue to improve the standard of living of the aged while appreciating the philanthropic efforts of the non-governmental organization



Residents raise the alarm over building demolition

By Saheed Afolabi

Residents of Ibeju-Lekki Local Government have raised the alarm over the partly demolished unauthorized building on the seashore. The building with the name tag "Otunba" was partly demolished by a sea wave as it gets closer to the building. ECHONEWS had reported the illegal structure as residents raised concerned over the building. In a discussion on a social media page on Facebook, "Ibeju Lekki Decide", a blogger, Okunbanjo

Olajide Oromiyan said the construction is an abuse to the beach itself as the sea has high wave intensity while moving. He said the government's intervention would show their standpoint of not supporting illegal building constructions on the beach which will serve as a warning to others. Ajibola Fatai, in addition, said without the government's intervention in its current state, there will be more risk of threat to life as time goes on. They unanimously appealed for speedy intervention of the government to prevent any tragic unforeseen circumstances



Residents applaud govt's intervention on road rehabilitation

By Saheed Afolabi

Residents of Ibeju-Lekki Local Government have applauded the intervention of the Lagos State Government over the bad state of the Lekki-Epe Expressway road in

the area. Conveying an appreciation message on social media pages, a user, Pedro Waheed Ajibade Pedro wrote on Facebook: "Good move, because we are suffering on that road, sometimes na Ijebu-Ode axis we used to follow because of this traffic."

He said the reconstruction would be a relief to all commuters as well as increase the socio-economic value of the area. Supporting Pedro's thought, Saheed Bakare appreciated the government's gesture of giving a listening ear to the masses as their response shows they

are not secluded from dividends of democracy despite their distance. However, a user, Abdulrasheed Ridwanulah Ar-ridor appealed to the government to facilitate the restoration of electricity in the area as their electrical connection has not been favourable.



Flood



APC stakeholders intensify preparation for 2023 polls

By Edith Igbokwe

The All Progressives Congress (APC) party stakeholders in Ojodu Local Council Development Area (LCDA) have continued to intensify their preparation towards the 2023 general elections.

The council chairman, Hon. David Odunmbaku, said he has deliberated with the stakeholders on how to further achieve meaningful impact in the community as well as to record victory during 2023

elections.

He emphasised that the importance of mobilising massively is to be coordinated for the coming elections and to ensure that everything is perfected.

He charged leaders and party members to be effective at any duty post assigned to them for the benefit of all.

Odunmbaku passed a vote of confidence on the leadership of the party as he implored members to canvass for more turnouts at the subsequent meetings.

He stressed that a new dawn has begun in Ojodu LCDA as residents have started to feel the dividends of democracy, promising to continue the developmental strides that his administration has started such as renovation of primary healthcare, social infrastructure, empowerments of youths and women among others. The LGA party Chairman, Hon. Stella Kokumo appreciated the council chairman for always giving the party and its members a sense of belonging.



Ojodu APC meeting

Odunmbaku commemorates first anniversary with empowerment programmes

By Edith Igbokwe

Teachers, youths and other entrepreneurs were among the beneficiaries of the empowerment schemes organised by the chairman of Ojodu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. David Odunmbaku in commemoration of his one year in office.

He kicked-off a three-day celebration with Youth Symposium with the theme "Advantages of Youth Engagement

Programmes" and teachers' empowerment as well as presentation of GCE forms to students.

To reward conscientious and hard-working teachers within the LCDA, Odunmbaku partnered with Adedeji Awolola Foundation to present cheques and consolation prizes worth N1 million; after an online-based assessment had been conducted.

A cheque of N1 million was also presented to the office of Ikeja Local

Government Education Authority (LGEA) for the procurement of utility bus.

While responding to the gesture, the Secretary, Ikeja LGEA, Comrade Abolore noted that the donations was first of its kind since his assumption of office.

He commended the council chairman for all the educational initiatives that have placed the LCDA in the front burner as responsible and responsive grassroots government.

The council boss doled out empowerment packages for artisans, elderly ones and other members of the community and also distributed over 200 GCE forms to the indigent students.

He said skills acquisition was a pivotal aspect of his programmes that led to upgrade of the ICT training center to an Information Technology Hub for globally relevant skills and the introduction of youths into mechanized farming.

He reiterated his commitment towards making young people realize their potentials and aspirations in life.

"The youth demography is an important segment of the society as well as future. Therefore, I implore you to take advantage of this administration's capacity-building initiatives such as the vocational trainings and educational programmes for self-development and self-reliance.

"We have gone past the

years of relying on white-collar jobs. With the aid of technological innovations, diverse opportunities have been presented which would pave ways for financial independence culminating into the society of our dreams." The representative of the LGA youth leader, Rufus Osulana thanked the chairman for his focus-oriented leadership and also advised the youths to fully embrace the programmes and policies of the administration.

Lagos Neighborhood Safety Corps (LNSC) in Ojodu Local Council Development Area (LCDA) has synergized with the council chairman, Mr. David Odunmbaku to curb the menace of insecurity in the council area. The security agency team led by Assistant

Council partners LNSC, other security agencies to fight insecurity

By Edith Igbokwe

Director, Awolana and Director of Operation, Francis visited Odunmbaku at his office seeking

collaboration with other security agencies to have a safer environment.

The security team discussed way out of menace militating against the peace of

the community and better ways to serve the people.

Odunmbaku promised that his administration will continue to partner with security agencies to curb criminality in

Ojodu and its environs. "Thank you for this visit, it's a welcome idea at this point in time. The security of lives and property in Ojodu is my foremost priority.

"We are partnering with other security agencies, not just LNSC, we want to make Ojodu a safe haven for residents, businesses and property owners."



The newly elected, Oloworo of Oworo Kingdom, Oba Bababtunde Saliu, Elebo II, and his wife, Olori Bukola Maryam Saliu, have assured residents of rapid infrastructure development to make the community conducive for all.

He made the statement as he ascended the throne as the 2nd Oloworo of Oworo at the recent coronation ceremony in Oworonshoki, his people's ancestral home.

He prayed for a peaceful reign, saying he is set to facilitate developmental projects for the community.

His Imperial Majesty, Oba Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi, Ojaja II, the Ooni of Ife joined other preeminent traditional rulers to witness the coronation of the new Oloworo.

While congratulating the newly installed oba, the Ooni welcomed the him on

Oloworo-elect promises developmental projects

By Edith Igbokwe

board.

He noted that it has been 20 years since he had a working relationship with Oworoshoki Kingdom and he attested that the new Oloworo facilitated the relationship.

"You can feel the energy in the air in Oworonsho Kingdom; you are indeed loved by your people. I want to appeal to you; you are the father of the entire Oworonshoki Kingdom now. You are the father of the good, you are the father of the bad, and you are the father of the ugly. You have to embrace the entire kingdom of Oworonshoki people, extend a hand of

fellowship to all and sundry, and make sure that your leadership is fatherly," the Ooni urged the bo.

"God Almighty and the spirit of our ancestors will continue to guide you, guard you, and lead you right in all the decisions you will be making on this throne. We love and appreciate you, and we will work with you."

The Oba-elect of Oke Alo, Gbagada, Pedro, Mende, Anthony, Maryland area of Kosofe Local Government, Oba Abeeb Faronbi also wished Oba Saliu a fulfill reign during his tenure.

On June 15, 2022, Oba Saliu was announced as the Oloworo of Oworo by the Oworonshoki Council



Oba Saliu Elebo II during coronation

of Chiefs, Oworonshoki Council of Elders, and religious leaders, among

others, following the demise of his father and the first monarch of the

Oworonshoki Kingdom, His Royal Majesty, Oba Bashir Oloruntoyin Saliu.

PDP boasts of victory in 2023 elections

The newly inaugurated executive members of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), Kosofe Chapter have pledged to give their best to achieve success in the 2023 elections.

The inauguration and administration of oath of allegiance was held at Anthony Village area of Kosofe.

Following their inauguration, the party charged the new local government and ward executives to be up and doing to ensure good results for the party. They were saddled with the responsibility of mobilizing and sensitizing electorate to deliver their wards at the general elections.

PDP South-West Zone General Secretary, Chief Rahman Owokoniran, candidates, and other notable PDP leaders in Kosofe were at the inauguration.

Residents appeal to state govt to fix dilapidated road

By Edith Igbokwe

Residents of Unity Street, Akinpelu Street, Ikosi Isheri Local Council Development Area (LCDA) have called on the state governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu, to come to their aid over the deplorable road that links the community to other

communities.

The residents have complained that they are enduring untold hardship and huge economic loss owing to the dilapidated nature of Unity Street and other link roads in the area. The Chairman of the First Conference, Unity Church of Christ, Apostle Issac Otekola (JP) made an

appeal ahead of the celebration of the church's 30th anniversary recently. "I have been here for the past few years and this road, you see, we are the ones that have been doing the repairs in our own little way, but now we are appealing to the state and local government to please come and visit our area to

see how horrible the road is. Sometimes we park our vehicle far away and trek down here. Even this year, we've spent a lot on the road.

"The government should please come to our aid so that life can be meaningful to people living around the church premises."

He also admonished the

people to get closer to God, while addressing the public to embrace peace in the coming general elections and to vote wisely.

"Good leadership is what everybody is yearning for, so let's choose wisely, a leader that can actually listen to the voice of the people and hearken to their needs."

Aigoro takes over Ogbara's empty seat at Lagos Audit commission

By Edith Igbokwe

Following the resignation of the head of Lagos State Audit Service Commission, Mrs. Kafilat Ogbara who is now the All Progressives Congress candidate (APC) for Kosofe Federal Constituency, the state has appointed the former (APC) Kosofe Chairmanship aspirant, Hon. Musiliu Aigoro to assume the vacant position.

The position has been vacant since April, 2022 when the former occupant, Ogbara tendered her

resignation letter.

According to report, this will be Aigoro's second state appointment since his immense contributions to the growth and development of politics and governance in Kosofe.

The Executive Chairman of Agboyi-Ketu LCDA, Hon. Dele Oshinowo, and others have congratulated Aigoro on his appointment to the Lagos State Audit Service Commission.

This was contained in a congratulatory message issued by Chief Press Secretary to the Council Chairman, Mr. Opeyemi

Azeez,

"For us in our locality, we are confident that Hon. Aigoro is capable in his new role, with the responsibility of ensuring the sustainable development of our beloved state.

" we know him as a hard worker, disciplined, knowledgeable and qualified for the work and his commitment and dedication to the progressive course is unparalleled."

Oshinowo wished him success and God's blessings and guidance in his new appointment.



Alhaji Rasheed Awofeso, Damilola, and politicians general secretary of the and communities across Lagos State Child Protection Kosofe all expressed their Network, Kosofe APC LGA delight at Aigoro's special leader, Owoyele appointment.

CDAs deliberate with council chairman on road maintenance

By Edith Igbokwe

Yaba Community Development Associations (CDAs) have met with the Chairman of the Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Kayode Omiyale on the new

law that guides the indiscriminate parking on the roads. Omiyale emphasized that the purpose of the meeting was to enthrone democracy and respect for the rule of law. He registered his displeasure over the

misuse of the roads, noting that the roads have been converted to 'car parks', which contravenes the reason for the road construction and promised to ensure that road signs are erected to guide users on illegal parking on

the roads. "Ignorance is not an excuse permissible in law, that is the reason for the meeting with the CDAs representatives so they can relay it to members of their various CDAs." He charged the CDA

representatives at the meeting to ensure that the newly constructed roads are properly maintained for continuous easy access for the people. He, however, noted that the on-going reconstruction of Moshalashi Road in

Iwaya will be completed soon. Questions from CDA leaders were answered by the Chairman and clarification done on grey areas with regards to developments across board.

The beneficiaries of empowerment/business summit training of Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government chairman, Prince Usman Hamzat have promised to make judicious use of the opportunity given to them. The event was a combination of empowerment and business summit in which one hundred unemployed residents of the Local Government Area were empowered with POS terminals and twenty N20,000 each as start-up capital. During the summit, beneficiaries were taken through key success factors for business to grow as they learnt the place of passion, vision, and filling a gap in the entrepreneurship journey.

Panelists were drawn from ECO Bank, Microsoft, NowNow, MSME, and TOLARAM Foundation and the session was moderated by Mr. Olufemi Ojo, the Special Adviser on Partnership and Innovation to the Executive Chairman. The beneficiaries were full of praises to the Chairman for the opportunity and promised to make good use of what has been given to them. Hamzat promised to

POS beneficiaries applaud donor

By Edith Igbokwe

see all residents of Ifako-Ijaiye gainfully employed and become employers of labour. He reiterated the success stories of past beneficiaries who had grown the financial fortunes of their families as motivation to do more. He, however, implored the beneficiaries to judiciously use what was given to them so as to be part of the success stories to be recorded concerning the empowerment next time. The groups that supported Hamzat's efforts and commended

him and promised to do more with him in order to achieve his administration's HEEDS Agenda. They expressed optimism that more growth and wealth creation would be witnessed in the local government area and that they were excited to be part of the success story. The partners present at the event included the Managing Director of ELFOT, Mr. Joshua Aare; Team Leader of GOPA, Mr. Pelk Bronk; Team Leader GIZ-PME, Mr. Kester Audi; Head of Growth, Nigeria Now, Mrs. Oyenike Omoyele; Deputy



Beneficiaries receiving POS machines

Programme Director, Nigeria ISHK, Senior Business Programme Manager, Oluwamuyemi; and TOLARAM Foundation, Microsoft Africa, National Senior MSME Development, Mr. Mr. Ojo Olaolu Ivagba; O r i m o l a d e Lawal Ismaeel

Ebute Meta residents commend DPO, Egwuonwu for job well done

By Edith Igbokwe

Residents of Ebute Meta have applauded the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), SP Joseph Egwuonwu, for putting an end to the neighborhood's frequent street clashes and cult-related violence. According to one of the residents, "the truth is that we have not had it this good in Ebute Metta in a long time, anyone in Lagos will attest to the volatility of the area

because hardly would a week pass without recording a cult clash or street fights. "But when Egwuonwu resumed duty, he called several stakeholders' meetings and told us that the police cannot achieve much without our support. He asked if we really wanted the clashes and other crimes to end. "Initially, we thought it was all talk until he started arresting some of the troublemakers and transferring them to the State Criminal Investigation

Department (SCID) Panti. That's when we knew he meant business." Monday Enang, another resident, stated that as soon as the DPO presented them with the division's needs, the residents did not hesitate to render the needed support, noting that some organizations provided vehicles, while private citizens contributed communication devices and other materials required to build a new fence in the station that

was destroyed during the EndSARS violence. In the same vein, the Crime Victims Foundation (CRIVIFON), an NGO and the Ohanaeze Ndigbo Mainland chapter acknowledged the DPO for his inclusive community policing approaches at separate events. According to the groups, the approaches led to a more peaceful Ebute Metta as well as the reconstruction of the station and the community's donation of

patrol vehicles. Residents recalled how the police division went from owning one car to five in less than six months. Since SP Egwuonwu took over as DPO Denton in March 31, no less than 86 individuals have been detained for different crimes, and 93 commercial motorcycles have been impounded. Egwuonwu over the weekend received two awards for his exceptional work during his short time at the division.



Bamigboye seeks military partnership on community security

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Mushin Local Government, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye, has sought partnership with the military for the protection of the community. He made the appeal during a courtesy visit to the Nigerian Armed Forces Resettlement Centre (NAFRC), Oshodi, adding that it was part of his efforts towards promoting inter-governmental relations for good governance in Mushin. The chairman who was received by the commandant and his entourage, thanked the military officers for their visit earlier in the year and the massive health outreach conducted by

NAFRC at Palm Avenue Primary Health Care Centre, which, he said, helped in promoting healthy living among residents of the host community.

The Commandant of the centre, Air Vice Marshal Idi Gamso expressed appreciation to the chairman and his team for the visit and promised to continue with corporate social responsibility programmes of the Armed Forces to maintain cordial relationship with the people of Mushin Local Government area, being the host community.

The Commandant identified some skill acquisition programmes of the centre, designed to equip and empower youths and women in various income generating professions.

He said he was looking forward to hosting another health outreach for the people of Mushin community by December 2022, as he enjoined the government to embark on public enlightenment and sensitization against environmental abuse and social vices.

The Air force boss mentioned some of the activities being executed by his military patrol team, which has led to the recovery of electricity armored cables from hoodlums who specialize in vandalising electricity equipment.

He promised that his men will intensify efforts towards securing Mushin and its environs.

He appealed to the council chairman and the entire management team for support in the ongoing



Bamigboye with military personnel

building projects of the Nigerian Armed Forces Resettlement Centre - a 2 storey building and 60-room hostel for trainees and apartments for wives

and children of military officers who died in the course of service.

Responding, Bamigboye assured of the council's support towards

encouraging and motivating NAFRC in its efforts and contributions towards promoting healthy living among the people in Mushin.

Govt flags off vocational empowerment training in Mushin

The Lagos State Ministry of Youths And Social Development in conjunction with Mushin Local Government has flagged off Vocational Empowerment Programmes in Mushin.

The vocational classes, which started with pep talk, was anchored by Chief Mrs. Banke Williams, as Miss Olaitan Akolo enlightened the participants on the benefits of the vocation. Other resource persons are to tutor the participants for the next three weeks.

The vocation includes soap making, Gele headgear tie, Ankara craft works, facial

The National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN), Mushin and Odi-Olowo Ojuwoye branches in partnership with Green Janitors, District 9110 Rotaract Club of Mushin, Nestle Care Nigeria and all other youth organizations staged an awareness rally to sensitize the residents on the importance of keeping environment clean always.

According to the body, the exercise is carried out in commemoration of the World Clean Up Day to make the residents especially the traders in the market aware and keep them abreast of the happenings across the world.

The rally kicked off with an orientation campaign for all volunteers at the Baale's Compound, opposite Eko Boys High School with a large number of youths

NYCN sensitizes residents on environmental cleaning

By Saheed Afolabi

engaged in environmental sanitation and sensitization exercise.

The exercise moved through strategic areas in Idi-Oro community with the residents, market traders and onlookers showering praises on the youth body and the

collaborative bodies.

The body commended the chairman of Mushin Local Government, Hon. Emmanuel Olanrewaju Bamgboye, his Vice, Hon. Alhaji Aruwe Tunbosun, and some others for the supports given to the youths to make rightful impact to the community



Bamidele appoints new Special Duties supervisor

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Surulere Local Government, Hon. Sulaiman Bamidele has sworn in new Supervisor for Special Duties to further foster smooth running of his administration.

During the swearing-in ceremony, the chairman officially welcomed the new supervisor, Hon. Babatunde Odunsi, in his opening remark, stating that he has had the opportunity to work with him in the past and that he still

believes he would contribute his quota.

He, therefore, advised him to be loyal to the leadership of the local government and uphold the Oath he has sworn to.

The supervisor appreciated the council chairman, the

management team as well as his colleagues, stating that he was honoured to be given the opportunity to serve the people of Surulere.

He promised to join force with other members of council to ensure the administration's set goals are achieved.

Kendoo preaches peace among APC members

By Edith Igbokwe

The chairman of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, Otunba Kehinde Oloyede (Kendoo), has reiterated his commitment to peaceful and harmonious relationship among members of the All Progressives Congress (APC) within the council. He called on members of the party to let peace reign within the party to ensure overwhelming victory in the coming general elections. He appealed to aggrieved party members to sheath their swords so that greatness can be achieved and dividends of democracy delivered to all and sundry. "Our challenges are daunting but not insurmountable. We will constantly promote the ideas that will bring about development, opportunities and hope to the good

people of Oshodi. He noted that development can only surface in a peaceful environment where harmony reigns supreme. He, however, stated that his administration will continue to provide good infrastructures within the local government to make the roads accessible as well as to improve the residents standard of living. He acknowledged that there are challenges facing the administration but, he believed they are surmountable and that his administration will not relent in its determination to continue delivering infrastructural amenities to the electorates. Also, the All Progressive Congress (APC), Oshodi-Isolo Local Government party chairman, Hon. Saheed Animashaun has appealed to the party members to eschew politics of bitterness and

divisiveness in the recently held general meeting at council secretariat. Animashaun stressed that the importance of the meeting is to address serious issues at hand that required rapt attention from the party leader before it gets out of control. He stated that it is a must for the party to win the coming election at the local government level and anything that would prevent that from happening must be prevented. "The essence of this meeting is to have a meaningful discussion on how the party can be united, forge ahead and emerge victorious in the coming elections." The former Special Adviser to former Lagos Governor Akinwunmi Ambode on Civic Engagement, Hon. Taye Ayedun (aka Shanana) also joined the leaders in calling for peace, unity and harmony within

the party. He noted that the party cannot afford to lose any of its candidates from state to federal. While capping it all, the Apex leader, Pa. J. O. Olabintan, appreciated all present and thanked them for their time as he stated that it is right for some

members to be aggrieved due to human nature. He, however, said they should learn to resolve their differences amicably and not to allow it to linger to what would affect the positive outcome of the party. All the party leaders were reached out to and duly

invited to the meeting for a robust discussion. The meeting had in attendance notable party leaders from different groups and caucuses within the party. Absent leaders sent their representatives while others tendered apology for their absence.



Kendoo promises more projects

Youths charge Orekoya on quality representation

By Edith Igbokwe

The National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN), Somolu Chapter has charged the All Progressives Congress (APC) candidate for Lagos State House of Assembly, Somolu Constituency 1, Hon. Abiodun Orekoya, on quality representation. The candidate was advised during the maiden edition of his engagement with Youth Assembly. The convener of the Abiodun Orekoya Youth, Are AbdulFatai Ajibola, who doubles as the Vice-Chairman of the National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN), Lagos East Chapter, said the move was necessitated by the need to close the wide gap between the youths and the stakeholders in the

community, especially with the political elites. Ajibola noted that such a move will further foster a cordial relationship that will give the youth the sense of belonging in order to make meaningful impact as expected when and where necessary. According to him, the programme provided an avenue for the youths to interact with Orekoya amid challenges faced by the youths, especially in the face of biting global economic situation, among other issues discussed. "Since we've identified Hon. Abiodun Orekoya as our candidate come 2023, there's need for him to address the youths on what he has in store so that the Somolu youths can come out en-mass to partake in the process of electioneering to take

charge of our future". "And looking at his antecedents, we've seen that he's the kind of personality that can provide mentorship and with his capacity, the youths are working for him to ensure he emerge as the winner of the Lagos House of Assembly, Somolu Constituency 1 come 2023 election".

In the same vein, the former Chairman of the National Association of Nigeria Students (NANS), Joint Campus Committee, Lagos Axis, Com. Olusanya Adelaja in his contribution said the gathering was to galvanize the youth in solidarity with Hon. Orekoya whom many of them believe has their interest at heart

towards his emergence as the candidate of the House of Assembly Somolu Constituency 1. Adeleja noted that constant re-orientation of the youth to checkmate them from being used as political thugs by mischievous politicians to cause unnecessary mayhem during and after elections is very

paramount. Orekoya promised to be available at every edition of the youth programme and to support and empower them to become independent. However, the programme also witnessed the inauguration of the Local Government Executives of Orekoya Youth Vanguard



Somolu youths at the meeting



2023: Former council boss guides APC candidate on winning strategies

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The former council chairman of Ojo Local Government, Hon. Yinka Durosimi has advised the All Progressives Congress (APC) candidate representing Ojo Constituency at the Lagos State House of Assembly, Comr. Olusegun Ege on strategic means to ensure success at the 2023 general elections. He advised that taking sides with a particular caucus is not the way out for him but rather unifying all caucuses. He appreciated his efforts in visiting political elders as he implied that his visitation is also a form of political success, however, he suggested his non-involvement in political discrepancy as the division of different caucuses will evade different public opinion. As a form of encouragement, Durosimi commended Ege's courtesy visit to him while promising to continue to support and canvass for him as always. He, therefore, promised to assist in marshaling other political loyalists for success ahead.



Comr. Olusegun Ege

Be positive in thinking, Ogunyemi urges youths

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The All Progressives Congress (APC) candidate for Ojo Federal Constituency at the Federal House of Representatives, Hon. Lanre Ogunyemi (HLO) has advised the youths to have the spirit of optimism towards their trial period. He said the trial period is a state where things do not go in line with their plans which automatically keeps them in low spirits towards life. He said as an elder with experience, his present state so far was achieved after failing in some aspects of life before excelling.

He encouraged that as a youth, the probability of experiencing negative results is very high as those results are what would reshape them either positively or otherwise depending on which state they give in to.

He advised them to always remember their initial goal of embarking on something as their previous reasons can be a motivating factor.

Ogunyemi further enlightened that they should brazen up and have a strong optimistic belief rather than appreciating the negative side of life.

He promised to give in more opportunities to the youths and other sectors if elected



APGA declaims membership of political candidate

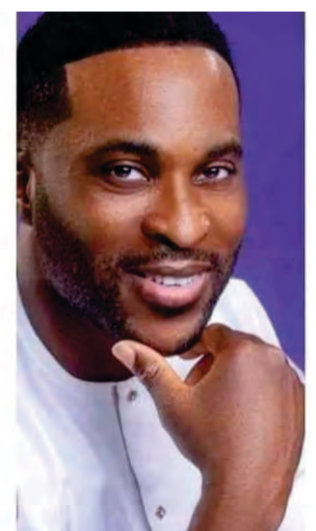
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The All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) has declaimed the membership of a contestant in the upcoming election. The aspirant according to reports, has been enlisted by the Independent National Electoral Commission

(INEC) under the APGA column as the flag bearer representing Ojo Federal Constituency. The enlisted aspirant, Hon. Olawale Aganga Williams was positioned as the House of Representatives candidate of APGA for Ojo Federal Constituency. In a statement, APGA management disclosed

that there is no association whatsoever with the said candidate while urging the masses not to get a wrong impression of the flag bearer.

They assured his credibility to his party, All Progressives Congress (APC) and support from the masses as a goal-oriented candidate.



Hon. Olawale Aganga

The residents of Olowokere Community in Mafoluku, Oshodi have expressed their gratitude to the member of Federal House of Representatives, Oshodi-Isolo Constituency 1, Dr. Bashiru Dawodu for lightening up their community after ten years of darkness. Residents beam with joy as the law maker

Olowokere residents rejoice over new transformer

By Motolani AbdulGafar

commissioned a 300KVA transformer in the community to solve the blackout issues that has lingered for many years. The development came shortly after Dawodu visited the Ikeja Electricity Distribution Company and made a case for the

community electricity to be restored after ten years in darkness.

Aside this impactful project achieved by the lawmaker for the people of his constituency, he also promised that more are yet to be unfolded for the fulfillment of the dreams and expectations of the Oshodi-Isolo Constituency



The new transformer and donor, Dawodu at the site

Funtwins FC officially launched

By Saheed Afolabi

Having a club side in Nigeria and equipping them with the tools to make the club a standard one actually cost a lot of funds. Recently, Funtwins FC was launched as staff of the club were introduced including the general manager, team manager, coach, secretary and a host of others. The club has also been equipped with state of the art equipment for the running of the club. Funtwins FC was established to create a pathway for players who are aiming to seek greener pastures outside the country legitimately. Speaking to ECHONEWS, the secretary of the club, Igbo Odibo said that it's a privilege for her to be part of the Funtwins FC family

as she promised to give her best for the growth of the club. The general manager of the club, Prophet Samuel Obidoyin described Funtwins FC as a club aiming for greatness. "Funtwins FC is a professional side that's looking out for quality players, rebrand them to international standard and trade them to professional club sides." The coach, Oladiran Abass stated that, "I'm extremely happy to be part of Funtwins FC, when I was introduced to the project, I find out that I have keen interest in it. "As the coach of the team, my major objective is to develop good players that are marketable and that can be profitable to Funtwins FC." The Team Manager, Oluwagbemi Oluwajoba noted that he will make sure the team is run well.



Staffs of Funtwins FC

Okeyson Cup: I'm impressed with the standard - Ejimah

By Saheed Afolabi

The most sought after grassroots competition in Isolo, Okeyson Cup have attracted a lot of talented football players from different parts of Lagos. The competition which has reached the finalists stage had over 16 teams participating. The organizer of the tournament, Okey Ejimah said that he's impressed with the players' attitude, officiating and turnout of spectators in the tournament as this will urge him to keep the tournament afloat in years to come. "I never expected this monstrous turn out of spectators to watch

the tournament and I must be sincere, I'm really impressed with the tournament. "The players that played this tournament showed good characters and we hope the players that played the tournament will play in the national team in years to come."



Okey Ejimah

I'm using sport to discourage youths from social vices, Aare Tomori Williams says

By Saheed Afolabi

The 6th Aare Tomori Williams annual football tournament is scheduled to start very soon as plans have reached advanced stage to have a very easy tournament. Speaking to the press at the official draws and press conference of the tournament, philanthropist and business man, Aare Tomori Williams said the motive for sponsoring the tournament is to discourage youths from taking drugs and other social vices in the society. The businessman also urged the players and coaches to abstain from bad characters and imbibe the character of an 'omoluabi'. "The reason I sponsored

and gave my full support to the annual Aare Tomori Williams Cup is to engage the youths productively and use sport as a tool to discourage them from engaging in social vices. "While growing up in E bute - Metta, I

discovered that a lot of youths take drugs and along the line, I was approached by a young man named Prince Lateef Ogunfowora, who introduced the idea of sponsoring football competitions for the youths and I've been

impressed with the success of the tournament so far. "I also want to use this medium to appeal to these young players to remain focused in their career and shun drug abuse because it ruins career."



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