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Get-wet drugs for women

By Edith Igbokwe

International Women's Day has come and gone but for many women, the challenges of living happily persist.

Perhaps, more than any other aspect of a woman's life, the joy of a satisfactory relationship with a partner, is a major boost to self-confidence, emotional stability, and inner peace.

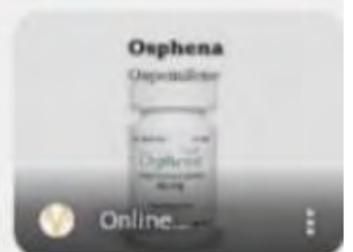
When the curtains are drawn and the lights are dimmed, what happens under the sheets is expected to be pure ecstasy.

However, for many women, it is an experience they can only dream about, a recurring theme of their fantasies. Why? It is a condition doctors have defined as Female Sexual Interest/Arousal Disorder, in short, FSIAD.

It is the female version of men's erectile dysfunction, preventing many women from enjoying sexual intercourse with their partners. Female sexual arousal disorder occurs when the body of a woman doesn't respond to sexual stimulation.

For a long time, doctors believed it was a lack of desire of the woman for sex. Now, they know better. It is the body's system refusing to pick the signals. It is a mental disorder.

According to new guidelines in the new edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5), FSIAD is one of several conditions that fall under the umbrella of sexual



dysfunction. The conditions include pain during intercourse, inability to orgasm, and lack of sexual desire.

According to the manual, over 40 percent of women experience some type of sexual dysfunction, such as FSIAD. Many of them look forward to the romantic romp in blue films and breath-taking, passionate sex but discover, to their frustration that their bodies are neither willing nor ready.

Symptoms

For many women, the symptoms of FSIAD come and go. Some have symptoms every time they try to have intercourse or engage in sexual activity. Others may only experience them occasionally. As you read this article, try a self-check:

- Is your desire

- for sex decreasing?

- Are you finding it difficult to be aroused?

- Do thoughts of sex hardly cross your mind?

- Do you find it odd to initiate sex with your partner?

- Are you indifferent to your partner's attempt to initiate sex?

- Are you turned off during sex?

- Do those things that turn you off irritate you now?

- Do you find it difficult to pick the cues of intimacy?

- Are your erogenous zones switched off during sex?

Researchers are blaming psychological and physical

challenges in the arousal process for the condition. It is one reason why individuals need to go for psychotherapy to identify why they are not responding normally in the bedroom.

For example, low self-esteem, poor body image, stress, anxiety, depression, guilt, trauma, and crisis in relationships can trigger psychological reactions and cause FSIAD.

Factors caused by natural developments such as menopause and pregnancy or artificial options such as birth control pills and anti-depressants may set your hormones at war with your urge.

Arousal also depends greatly on the body's circulatory and neurological systems. Diminishing blood flow

takes the steam out of your sex drive.

Medical conditions like diabetes and treatments such as chemotherapy or radiation may interfere with arousal and sexual stimulation.

A 2009 study by Trusted Source found that 3.3 percent of participants between the ages of 18 and 44 had female sexual arousal disorder, while 7.5 percent of participants between the ages of 45 and 64 experienced it.

FSIAD is sometimes hard for doctors to diagnose since many cases involve a combination of underlying conditions. In addition, many women may feel uncomfortable talking to their doctor about their symptoms and their sex life. This prevents a lot of

women from getting diagnosed.

Most doctors start by asking a series of questions about your sexual and mental health. Next, they'll likely give you a pelvic exam to rule out any physical causes of your symptoms, such as an infection or nerve damage. In some cases, your doctor may also do a complete blood count test to get a better idea of your overall health.

If your doctor determines your symptoms aren't due to physical causes, they may refer you to a psychotherapist who specializes in sexual health. This health professional can help you discover the emotional cause behind your FSIAD and help you create a treatment plan that suits you.

Get-wet drugs for women

Treatment

Here's the good news: there is hope for women living with this condition.

Treatment for FSIAD focuses on identifying any underlying causes and treating them. Many women find that a combination of treatments seems to work best. Depending on the underlying cause, treatments often include medication, therapy, or a combination of both.

Some medication-related treatments include Hormone therapy. If the underlying cause is hormonal, hormone therapy may help treat low estrogen or testosterone, vaginal dryness, or pain during intercourse.

At home, you can also try creating a relaxing environment to help your brain and body prepare for a variety of sexual activities.

Experiment with different elements, such as soft lighting, relaxing music, or soft fabrics. If you're in a partnered relationship, you can also try talking to your partner about trying sexual activities outside of intercourse, such as massage or showering together.

Without treatment, dryness usually worsens over time. You can try these home remedies for dryness that may help relieve your

symptoms and discomfort:

Water-Based Lubricants Before the sexual activity, apply a water-based lubricant and on your partner where there will be contact. Using a lubricant can help to relieve any pain or discomfort you might normally experience during sex since you are giving this area moisture.

Regular Sexual Activity: Having sexual stimulation on a consistent basis can help improve your overall health. You can do this either alone or with a

partner, or even using a device like a vibrator. Sexual stimulation helps increase blood flow.

Pelvic Floor Exercises: Pelvic floor exercises can help to strengthen weak v muscles. With lower levels of estrogen, muscles weaken over time. Exercises like Kegels can help to relax tight muscles and strengthen weaker ones. These exercises also help to increase blood flow.

Your doctor may recommend a local estrogen to help with atrophy. This is estrogen that you

insert directly. Some forms are:

Vaginal ring, Vaginal gel, Vaginal cream, Vaginal tablet; Your doctor can talk with you about all of your options and help you pick the right one for you.

Another common remedy for dryness that your doctor may recommend is ospemifene (ospemifene). This is a pill that you take once a day to reduce the symptoms. It is recommended for women who have moderate to severe symptoms.

Osphena isn't suitable for those who've had breast cancer or are at high risk. Prasterone (Intrarosa) is a

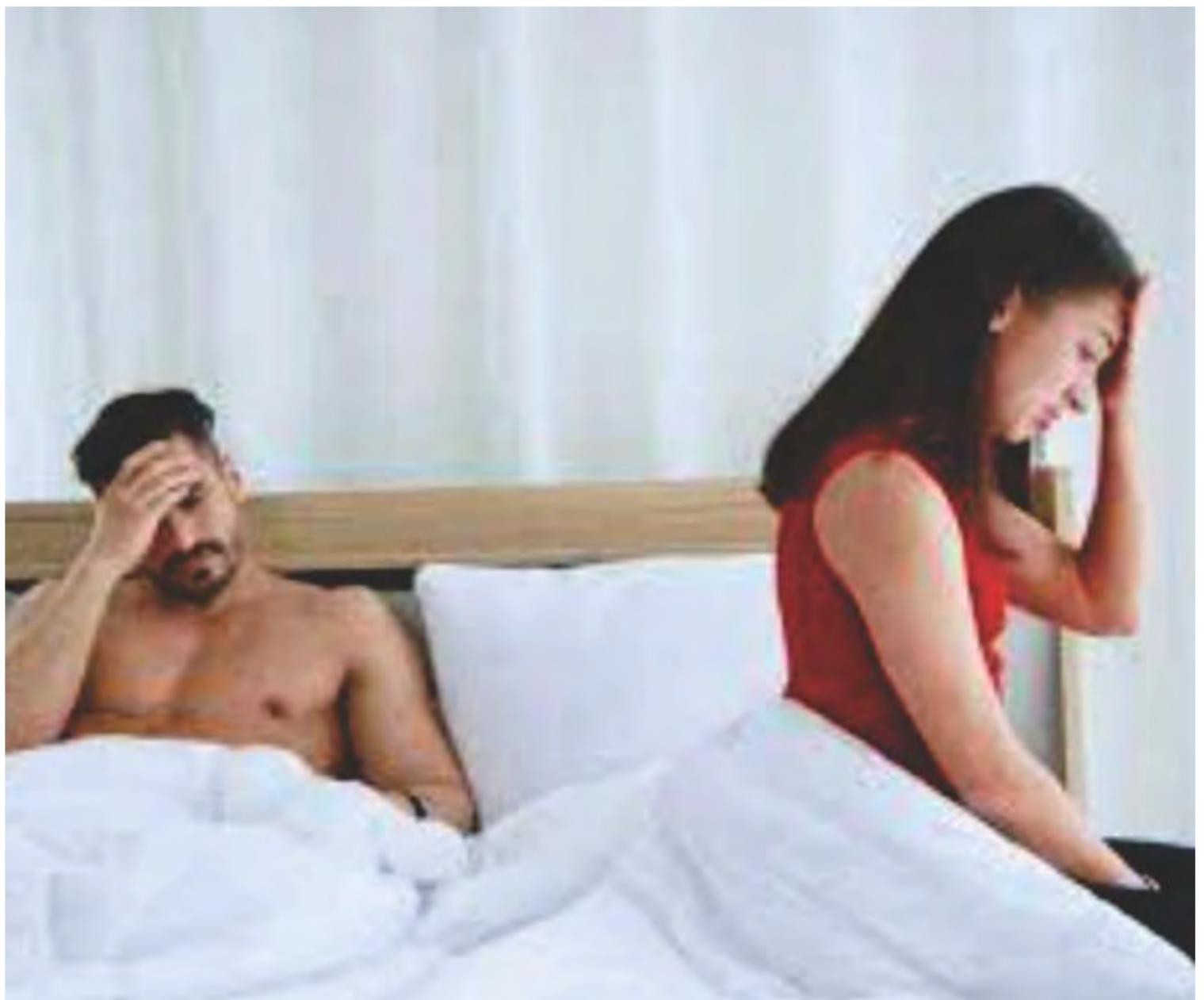
steroid that lessens painful intercourse, but prasterone is changed in the body to certain hormones (androgens and estrogens).

KY Jelly

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As we enter into the second quarter of the year 2023, get a better fulfilled life by getting over the challenges to getting the best of intimacy. Seek help from your doctor today!



Obe postpones son's naming ceremony to honour election victims

By [Rasaq Adebayo](#)

Out of sympathy and love for his people, the chairman of Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Monsurudeen Bello Obe has postponed the naming ceremony of his newborn baby in honour of the victims of the last governorship and house of assembly election in the council area.

The ceremony of the baby born on Tuesday, March 21, three days after losing his mother is supposed to come up on Tuesday, this week but has been rescheduled for another day yet to be announced.

It was a double tragedy for the council chairman on Saturday, March 18 as he lost his mother to cold hands of death, Obe also lost one of his residents who went to vote to the torture of Soldiers.

During the last governorship and state house of assembly elections, it was reported that some residents of Ejigbo were allegedly tortured by soldiers while queuing to cast their votes.

The incidents occurred at Best-Ford Avenue Ilaoshe Ward and other places like Kayode Street popularly known as Double Powerline where a voter was shot in the leg and polling Unit 072, Lafenwa Junction when a fake security man, was caught with a newly sharpen kitchen knife that he wanted to use in stabbing the APC party agent.

It was gathered that some voters, members, agents, and canvassers of the All Progressives Congress party were reportedly allegedly maimed and brutalised by soldiers with the connivance of the opponent Labour party also inside Jakande Estate both in Oke-Afa Ward and Ailegun Ward, hence the intervention of Ejigbo council boss, Alhaji Monsuru Bello Obe who promptly rose to the gory occasion.

One of the voters, Yusuf Odunjo, popularly called Amuda, who was reportedly tortured into a coma by the soldiers, later died while receiving treatment.

However, Obe's happiness was returned when the Almighty God blessed him with a new building baby boy, though the celebration of the new joy has to be postponed.

While announcing the postponement of his new baby's ceremony, Obe said: "First of all, we give glory to the Almighty Allah for the gift of the womb, that we neither cry over mother nor child.

"For as many that are looking forward to God for the fruit of the womb, I use this divine blessing in my family as a point of contact to the Almighty Allah, that fortune shall smile on your marital union sooner than later in the name of Allah.

"Regrettably, permit me to use this medium to announce the postponement of our child Naming ceremony in honour of the dead, injured members of our party (APC) in the last elections. A new date shall be communicated thereafter."



Hon. Monsurudeen Bello (Obe)

Ramadan: Obe, Olasoju organise Iftar for Muslims

By [Rasaq Adebayo](#)

In the spirit of Ramadan, the Chairmen of Ejigbo and Isolo LCDAs, Hon. Monsuru Bello Obe and Otunba Olasoju Adebayo are organising Iftar (feeding of fasting Muslims at break time) for Muslims through the holy month of Ramadan.

The council also organise prayer session before the Iftar is served on each day of the fasting month.

It was gathered that the two councils will

commence the programme in their respective places this week.

Isolo council boss started the programme last as he organised the Iftar for fasting Muslims to break their fast throughout the fast month.

The Iftar also included daily prayers on the council premises.

The council boss provided varieties of meals supplied by Molabat Kitchen, Isolo, for the fasting Muslims as well as fruits to break their fasting.



Hon. Monsurudeen Bello (Obe)



Otunba Adebayo Olasoju

CDC rejoices with council chair over APC's success, pledges support

By Edith Igbokwe

The Community Development Committee (CDC), Oshodi-Isolo LG, has rejoiced with the council chairman, Otunba Kehinde Oloyede over the success of the All Progressives Congress (APC) at the just concluded elections.

The party won the governorship, House of Representatives, and State House of Assembly elections in the council area.

The committee pledged to continue to support the party and the chairman for the progress and further development of the council area.

Led by its chairman, Alhaji Adisa Olawoyin, the committee thanked the council chairman for providing the enabling environment for the CDC to thrive and participate actively in the last elections.

Olawoyin assured the council chairman that the CDC will continue to support him in his drive to bring development to the local government.

"We congratulate you on the election success of the Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu, and the House of Assembly elections that produced Otunba Stephen Kayode Ogundipe as a lawmaker-elect to represent Oshodi-Isolo constituency 1. May God be with them and you to steer the affairs of the council to more prosperous heights."

While appreciating the CDC's gesture and its unceasing support for his administration, Oloyede promised that more dividends of democracy will be delivered to the people very soon.

He said: "I thank you for associating with our government and the overwhelming support we received from you at the polls. Your support for our administration will not go in



vain, we will strive more to deliver more dividends of democracy to our people."

Oloyede, who held a victory party in honour of the Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, who won a second term in office, said the party was also held in honour of the MHR representing Oshodi-Isolo Federal Constituency 1 at the Federal House of Representatives, Dr. Bashir Dawudo and the Lagos State House of Assembly member-elect, Ogundipe.

He thanked the residents for the overwhelming support the APC received at the polls, saying without the residents' and party members' support, the election

would not have been won by APC.

The council boss assured the residents of synergy between him and the legislators-elect in bringing development to the

people of the council.

He said: "It was a tough battle but we thank God we won. Without your support, we won't have pulled through victoriously. I thank you all for your support. I thank the security outfit for the peaceful atmosphere, before, during and after the elections. The youth, I thank you very much, you are the strongholds of our success, and we thank you for the support. I thank MC Oluomo for standing with us all through the process. I thank the party chairman for his steadfastness. I thank the Chief of staff for the support, I thank the ES for the support, leader of the house and councillor of Mafoluku ward Kazeem Ogunoloko, for the first time we won Mafoluku in this election. Congratulations to our MHR and the Assembly member-elect, I want to assure you that the synergy between us will continue. We will continue to move on together at ensuring even greater development for our local government."

Ogundipe, in his thank you message to the people assured them that he will work along with the local government chairman for the development of the council as they will both work to bring more dividends of democracy to the people.

You're a strong politician, Olasoju commiserates with Obe

By Rasaq Adebayo

The chairman of Isolo LCDA, Otunba Adebayo Olasoju, has described his counterpart in Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Monsurudeen Bello (Obe) as a strong politician who could handle shock at a time of sorrow.

He said this while commiserating with Obe on the death of his mother, saying he deserves to be commended for not allowing his sorrow to jeopardise the success of his party at the poll, losing his mother while others were celebrating theirs alive on World Mother's Day.

Obe would have been demoralised as his mother died early on the gubernatorial/state house of assembly Election Day, however, he forged ahead to delivered his council area for his party despite his challenge.

Olasoju said: "Sincerely speaking Hon. Oloyede Bello deserves a pat on his back for dealing with his mother's death simultaneously with the rigours of a must-win election just as it is more intimidating to irreparably commit one's mother to mother-earth on a day set aside to celebrate mothers internationally.

"My heart goes out to my dear brother and colleague, Hon. Monsuru Oloyede Bello (Obe) on the loss of his mother. It is an incontrovertible fact that no matter how



old one's parents get, losing them is never prayed for."

While praying for the repose of the deceased, Olasoju urged Bello to rather take consolation in the exemplary life his late mother led.

"The thought and prayers of my family and the good people of Isolo LCDA are with you at this time," he said.

Sokunle wishes Ogundipe smooth term at the Assembly

By Edith Igbokwe

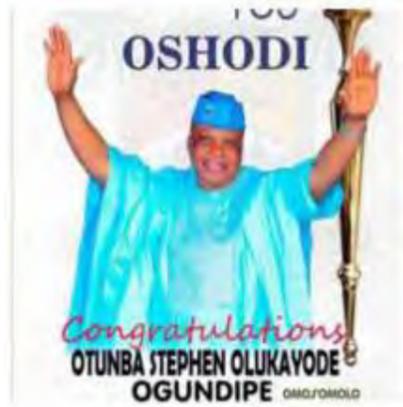
The outgoing member of Lagos State House of Assembly in Oshodi-Isolo constituency I, Hon. Hakeem Sokunle, has congratulated Otunba Stephen Ogundipe for emerging as his successor.

Sokunle, in his congratulatory message, wished Ogundipe smooth journey into the Lagos State parliamentary, urging him to be confident at all times.

"I congratulate Hon. Kayode Stephen Ogundipe, the standard bearer of the All Progressives Congress in the 2023 general elections. I wish him success in his parliamentary journey to the Lagos State House of Assembly."

He also appreciated the constituents for voting massively for the APC candidates in the just concluded Gubernatorial and State Assembly Elections.

Sokunle assured the people of Oshodi that he would continue to contribute to



wards development, adding that the party will also continue to develop the State and create a conducive environment for the peaceful co-existence of all residents..

Your victory is in order, Olasoju congratulates Sanwo-Olu on his re-election



By Rasaq Adebayo

The chairman of Isolo Local Council Development Area, Otunba Adebayo Olasoju has said that the victory of Governor Babajide Sanwoolu and the All Progressives Congress (APC) is in the right order based on the track record of performance in the last four years which have edged the State closer to the vision of a smart city with evidence across the critical sectors of governance in the state.

He said this while congratulating the governor over his success at the poll, saying Sanwo-Olu has not only done credibly

well in managing the affairs of the state by balancing politics and governance but the outcome of the polls again re-armed the confidence Lagosians in his government.

While hailing the electorate for the support given to the party at the just concluded polls, the council boss said it is time for the actualization of 'A Greater Lagos Rising' by downplaying every divisive tendency that occurred during the electioneering.

He appealed that all hands should be on deck for proper governance through which the State can continue to prosper and maintain the lead in excellent governance.

"Lagosians have spoken loud and clear with the re-validation of the mandate giv-

en to Governor Sanwo-Olu in the last four years which have brought many developments to the state across the sectors.

"The overwhelming victory our party recorded is an attestation to the progressives and enviable governance the state has been experiencing in the last four years and Lagosians' consent to continuity.

"May I use this medium to congratulate Mr. Sellable' even as his re-election means continued and heightened hard work on his path. We believe in his capacity to beat his previous record and edge Lagos closer to the top level it belongs. Congrats, Mr. Governor, and congrats Lagosians," he said.

Banjo pledges to support youths



Barr Ademuyiwa Adedji

By Saheed Afolabi

Following the victory of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in the governorship and House of Assembly

elections in Lagos State, the chairman of Ikorodu North LCDA, Hon. Adeola Banjo has promised a youth-friendly government under his administration.

Making the promise while congratulating the winners of the elections and his party, he said it was a moment of joy.

"This is a moment of untold as I join notable members of our political party at Ikorodu North LCDA ably led by the Chairman of APC Ikorodu division, Otunba Olasukanmi Tijani to rejoice with members of our party at the victory get-together held today at our party secretariat. Seeing both old and young men and women from different strata of society come together to sing, dance, and merry over our collective victory at the just concluded general elections, I am confident that where there is unity, there is always victory.

I am indeed proud of our collective contributions to ensuring that Ikorodu division secured landslide victory for our President-elect, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu our Governor Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwoolu and our representatives at the National and State Assemblies, and I do not doubt that it is about time that Ikorodu division reaped the bountiful harvest of our years of commitment and loyalty to the party."

Hon Banjo thanked the youth for the beautiful appreciation frames presented to him and the party chairman Otunba Olasukanmi Tijani and assured that the interest of the youth will always be paramount in Ikorodu North LCDA.

Jimi Benson distributes food bags to 1000 residents

By Saheed Afolabi

The Federal House of Representatives member in Ikorodu, Rep Jimi Benson has put smiles on the faces of Ikorodu residents as he distributed bags of food for free to the masses.

It was gathered that over one thousand people benefitted from the iCare food bags given out by Jimi Benson who does it on monthly basis to ease the economic hardship faced by the masses in the country.

The politician appreciated his constituents for finding him worthy to be elected for another term in the green chambers and promised not to let them down.

He said: "1,000 vulnerable residents of Ikorodu Federal Constituency benefitted from our monthly iCare Food bags distribution.

"I used the opportunity to appreciate my constituents for their steadfastness and the APC's performance at the last presidential election while charging them to do more for our performing Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu and Ikorodu candidates for the State House of Assembly elections.

"I appreciate the Lagos State Commis-



sioner for Transportation, Dr. Frederick Oladeinde, Prince Kunle Oduborisha, Ikorodu Local Government Chairman, Hon. Wasiu Adeshina, Igbogbo-baiyeku LCDA Chairman, Hon. Sesan Daini, Imota LCDA Chairman, Hon. Wasiu Agoro, Ijeda LCDA Chairman, Hon. Motunrayo Gbadebo-Alogba, among other party faithful for the attendance."

ICCI holds 2nd edition of Ikorodu Division Trade Fair

By Rasaq Adebayo

The second edition of the Ikorodu Division Trade Fair commenced on Sunday at the Lagos State University of Science and Technology (LASUSTECH), former LASPOTTECH, Ikorodu, Lagos.

The fair, which is being promoted by the Ikorodu Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI) in collaboration with LASUSTECH with the support of the Lagos State Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives, is scheduled to hold between March 26 and April 2, 2023.

Over 100 exhibitors and thousands of visitors within and outside Ikorodu Division are expected to participate in the 8-day event.

Speaking, the ICCI President, Sir (Engr.) Rasheed Shoderu said the primary objective of the Chamber is to promote commerce, industry, and the economic growth of the Ikorodu Division.

"Our annual trade fair event, the IKODIV Trade Fair, is one of the many ways we demonstrate our commitment to the economic development of our community. This event provides a platform for entrepreneurs and business owners, including macro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) to showcase their products and services, network, and engage in business transactions.

"As an organization, we are convinced

that promoting entrepreneurship and providing support to small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) is crucial to the economic growth of our Division. This is why we have made it our mission to provide support and guidance to these businesses so that they can compete favorably on the global stage.

"As we embark on this year's edition of the IKODIV Trade Fair, we are excited about the opportunities it presents to businesses in our environs. We are also optimistic that the event will not only promote the growth of individual businesses but also contribute significantly to the economic development of Ikorodu Division," Shoderu stated.

He further thanked their sponsors, partners, and exhibitors for their unwavering support towards making this year's edition of the IKODIV Trade Fair a success. "We are confident that with your continued support, we will achieve even greater success in the coming years," he added.

In the same vein, the Chairman Ikorodu Trade Fair, Prince Adeseye Adedipe, FCA, expressed optimism that despite the economic situation, in this year's edition, people would purchase quality items on display as the fair lasts.

"It is an opportunity for people within and outside Ikorodu Division to make brisk businesses and for various sector groups and professionals to present new products and new ideas," Adedipe added.

LASUSTECH holds first matriculation ceremony

By Rasaq Adebayo

The newly created Lagos State University of Science and Technology (LASUSTECH) will on Wednesday, March 29, 2023, matriculate its 1,850 pioneer students admitted into its 37 approved programmes.

The school management, in a memo said the Matriculation Ceremony will hold as scheduled.

"Therefore, all newly admitted students should ensure that apart from completing their registration before the date, they must also pay all fees fully before the Matriculation Ceremony to retain their studentship."

"Candidates admitted into the Lagos State University of Science and Technology already approved by JAMB and currently on JAMB CAPS but yet to accept the Offer

of Admission should kindly visit the JAMB portal to accept the provisional admission.

"Thereafter, they are to report to the University to complete their registration on or before Friday, 24th March, 2023 as Matriculation Ceremony for the 2022/2023 Academic Session is scheduled for Wednesday, 29th March, 2023," the memo read.

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Olumuyiwa Odusanya, explained that the university received its Certificate of Operating License from the National Universities Commission on February 8, 2022.

He added that it has NUC approval to commence 37 academic programmes in five Colleges including the College of Agriculture, College of Engineering Technology, College of Environmental Design and Technology, College of Basic Sciences, and College of Applied Social Sciences.



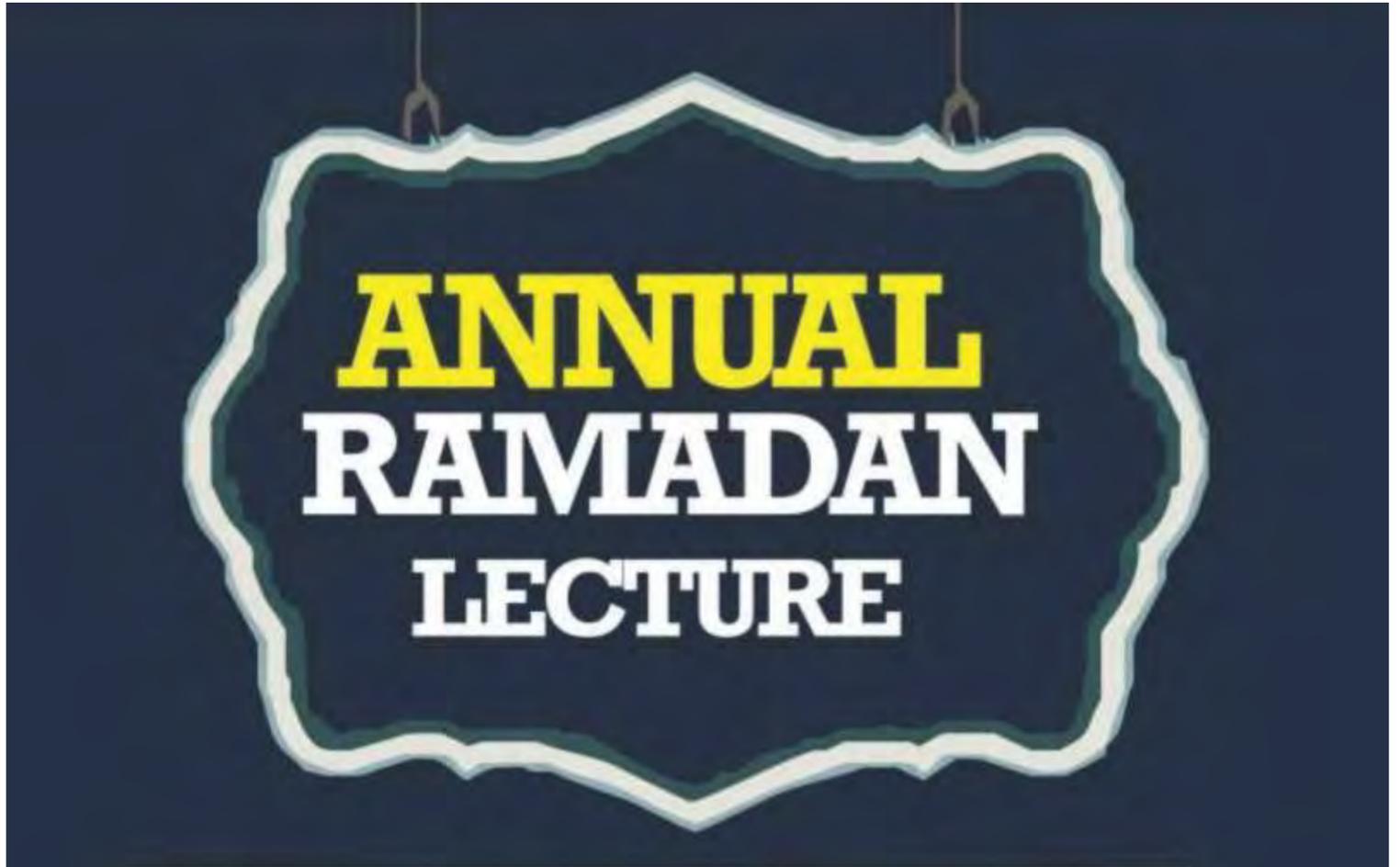
Clerics to Parents: Be cautious of girl child's upbringing for safer society

By Rasaq Adebayo

A group of Islamic clerics has urged parents to emphasize the upbringing of a girl child to create a safer society. The admonition was given during the 13th annual Ramadan Lecture and Child Dedication Service organised by AbdulWahid Islamic Foundation.

At the lecture, held on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at Tabjol Event Center in Agboyi-Ketu LCDA, the clerics harped on the importance of girl child's upbringing especially during the formative stage of their lives to create a better and saner society.

Speaking on the theme of the lecture "The Girl Child", the guest speaker, Sheik Abdul-Rafii Muh'd Awwal, highlighted the significance of caring for the girl child, which he said has special features divinely



structured to bring about a sane world.

The Islamic scholar said that the success or otherwise of many men is tied to the support of their wives, charging the parents never to neglect the upbringing

of their girl child as they make the world better.

Also speaking, the Missioner and Chief Imam of the Foundation, Ustaz Ridwanulahi Abdullahi, stated that the future of any society hinges on

how well the children especially the girl child are groomed.

He emphasised the benefit of training the girl child which he said is an institution and the first learning point of every child.

The founder of the Foundation, Hon. Abdulwahed Odunuga, said the essence of the programme is to advocate for proper training of girl children in every home to build a

safer society.

He added that the training and proper upbringing of children especially the girl child are very crucial in building a society that would be conducive for everyone to live.

Sanwo-Olu's achievements earned him victory - Bada

By Rasaq Adebayo

The chairman of Ikosi-Isheri Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Princess Abolanle Bada, has said that what helped Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu to coat home with a landslide victory at the just concluded election was the list of his achievements recorded during his first time in office. The governor was declared the winner

by the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) with the highest vote counts.

Sanwo-Olu, the All Progressives Congress (APC) candidate, polled 762,134 votes to beat 15 other political parties.

The bulk of his votes were from Alimoso LGA (83,631), Ikorodu (64,697), and Mushin 52,249. He got 49,344 votes from Josofe LGA.

While congratulating

the governor, Bada said the whole residents of her council area are ready to work with him to make his second tenure a success.

She reiterated that with Sanwo-Olu handling the affairs of the center of excellence again, a greater Lagos State is arising.

She implored all to give Sanwo-Olu/Hamzat the needed cooperation to discharge their duty effectively.





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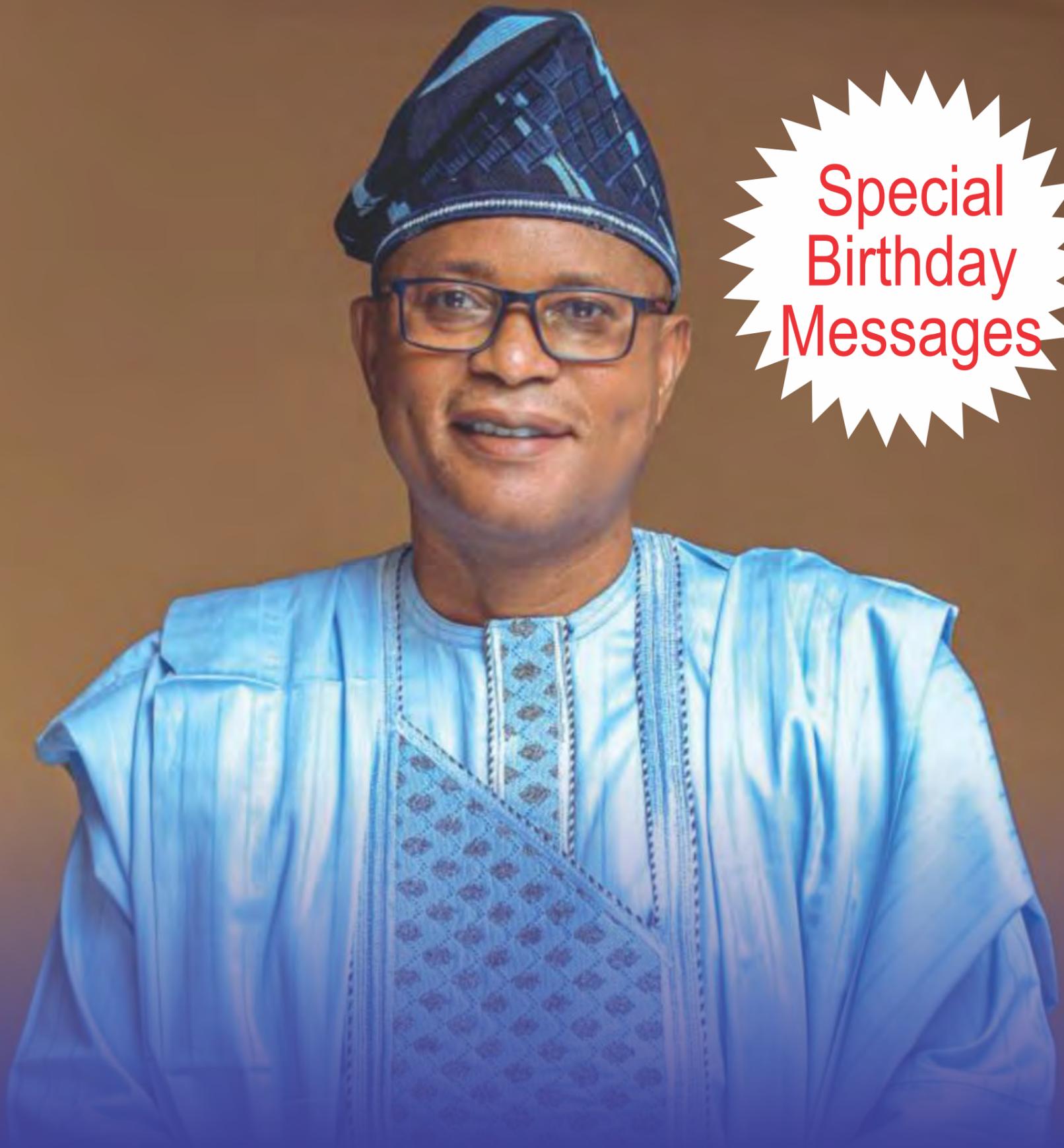
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Rt-Hon Wasiu Eshilokun Sanni (WES) is a versatile and outstanding Nigerian politician with a track record of remarkable performance in Legislative and Executive responsibilities. He is currently serving a third term as an Honourable member and a second term as the Deputy Speaker of Lagos State House of Assembly and the All Progressives Congress (APC) Lagos Central Senatorial Candidate for the 2023 general Elections. He is an astute committed progressive and democrat with a proven willingness and determination to serve the course of mankind. WES started his primary education at the famous Holy Trinity Primary School, Lagos, where he passed his first primary school education with distinction before proceeding to Ansar-Ud- Deen College, Offa, Kwara State for his secondary school education. He obtained his West African School Certificate Examinations (WAEC) certificate with first division. For his tertiary education, Prince Eshilokun attended Ogun State University, where he bagged a Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture (Hons) with a Specialization in Agricultural Economics.

He subsequently earned a Master's Degree in International Law and Diplomacy (MILD) at the University of Lagos.

As a student of life, for life: WES never stopped learning as he continues exploring the world of knowledge and acquiring new skills on his choosing adventures. He has obtained several certifications and participated in plethora of remedial studies in major prestigious Institutions across the globe, including Lagos Business School and Harvard Law School Certification in Negotiation and Leadership at Harvard University, USA. He also has certificate in Driving Government's performance from Harvard Kennedy School of Government, USA.

Being a highly experienced parliamentarian of more than a decade, he is a Member of Commonwealth Parliamentary



Association. Participant, National Council of State Legislature USA. Participant, Study Tour of USA Congress and four States legislature which was sponsored by USA Government through SAID and MCID. Since 2015, he has attended a Conferences of National Council of State Legislatures in the U.S.A severally, as a Member of The 8th and 9th Assembly of the Lagos State House of Assembly.

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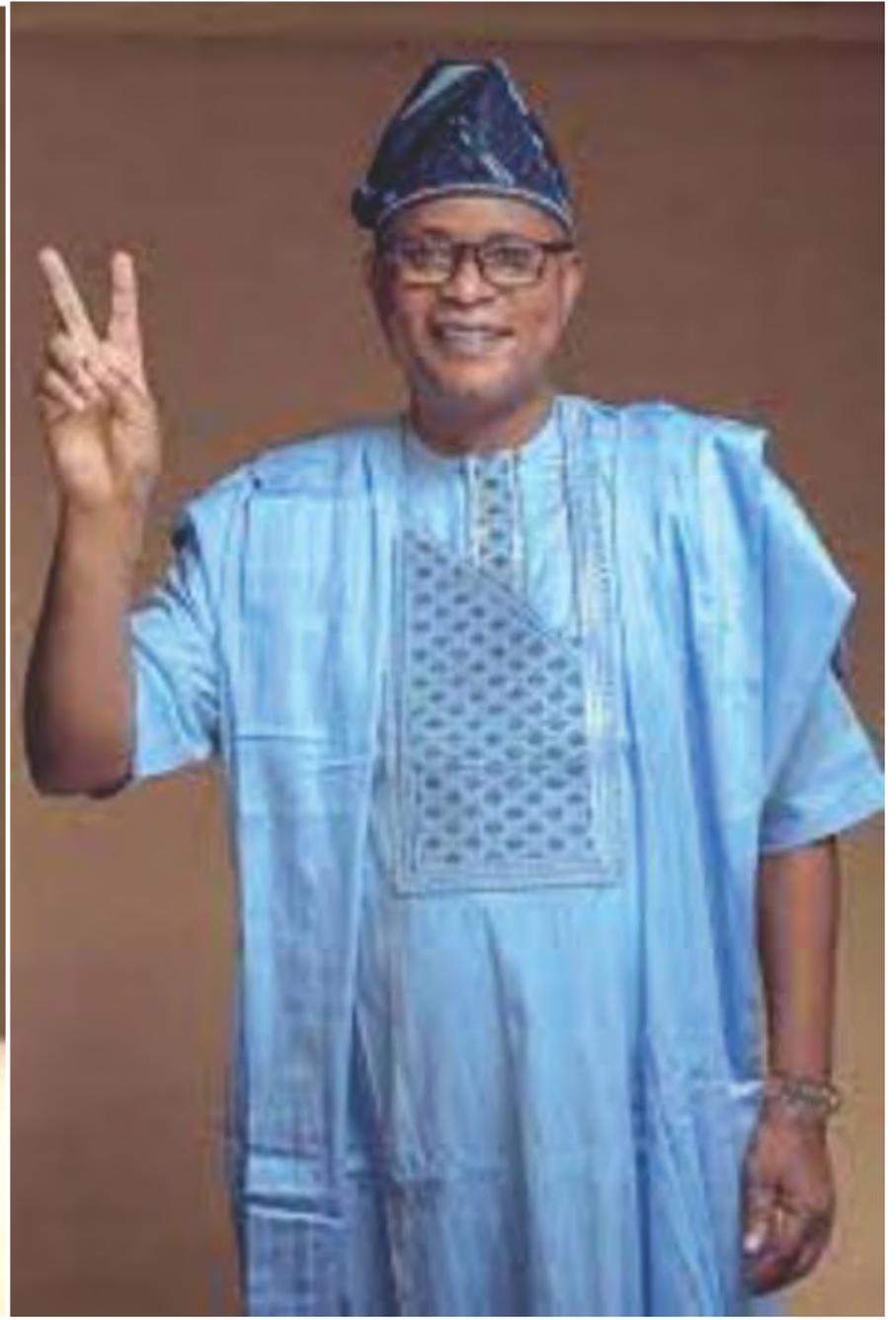
WES sojourn into politics is divine. All his life, he has been a man of the people who never jokes with the welfare of his people. He believes that the only way to bringing about good governance to his people is through the active progressive and inclusive participation in politics. In 1992, he started his voyage into politics and public service when was elected as Vice Chairman of Social Democratic Party in Ward C1 Isale-Eko.

In the wake of the return of

Nigeria to Democracy in 1999, Eshilokun contested for a seat at the Lagos House of Assembly to represent the good people of Lagos Island Constituency 1. He won the election and represented the constituency from 1999-2003. WES is renowned for his amazing and lucid contributions to debates both on the Floor of the Assembly, and including in the committees on which he served. Between 1999-2003, Eshilokun remarkably served in several committees, such as: Rules Committee as Chairman (saddle with the responsibility of scheduling the daily activities of the House in 1999 – 2002); Committee on Commerce and Industry as Chairman (2002 – 2003); Member, Committee on Environment and Planning (1999 – 2003); Member, Committee on Works and Infrastructure (1999 – 2003); Member, Committee on Sports and Youth Development (1999-2003); Member, Committee on Agriculture

(1999 – 2003);

Within these four years, WES made contributions that have not only transformed the state but became enduring trailblazers in the national polity. The now popular Constituency Project which has become a veritable means of touching the lives of the grassroots across the country is one of his brainwork. He introduced the initiative by sponsoring the Constituency Development Project Bill that was duly passed in to law. This ingenuity of progressive, effective and inclusive governance has been copied by all the states and the federal government alike. Likewise, in 2002, WES exhibited the dept of his resourcefulness again by co-sponsoring the bill for the Financial Autonomy for the Lagos State House of Assembly Law which was duly passed and ensure the desired separation of power between the executive and the legislative. This 20 years old brilliance of WES has just been included 1999 Constitutional of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amendment).



With his intimidating cum inspirational profile, it was quite evident that Eshilokun was a lawmaker to beat. His impeccable contribution to the seamless cooperation and legislative support to the executive averred the then Governor of Lagos, Asiwaju Bola Tinubu record massive success in his administration. After his first tenure as a lawmaker, WES was appointed by the then Governor of Lagos State Asiwaju Bola Tinubu as the Senior Special Assistant on Legislative and Political Matters in 2004.

Negotiation and power-sharing being two of the cardinal features of politics, WES possesses the rare attribute of being able to negotiate power fairly and seamlessly in achieving a common position among his political groups. He is also a strong public communicator and conciliator, with a clear ability to easily align government positions with public interests. These

attributes must have led His Excellency, Mr. Babatunde Raji Fashola (SAN), in 2008, to appoint him as the Secretary of Lagos State Microfinance Institution (LASMI).

Having gathered enough dynamic experience from serving at various capacities, WES decided to retest his popularity to afford him opportunity to bring into play his experience as a legislator into the executive realm. So, WES contested and served two terms as Executive Chairman of Lagos Island Local Government from 2008 – 2014. Till date, his tenure as Chairman of the LGA is still the reference point as the local government still bask on his peerless contributions in education and infrastructure. As the council chairman, he renovated or reconstructed all the major roads while he demolished and rebuilt many schools as he renovated others.

WES performances is the merit for his consequent election as

the Pioneer Lagos State Secretary for All Progressives Congress (APC) in 2014, where he worked closely with the chairman of the party to build the party structure in Lagos and across the country.

After the formation of the party in 2014 and having contributed immensely to the budding processes, he then decided to move back to Legislative business where he started from. He re-contested for the second time and won a seat at the Lagos House of Assembly to represent the Lagos Island Constituency 1. With his resounding success, experience and achievements, he was elected Deputy Speaker of the Lagos House of Assembly from 2015-2019. He contested again in 2019 and was reelected Deputy speaker to date.

Premised on all the experience Eshilokun gathered over the years with his loyalty, his people were convinced that it was time for him to move from the State

level to the Federal as a lawmaker. This spurred the movement for his bid to represent the good people of Lagos Central Senatorial District replacing the incumbent Senator Oluremi Tinubu. The call for Eshilokun to fill up the lacuna became widely accepted as he obtained the form and won the primary election in a landslide victory.

Eshilokun will hit the ground running when he gets to the senate. His credible legislative and executive experience is adjudged widely to be marked with excellence in initiatives and implementation of developmental programs and projects. His active and articulate nature in debates and contributions on the floor of the House would be needed on the floor of the Senate to sponsor important bills that will affect lives of his people positively. With his affable nature, he will be able to attract developmental projects to his senatorial district.

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Eshinlokun Sanni**



**HON. Hamed Olanrewaju Apatira
Executive Chairman, Itire Ikate LCDA**

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the people

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Eshinlokun Sanni**



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Tinubu
President, Elect,
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We trust that your experience and expertise will manifest at the Upper Chamber.

RT Hon. Wasiu Eshinlokun Sanni

Kehinde Bamigbetan
Director of Publicity



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**RT Hon. Wasiu
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HON. Fuad Atanda Lawal
Executive Chairman, Ikoyi Obalende LCDA

Perform excellently, APC party leaders charge new assembly members-elect



Hon. Wasiu Adeshina

By Rasaq Adebayo

The newly elected House of Assembly members from the Ikorodu Division have been charged to promote legislative excellence when they assume office. The advice was given by the chairman of Ikorodu Local Government, Hon. Wasiu Adeshina and the Chairman of APC in Ikorodu Local Government, Alh Waheed Animashaun. Adeshina admonished them to uphold the tenets of legislative excellence in the discharge of their duties, saying "they are

fantastic people. My message to them is that they should continue to uphold the highest tenets of the legislative arm and bring new ideas that would enhance governance in Lagos State."

On his part, the party chairman urged the new legislators to ensure they carry everyone along in their representative duties.

He said: "Firstly, I want to congratulate them on their victory. My advice for them is that they should carry everyone along in the discharge of their duties so that they can succeed."

2023 Elections: Faleke rewards outstanding party agents and wards with N3million



Hon James Abiodun Faleke

Member of the House of Representatives in Ikeja Constituency, Hon. James Abiodun Faleke, has rewarded the wards that delivered the highest number of votes during the last gubernatorial and House of Assembly elections as party members gathered to celebrate victory.

The constituency comprises Ikeja Local Government Area, Ojodu Local Council Development Area and Onigbongbo Local Council Development Area.

In Onigbongbo LCDA, Alausa/Oregun and Olusosun wards got N600,000 while Wasimi/Opebi/GRA wards got N400,000.

In Ojodu LCDA, Aguda/Oke-Ira and Oke-Ira 2 got N600,000 while Agidingbi/Ojodu got N250,000 and Oluwole/Ogba got N150,000.

In Ikeje LGA, Seriki-Aro, Onilekekere got N250,000 each, Anifiwose got N200,000 and Ipodo/Allen got N300,000.

Faleke, who had

earlier promised to reward outstanding wards that polled the highest results at polls, used the ceremony to fulfill his promise.

He also appraised and compensated other wards across Ikeja for a job well done during and after the elections.

The party members commended the party leaders for steering the party to victory.

Meanwhile, Faleke evaluated the election results for better performance in the future.

The chairman of Ojodu Local Council Development Area LCDA, Hon. David Odunmbaku appreciated party leaders, women, and youths for their contributions towards the success of the party.

Also speaking, the member representing Ikeja constituency II, Hon. Adedamola Kasumu, expressed his gratitude towards the party faithful as he pledged better quality representation with much impact.

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Epe LG chairman dedicates victory at the polls to civil servants

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Epe LG, Princess Surah Animashahun has dedicated the victory of the All Progressives Congress (APC) at the general elections to the council civil servants who thronged out in their numbers to cast their vote for the party. The council boss promised to bring more developmental

projects to Epe and improve the quality of life in the local council area.

"I want to express my heartfelt appreciation to every single member of staff of Epe Local Government. From the parliamentary to the supervisors, management and NUGE - you all went above and beyond to bring this victory home and we couldn't have achieved all we

did without your exceptional input.

"Your hard work and dedication are commendable. The last few weeks were proof that we can overcome any storm once we are united toward a common goal.

"I must especially recognise my Council Manager, Mr. Bakare Olakunle and Council Treasurer, Mr. Okeowo Isiaka. Your sacrifices and

commitment were highly impressive.

"On behalf of all the candidates who contested and won victoriously under the APC, I say a big thank you to the people of Epe for the consistent support and trust in us all.

"We will continue to do our best to ensure the development, well-being and the improvement of quality of life of all our constituents."



Princess Surah Animashahun

Council boss meets Igbos to promote unity in the community

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Epe LG, Princess Surah Animashahun has met with the Igbos in Epe and encouraged them to embrace harmony. To promote peace and unity in Epe, Princess Surah Animashahun urges the Igbos to see the Yorubas as their brothers and sisters and foster unity in the community.

"In the company of Hon. Segun Oluade, I

addressed the Igbo community and traders in Epe to further foster peace, togetherness and harmony that are currently being enjoyed within the division.

"The leaders and every member of the Igbo community present attested to the camaraderie, generosity, and accommodating nature of the indigenes of Epe which has enabled them to not only feel welcome but also thrive in their businesses and other endeavours."



The Igbos community in Epe during a meeting with Epe LG boss, Princess Surah Animashahun

The chairman of Igbogbo-Bayeku LCDA, Builder Olusesan Daini, has described the election success of Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu and that of the Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu as a win for the entire Nigerians. He was speaking on the victory the All Progressives Congress (APC) recorded in his council area during the last general elections, noting that the victory has no doubt brought out joy and happiness in his people in the council

Tinubu's, Sanwo-Olu's victory, a win for all Nigerians - Daini

By Saheed Afolabi

area.

This was evident on Wednesday when the four walls of Mikky Onas Hall Igbogbo were full with the presence of party faithful across the five Wards of the LCDA. The Chief host, Daini, said the victory of Asiwaju Bola Tinubu and that of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu was a win for all Nigerians, noting that having Tinubu at the

helm of the nation's affairs and Sanwo-Olu at the Centre of Excellence (Lagos) is a blessing to all and sundry.

He gave kudos to members of the Party, CDAs, religious groups, market women, and Artisans, amongst others, for making the LCDA proud by delivering massive votes, not for Tinubu and Sanwo-Olu alone, but also giving a huge number of votes for Senator Mikhail

Adetokunbo Abiru, Rep. Babajimi Benson and Hon. Aro Moshood Abiodun, AMA, adding that those claiming Lagos is no man's land have been brought to shame.

Daini, therefore, charged all residents to remain focussed while assuring that his administration and that of Governor Sanwo-Olu would bring the desired hope and good governance for them.



Hon. Daini

Abila to Residents: Your votes're investment

By Raasaq Adebayo

The chairman of Iba Local Government, Hon. Yisa Jubril (Abila) has told the residents of the council area that the support received from them in terms of massive votes for the All Progressives Congress (APC) candidates during the last governorship and state house of assembly elections is an investment that will yield positive fruits going forward and a morale booster to continue to deliver more dividends of democracy to the teeming residents.

According to him, their votes served as a great honour to him as the

council chairman, helping him to win massively for his party.

He assured them that he collaborate with the House of Assembly members-elect and the state governor to bring to the doorsteps of the people, dividends of democracy while assuring the constituents that the Ojo House of Representatives mandate will be reclaimed by the grace of God through legal means.

He gratefully thanked the constituents for their comportment pre, during, and after the election and enjoined them to sustain such an act.

He made the assertion while congratulating Governor Babajide Sanwo-

Olu, Hon. Tijani Surajudeen (Emir), Comr. Olusegun Ege (the winners of the House of Assembly elections in Ojo Constituency 1 and 2) on their victory at the last elections.

According to him, the party is a promoter of real grassroots politics, carrying the people at the local level along with its government.

He described the election of the two assembly members as a symbol of accessible and all-inclusive grassroots representation.

Abila in his appreciation message made available by his Chief Press Secretary, Amb. Comr. Tijani Saheed, specifically thanked the youths in the

council area both male and female, the women, the market men and women, the artisans, the aged men and women, the traditional Institutions, religious institutions, the Community Development Associations, the transport unions, and the various ethnic groups for standing by him, the candidates and the All Progressives Congress in the just concluded elections.

"I thank most especially, the youths, aged men and women, market men and women, the community development committee, religious and traditional institutions, indigenes and non-indigenes associations, transport unions for standing firm in

support of our party, we are not taking this your support for our government with levity; you will continue to see and enjoy more dividends of democracy in the council.

"I thank the youths of our great party both at the LGA, Wards, and Zonal levels, the National Youth Council of Nigeria, and other Youth Organisations for mobilizing themselves to vote for the APC.

"I equally thank immensely the traditional institutions led by our referred monarch, the Oniba of Iba Land, Oba Dr. Sulaimon Adeshina Raji-Ashade, High Chief Hassan Agbera; the Baale of Ajangbadi Agbera and the entire Baales in Iba LCDA for their

support.

"I say a big thank you to our Religious Institutions- the League of Chief Imams/Alfas, the Christian Association of Nigeria, Iba LCDA, and the PCLF Iba LCDA for making the success at the polls possible, we are grateful. The market men and women remain one of the pillars that took us to this successful ground, we say a big thank you for the support.

"The Community Development Committee and all the CDAs under them will forever be thanked for holding the tides of the society and unflinching support for the success of the elections, we thank you all."

Ramadan: Abila urges Muslims to reflect holy month

By Raasaq Adebayo

The chairman of Iba LCDA, Hon. Yisa Abiola Jubril (Abila), has urged the Muslims to be of good behaviour as taught by the holy month of Ramadan and promote unity among one another.

He charged them to reflect on the holy month and emulate the characters of the holy Prophet Muhammad (SAW) to build a peaceful environment for everyone to live in.

His words: "It is a piece of very good news for all the Muslims that the highly blessed Month of Ramadan is here. Muslims all over the world, just like our ummah in Iba LCDA as well, feel very joyful whenever we hear about the coming of the holy month of Ramadan.

"The month of Ramadan is like a most-awaited and special guest for the Muslim community,

because, this month comes with a lot of bounties, blessings, gifts, and manifold rewards from our creator Allah (SWT). The month of Ramadan has countless bounties and blessings for all mankind and especially for Muslims. "This is the month in which Allah (SWT) revealed the Last

message for guidance in the shape of the Holy Quran; in the holy Quran Allah (SWT) says:

"The month of Ramadhan [is that] in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion." [Albaqara-2:185]

"Abu Huraira (R.A)

reported that the Holy Prophet (Peace of Allah be upon him) said:

"When the month of Ramadan starts, the gates of the heaven are opened and the gates of Hell are closed and the devils are chained." (Saheeh Muslim)

"As we commence the holy month of Ramadan, May

Almighty Allah strengthen us in carrying out his commands; let us taste the sweetness of his remembrance, grant us, through your graciousness, that we give thanks to you, Protect us, with your protection and cover, you're the most discerning of those who see."



Hon. Yissa Abiola

Expect yours soon, council boss tells CAN, Imams, presents buses to NULGE, CDC, market leaders

The chairman of Iba Local Council Development Area,

Hon. Yisa Jubril, (Abila) has told the religious leaders in the council area to expect their buses from him soon as he presented some buses to the National Union of Local Government Employees (NULGE), Iba LCDA branch; Association of Commodity Market Women and Men, Iba Branch; and Community Development Committee (CDC) Iba LCDA branch respectively.

While presenting the buses on Thursday, March 23,



Hon. Yissa Abiola

2023, the council boss said it was in fulfillment of his promise made during his campaign to the associations to ease their operations within and outside the community.

Abila appreciated the

associations for their efforts geared towards the success recorded for his party at the just concluded general elections as well as their contributions to the development of Iba LCDA since his emergence as the

council chairman.

The representatives of the various associations appreciated the council chairman for his unflinching support and concern towards their welfare and by extension Iba LCDA in his administration so far.

"This is the first since the creation of Iba Local Council Development Area where any administration will consider the Community Development Committee of Iba LCDA worthy of getting a utility vehicle which will undoubtedly eliminate our sufferings whenever we have any outing within and

outside the local government and state. The Kosèlèri title bestowed on our amiable council chairman is not just an alias but as a result of the first-of-its-kind initiatives of the Abila-led administration," the CDC chairman, Alhaji Agbawi Olowo commented.

Also speaking, the CDC Secretary, Dr. Agbogunleri Damilare, noted that apart from the council chairman's simplicity, accessibility and listening quality, another imitable quality as displayed with this presentation is that he is a promise keeper.

The chairman of Agege Local Government, High Chief Ganiyu Kola Egunjobi has paid tribute to 14 senior police officers including Deputy Inspector-General of Police (DIG) Johnson Kokumo, who retired after 35 years in service.

AIG Isaac Akinmoyede, AIG Olatunji Akingbola, AIG Andrew Amengheme, AIG Amaechi Elumelu, and AIG Ngozi Onadeko were among the fresh retirees that gathered at Police College, Ikeja on Wednesday for the pulling-out-parade, a ceremony to mark officers' exit from service.

Egunjobi, who represented the Alake of Egba land, HRM Oba Michael Adedotun Gbadebo in his capacity as Otun of Egbaland, at the August event, said the officers covered themselves in glory while in service.

"These are retirements of officers who had distinguished careers, including the current Inspector-General of Police, IGP Usman Baba, they were the last set of the first graduate of police officers from the

Egunjobi hails Kokumo, 13 other retired police officers

Nigeria Police Academy (POLAC), Wudil, Kano, Course 1/88, to retire.

"We are exceedingly proud of our own (DIG) Johnson Kokumo, a man of integrity, who is partly son of Agege land and Abeokuta where he hails from. He grew up in Agege, and we are here as a mark of our own partiality for him too.

"He is a man of destiny and he said so while recounting his life story; how some of his mates fell by the wayside. He has retired from police but he's not tired, his experience can be brought to bear on the security situation in Nigeria."

Other dignitaries at the event include former Inspector-General, Musiliu Smith, ex-Commissioner of Police, Fatai Owoeni, AIG Tunji Alapini(Rtd), and AIG Hakeem Odumosu(Rtd).

In the same vein, the council boss also felicitated the council's



High Chief Ganiyu Kola Egunjobi

Supervisor for Women Affairs & Poverty Alleviation (WAPA), Alhaja Amina Aramide Abdulsalam on the occasion of her birthday held on Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

The Egunjobi commended her contributions towards the progress of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) party over the years.

"I congratulate Alhaja Amina Aramide

Abdulsalam on the occasion of your birthday. Your contribution towards the success of our great party over the years is commendable and recognised by the leadership.

"On behalf of my family, council cabinet, legislative arm, management and staff, I wish you many more fruitful years of celebrations.

"Happy Birthday to you Alhaja Amina"

Agege council boss urges Muslims to imbibe Prophet's doctrines, pray for nation

By Rasaq Adebayo

As Muslims all over the world continue fasting in worshipping the God Almighty Allah in the holy month of Ramadan, the chairman of Agege Local Government, High Chief (Alh) Ganiyu Kola Egunjobi has urged Muslims in the council area to imbibe the doctrines of the holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be

upon him) in the spirit of Ramadan.

He said this while congratulating the Muslims on the occasion of the 2023 Ramadan.

He said: "I urge all Muslims in the council area to imbibe the teachings of the holy prophet, and also pray for the nation.

"Be rest assured that the council under my watch would always partner with relevant stakeholders and

security agents to ensure peace and harmony at all times.

"On behalf of my family, council cabinet, legislative arm, management, and staff of the council, I pray that Almighty Allah accepts our supplications, rewards us abundantly, and also grants us more fruitful years of Ramadan in good health and prosperous lives, amen.

"Ramadan Mubarak!"

Egunjobi releases N4m empowerment fund residents

No fewer than 40 residents in Agege Local Government Area get N100,000 each from their council chairman's empowerment fund to boost their businesses.

The council chairman, Hon. Ganiyu Kola Egunjobi has created the fund to support the residents in their needs.

During the official presentation of the cheque at the Local Government Council last week,

Egunjobi urged the beneficiaries to make profitable use of the fund to improve their respective businesses or for start-up businesses.

He added that the financial support is part of the policies of his administration to improve the living conditions of residents since he assumed office.

The council boss, therefore, enjoined the beneficiaries to make judicious of the money to

achieve a set goal, saying some set of beneficiaries will also enjoy the largesse. Some of the beneficiaries who spoke to our correspondents appreciated the council boss for the fund, pledging the multiply the fund after being invested into their businesses.

They appeal to the council boss to continue with the gesture, saying it is a great effort geared towards eradicating poverty among the residents.

Petitions Flood National And State House Of Assembly Election Petition Tribunal

By Kunle Awosiyan

The National and State House of Assembly Election Petition Tribunal sitting in Lagos has received over 25 petitions filed by the aggrieved parties across the state.

The candidates of Labour Party for Federal House of Assembly in about seven constituencies in Lagos are challenging the Independent National Electoral Commission, INEC, All Progressive Congress (APC) and the declared winner of each constituency.

The candidates in their various constituencies are

challenging the winner of Oshodi Isolo, Kosofe, Lagos Mainland, Surulere, Shomolu, Mushin and Ikorodu.

In their petitions filed by their counsel, Chief Wakeel Olawale Liady, the petitioners are challenging the INEC for non-compliance with the provision of Electoral Act 2022.

They alleged that INEC unlawfully excluded them from the election held on February 25 for the National Assembly, House of Representatives.

However, in the petition filed by Hon. Adeola Damilola Adebajo and the Labour Party against the Speaker, House of Assembly, Hon Femi

Gbajaabiamila, the petitioner alleged that INEC failed to comply with the provisions of the law.

“The 1st Respondent as statutorily empowered by the 1999 Constitution of Federal Republic of Nigeria (as amended) and other extant electoral laws to conduct election in Nigeria is mandated to ensure that political parties that nominated candidates for general elections are featured on ballot papers and other electoral materials.

“While it is incumbent on the political parties to comply with the provisions of the law regulating nomination of candidates, it is also

mandatory for the 1 Respondent to ensure that all political parties which nominated candidates are listed on all electoral materials to be used and/or used for the general elections.”

The petitioners state that the 1st respondents in the conduct of the House of Representatives election for Surulere Federal Constituency 1 on the 25th day of February, 2023 is mandated by law to be guided by the provision of the Electoral Act 2022.

For Ikeja constituency, Hon Mutiu Olakunle Okunola and his party (Labour party) are challenging the election that declares Hon. James

Abiodun Faleke as the winner of election on the grounds that: “that the election was invalid by reason non-compliance with provisions of the Act, Mutilation of all election material particularly forms ECHAT of majority of all the polling units in Ikeja Federal Constituency.

“Gross failure to compute all the results polled with respect to the Ikeja Federal Constituency by each party and the onward transmission via BVAS of the same into the prescribed collation system provided for the House of Representative of Ikeja Federal Constituency.”

The petitioners state that the 1st and 2

Respondents (being a candidate and a political party respectively) were not duly elected and their election was void for non-compliance with the Electoral Act 2022 and guidelines.”

He therefore prayed the court for a declaration that the election conducted by the 3rd respondent (INEC) on the 25 February, 2023 in respect of the seat of the Ikeja Federal Constituency is marred with substantial irregularities and non-compliance with the provisions of the Electoral Act and guidelines.

He is praying to the court for an order nullifying the election conducted by the INEC and ordering a fresh election for the seat.

A convicted Nigerian fugitive, Florence Enwerim Onyegbu, was on Thursday, March 23, 2023, extradited to the United States of America, USA, where she is wanted to answer to criminal charges bordering on violation of the U.S. Law involving the offer and payment of illegal remuneration in a health care matter. Her extradition was coordinated by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, following a request by the US Federal Bureau of Investigation, FBI, seeking assistance for her apprehension. Investigations by the EFCC revealed that she had changed her name from Florence E. Onyegbu to Janet Boi in an attempt to remain hidden. She, however, ran out of luck when operatives of the EFCC swooped on her at her

Convicted Nigerian Fugitive Extradited To U.S. Over Offer, Payment of Illegal Remuneration

By Kunle Awosiyan

residence in the Ojodu area of Lagos on February 21, 2022.

Upon her arrest, a national identity card with the name Janet Boi as well as a Texas driver's license with the name Florence Enwerim Onyegbu were found on her.

The Commission, on March 22, 2023, handed over Onyegbu to the FBI, following an extradition order granted by Justice Z.B. Abubakar of the Federal High Court sitting in Abuja on December 2, 2022.

Onyegbu's travails began after she was arrested on February 12, 2011 in the U.S. and subsequently sentenced to 46 months imprisonment, following a guilty plea

, over the violation of the U.S. Law bordering on the offer and payment of illegal remuneration in a

health care matter. Although she was ordered to report for service of her sentence on April 4,

2011, she failed to surrender on that date.

Consequently, she was further charged

with failure to surrender for service of sentence in violation of U.S. Law on March 4, 2013.



APC-USA Condemns NACJD, Describes Group As Peter Obi's Supporters

By Kunle Awosiyun

The All Progressives Congress, United States Chapter has described the so-called Nigerian American Coalition for Justice and Democracy (NACJD) as a group of Peter Obi supporters ("Obidients") masquerading themselves as a non-partisan political activist group.

In a statement issued in New York by APC-USA and signed by its National Chairman, Professor Adesgun Labinjo and other executives, the group condemned NACJD and its promoters for circulating in the social media a flyer and a statement about a planned "World Press Conference and a Protest" in Washington DC about the outcome of the February 25th Nigerian presidential election.

APC-USA described the group's actions as being politically and tribally motivated, and borne out of mischief and ignorance. APC-USA restated that the February 25, 2023 presidential election was free, fair and transparent, and the APC presidential ticket of Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu and Senator Kashim Shettima won the election clean and clear.

APC-USA condemned one Franklin Ekechukwu for circulating a false statement about the February 25th presidential election and misleading unsuspecting members of the public of the letters he and his ethnic jingoists allegedly sent to the White House and the US Congress. APC-USA stated that there was no evidence that such letters were written, delivered and acknowledged by the White House and the US Congress. APC-USA stated that the United States and many other countries have congratulated the

President-Elect Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu on his victory at the polls. APC-USA said that the so-called press conference and the protest are just another attempt by the Obidients to discredit the outcome of the presidential election and the person of Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu. APC-USA described the people behind the so-called NACJD as sore losers who are finding it difficult to accept the outcome of the presidential election. APC USA wondered why they are not protesting against the outcome of the National Assembly, the Governorship and the House of Assembly elections that were similarly conducted by the Independent National Electoral Commission

(INEC).

APC-USA alleged that the planned actions of NACJD are purely partisan, purely tribalistic, and are intended to discredit the presidential election and the country in the eye of the international community, and also cause disaffection among Nigerians at home and in the Diaspora.

The statement again expressed its satisfaction with the February 25th presidential election and described it as unprecedented in the history of the country. The Chapter reminded the world that it was the first election in Nigeria where the party of the sitting president lost the home state of the president, and the winner of

the presidential election lost his home state where he had been winning all elections since 1999. APC-USA stated that there is no country in the world where there is a perfect election, but that as long as any alleged infractions would not affect the outcome of the election, the people and the courts will not overturn the election. "Even in the United States, we are not immuned from election controversies, disputes and conflicts which were recently evident in the 2020 presidential election", the statement added.

It advised the general public and the credible media outlets to disregard and ignore the so-called world press conference and

protest as they are another dubious efforts to misrepresent the facts and the truth about the February 25th presidential election, and continue to cause unnecessary controversies over the election that was widely acclaimed to be free and fair. APC-USA advised the Obidients and other Nigerians to join hands with Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu to build a new Nigeria where peace, prosperity, justice and equity will reign.

APC-USA however promised to continue to defend the outcome of the February 25th presidential election, and challenge any person or group of persons that are bent on fanning embers of hatred and disunity among Nigerians,

and disparage the image of Nigeria in the United States.

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Obasa Says He Will Continue To Work With Youths

By Kunle Awosiyun

The Speaker, Lagos State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Mudashiru Obasa, has said that he will continue to work the youths.

He said this shortly after casting his vote at Unit 019, Ward E, Oluwole Olaniyan Street, Agege, saying he believes that Allah would crown the efforts of the APC with success.

He said "We have been working together with the youth and there is a strong collaboration. They have access to us and we are always open. We have always worked together and we will continue to attend to their requests.

According to him, majority of those that voted for him are youth. "So we can

confirm that the youth have turned up. But we are not particular about demography. We are talking about everyone qualified to vote," he said.

He described the security deployment for the election as very impressive.

"I can see a lot of them around and I think it is very good. It's very

impressive and I hope it will be sustained till the end of the exercise," Obasa said as he expressed hope that more voters would turn out before the end

of the exercise.

"We are still very hopeful that many of our people would come out before the end of



RT. Hon Mudashiru Obasa

Sanwo-Olu's Victory: True Reflection of People's Mandate, Says Election Observers

By Kunle Awosiyan

Election Observers on the platform of the National Observer Group (NOG) have adjudged the just concluded Governorship and State Assembly elections in Lagos State as a credible, transparent, free, fair, and gender-friendly election.

The group said the outcome of last Saturday's gubernatorial poll, won by Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, and the victories of House of Assembly candidates at constituency levels should be "happily accepted by all

political parties and candidates as a true reflection of the people's mandate."

National Observer Group, a coalition of civil society groups that monitored the last elections in Lagos State, spoke on Monday during a press conference addressed by the group's Coordinator and National Coordinator, Grassroot Mobiliser for Better Nigeria Initiative, Hon. Safiya Ibrahim Ogoh; Founder of Ayisat Gbajabiamila Foundation, representing Centre for Childcare and Youth Development, Hajia Ayisat Gbajabiamila and Leader of Global Policy Advocacy and

Leadership Initiatives, Comrade Adewale Adeogun.

Speaking at the press conference, Ogoh said the outcome of last Saturday's elections largely reflects the wishes and aspirations of Nigerians, who voted for candidates of their choice without hindrance.

"We wish to congratulate the Independent Electoral Commission (INEC) for organising a free, fair, credible, and gender-sensitive election, and indeed all Nigerians for peacefully conducting themselves, which proved once again that the principle of 'one man, one vote' is now the norms in Africa's biggest

democracy," she said.

She also commended the security agencies for conducting themselves professionally and with the utmost civility, thereby ensuring that elections took place and met international best practices.

Gbajabiamila urged those planning to plunge Lagos State into a political and security crisis to desist from it immediately before the law catches up with them, adding that political thuggery and cultism remain prohibited.

"Elections are not a do-or-die affair, politicians should always approach it with a high level of

civility and patriotism. They should see themselves as part of the society they want to lead and must not destroy it with their ambition to lead or rule by all means," she advised.

Comrade Adeogun, who described the outcome of Saturday's election as a victory for democracy, commended Nigerians and Lagos residents in particular for performing their civic responsibilities during the last elections without fear, favour, intimidation, or any form of harassment.

He said: "We appreciate the Independent National Electoral Commission in Lagos State for

remaining resolute and committed to conducting a credible, transparent, free, and fair Governorship and State Assembly elections in the State whose outcome has truly reflected the people's mandate by being neutral and fair to all participating political parties.

"The Lagos State Governorship and State Assembly elections of March 18, 2023, took place as scheduled across the entire state under a peaceful atmosphere. We, therefore, adjudged the election to have met the international best practices of credible, transparent, free, fair, and gender-friendly elections."



Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu

Foods that help you deworm naturally

By Edith Igbokwe

Worms are uncomfortable living inside your stomach. It is usually very hard to get rid of them and they come with a lot of pain, discomfort, and an excessive urge to visit the toilet.

These worms are called intestinal worms. They are like parasites that live and feed inside the body of humans.

The most common types of intestinal worms are roundworms, tapeworms, flukes, whipworms, and pinworms.

Worms in the stomach can be caused by drinking contaminated water, poor hygiene, eating the wrong food combination, and poor immune system.

Thankfully, some natural foods can help to kill these worms living inside you. See some of them below;

Garlic

Garlic is known for killing bacteria and parasites in the human body. The presence of allicin and other healthy compounds in garlic can kill amoebas causing diseases easily. Regular use of garlic to prepare meals also detoxifies the body and protects you against oxidation caused by parasites and toxins.

Pawpaw

You will be surprised to know that the most effective part of this tropical fruit is its seeds. According to a study, papaya seeds are highly effective against parasitic worms, including tapeworms. The best way to consume these pawpaw seeds is to mix them with honey. But if you are willing to have just the fruit,

make sure you consume it early in the morning for the best results.

Ginger

Ginger is an ideal food ingredient for improving stomach acid production. It is packed with lots of medicinal nutrients that help to destroy parasites and protects the gut from any sort of internal damage. You will be amazed to know that this popular food spice is also effective against bacteria and parasites and is a perfect blood purifier too.

Coconut

Coconut is one of the most effective food or fruits used to treat intestinal worms. Consume this nutrient-packed fruit for breakfast to get rid of the worms faster. You can also drink lots of natural coconut water regularly to get rid of all types of intestinal worms.

Tips for Healthy Lifestyle During

Ramadan

1. Avoid eating junk while breaking the fast; fried foods like plantain chips, and sugary foods like candy and pastries.
2. Eat fruits and vegetables at Iftar before the main meal
3. Limit your fat intake. Be careful, however, not to avoid fat altogether
4. Hydrate well. Drink adequate amounts of water. Reduce coffee and tea intake as much as possible as they dehydrate the body. Avoid them for a fast period if possible.
5. Rest. Make sure you sleep for eight (8) hours. You need your strength.
6. Exercise: Should be light, such as short walks or brisk walking. Avoid heavy exercise.



Lagos Seeks Participation of Local Communities in Recycling of Waste

By Kunle Awosiyan

In furtherance of the quest for a cleaner and healthier Lagos, the Lagos State Government on Wednesday sought the participation of the local communities as it launched the model community recyclable management project.

Speaking during the launching at the headquarters of the Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government, the Permanent Secretary, Office of Environmental Services, Dr. Omobolaji Gaji said the recycling initiative is one of the fulfillment of the present Administration's T.H.E.M.E.S Agenda serving as Environmental Sanitation Advocacy and Economic Empowerment Programme for the people of Lagos.

He said the continuous increase in population with the corresponding increase in the generation of waste

has necessitated the need for a paradigm shift in solid waste management in the State, adding that this has led to the establishment and promotion of effective recycling of all recyclables which has become inevitable in the state.

Gaji, represented by the Director of Sanitation Services, Office of Environmental Services, Dr. Hassan Sanuth said that the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources in collaboration with Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government and Community Development Council (CDC) is committed to promoting the Community Recyclables management project in Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government, adding that the project will ensure the removal of used pet bottles and plastics from Ifako Ijaiye and its environs.

The Permanent Secretary said the project in Ifako community entails the

placement of eight steel mesh receptacles at strategic locations where citizens of the community are encouraged to drop used PET bottles and containers, adding that the launching at Ifako is the second as the pilot scheme located within the Complex of the Ministry in Alausa was launched in the year 2020.

He mentioned that the

gospel of waste sorting from the source was gradually gaining ground as individual pickers of recyclable items have increased while recycling firms are continually springing up and final off-takers are getting busier with everyone harvesting their income, along the waste management value-chain.

"It is important to note that the successful

implementation of the project will result in a cleaner and healthier environment and the elimination of solid waste from drainages preventing clogging and flooding", he said.

In his welcome address, the Chairman Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government Area, Hon. Usman Hamzat commended the State Government for finding the

Local Government worthy to be the first to benefit from the community recyclables management project.

He pledged that the Local Government will ensure that advocacy is stepped up to ensure a clean and healthy environment by introducing sustainable initiatives to meet the recycling and waste management needs of residents in the community.



Lagos Advocates Technology -Driven MSME operations

By Kunle Awosiyan

The Lagos State Government has taken cognisance of the technological challenges mitigating the empowerment of women and girls with a view to addressing them.

The Commissioner for Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives, Dr. (Mrs.) Lola Akande revealed that the State Government's interventions include the deployment of digital education designed to increase awareness regarding their rights and civic engagement.

The Commissioner stated this at the Annual International Women's Day celebration organised

by the International Chamber of Commerce of Nigeria (ICC), in collaboration with NECA's Network of Entrepreneurial Women (NNEW) today at CBD, Alausa, Ikeja and themed: "DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality".

Represented by the Permanent Secretary, Mrs. Adetutu Ososanya, FCA, Akande stated that the Lagos Smart City/Fibre Duct Infrastructure Project, being implemented by Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu's administration, will drive efficient and effective networking of e-commerce activities for MSMEs operations, many of which are owned by women in

the State.

Her words: "The Fibre Optic Metro Network will not only strengthen the operations of tech start-ups, but it will also provide internet connectivity to public schools to enable ICT training for students, particularly our girls and help businesses leverage technology to access global markets. The State is also building the capacity of MSMEs through the organisation of workshops on e-commerce themed: The Relevance of E-Commerce as Catalyst to Agribusiness Value Chain in a 21ST Century Economy".

She gave the assurance that the State will continue to be a partner in progress towards encouraging the

adoption and penetration of digital technology and skills among women as these provide immense opportunities to address developmental challenges and achieve the provisions of the Sustainable Development Goals, SDGs.

Speaking at the event, the Africa Vice President of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Mrs Toki Mabogunje expressed ICC's commitment to the growth of African Chambers and the empowerment of women, as she called on them to engage more towards deepening the digitalisation of access to opportunities to eliminate gender discrimination.

In her keynote address

titled; "Exploiting Technological Innovations For Gender Equality," Mrs Nozipho Sibanda of Rack Centre Limited affirmed that there is still a long road to gender equality, especially in the economic sphere; the same space that offers limitless opportunities for men placed a ceiling on the women.

"Technology is the equaliser as Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools can be deployed to eliminate bias in the processes of recruitment, performance, assessment and others without attaching gender. Technology can also be used to create flexible working environments especially for nursing mothers and in Actions

and Advocacy on issues relating to sexual assault, and domestic violence. I charged you to be your Sister's keeper and break the stereotype that women bring each other down," she said.

In her presentation titled; "Digitalisation and Positioning Our Businesses For Profitability," Dr Ruth Abiola Adimula averred that technology has opened a new vista for businesses such as transport, marketing, payments, etc and the more businesses are digitised, the greater opportunities they can access while saying that relevant agencies need to consider women in the method of tax payment.

We'll Deliver Red Line Rail Before End of Our First Term, Sanwo-Olu Reassures Lagosians

By Kunle Awosiyun

Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu, has reassured residents of the State that Red Line Rail will be delivered to them as an alternative means of transportation before the end of his first term in office.

The Governor gave the assurance on Tuesday while speaking to journalists at Oyingbo in Lagos after an inspection tour of the ongoing Red Line Rail project and vehicular overpass bridges at Yaba and Oyingbo train stations.

Governor Sanwo-Olu, who was accompanied on the tour by his deputy, Dr. Obafemi Hamzat, the Managing Director of the Lagos Area Metropolitan Transport Authority (LAMATA), Engr. Abimbola Akinajo and some cabinet members said his administration is on track towards delivering the dividends of democracy to Lagosians, irrespective of the ethnic or religious divide they belong to.

During the inspection, Governor Sanwo-Olu was welcomed by an elated crowd at the Yaba and Oyingbo train stations, where commercial activities were ongoing peacefully.

Lagos residents in the area came out in large numbers to congratulate the Governor on his recent electoral victory and also expressed their appreciation for developmental projects in different parts of the State.

While expressing satisfaction with the progress and level of work on the Red Line Rail, which is in its first phase is from Oyingbo to

Agbado, Governor Sanwo-Olu said the State Government will intensify efforts to educate and enlighten traders along the Right of Way of the Red Line Rail of the dangers of staying there.

He said the project at different stages of completion has five Vehicular Overpass Bridges, including Oyingbo, Yaba, Mushin to Onipanu, and Ikeja, to forestall train-vehicle accidents and reduce travel time for Lagosians.

"We believe we are still on track. We believe it should be ready before the end of our first term depending on when we want to commission it. We will be doing a lot of testing, and signalization because these road tracks will also be working with the Nigerian Railway Corporation, operating a train from Ebute-Meta in Lagos to Ibadan. We need to be able to harmonize a lot of signalization between our rail infrastructure and the Nigerian Railway Corporation rail infrastructure.

"All the vehicular overpass bridges are

very important because of the unfortunate train and bus accident that we saw a few weeks ago at Shogunle. So all these bridges we are building, apart from the fact that they are full vehicular bridges, are also to stop trains, vehicles, and passengers needing to interact. The highest grade of ensuring that you completely remove any contact with rail is when you build a complete alternative mode of transportation for passengers, pedestrians, and

vehicles," he said.

Governor Sanwo-Olu told journalists that the early resumption of work immediately after the 2023 elections was to fulfill the 'more work' promise during the campaign to deliver the 'Lagos Project.'

He expressed delight with the peaceful coexistence among various ethnic nationals living in Lagos State, especially in Yaba and Oyingbo, where there are many commercial activities.

"I came out today for us

to get to work. Campaigns and elections in our view are over, we need to continue to serve our citizens. We still have about 67 days to go in our first term. So, we have to ensure that everything we need to do to be able to finish the first tenure is done. For us, the election is behind us. It is work that we have promised Lagosians that we are back to do. As a peaceful individual, I am committed to more peaceful co-existence

among all Lagosians.

"We want to tell the people who are still carrying politics of bitterness that they should see the bigger picture and join us in meeting the aspiration of Lagosians, which is to provide an economic opportunity for them to make this place peaceful and continue to provide that economic space for them to be able to earn a living and be a better citizen for themselves and their family," he said.



Red Line Rail

Project Loud Thanks Lagosians For Voting Sanwo-Olu ...Says Governor Will Do More For The People

By Kunle Awosiyun

One of the support groups that worked assiduously for the reelection of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu, Lagos of Our Dreams (Project LOUD) has thanked Lagosians for their massive support in Saturday's election.

Convener of the group, Prince Kenny Bakare in a

statement on Sunday assured the people that the Governor will work hard to justify the confidence reposed in him.

"We like to express our profound gratitude to the Lagos electorates for the massive support for Mr Governor and all candidates of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Saturday's Governorship and House

of Assembly Elections. "Indeed the outcome of the election is a confirmation of the fact that hard work pays. In the last four years, Governor Sanwo-Olu has worked creditably well in all sectors and sections of the state.

"Lagos has witnessed unprecedented transformation and completion of iconic projects like the Blue

Line Rail, 5th largest rice mill in the world, commencement of the Red Line Rail, 4th Maitland Bridge, among others.

"One assurance we can give to the people is that Governor Sanwo-Olu is set to do even much more for the people in the second term," Bakare said.

He also urged the candidates who

contested against the Governor to demonstrate sportsmanship by congratulating and supporting the winner to move the state forward.

"This is the time for all of us to unite and support Mr Governor to fulfill his promises to the people. Lagos will continue to be a centre of excellence and state of aquatic splendor," Bakare

Lagos Holds Stakeholders Meeting on Y2023/24 Harmonised Academic Calendar

By Kunle Awosiyani

The Lagos State Government, in preparation for the Y2023/24 academic calendar, has assured stakeholders of prioritising harmonised and standardised instructional days of learning for all schools to ensure children have the minimum standard of learning days and hours.

The Director-General, Office of Education Quality Assurance (OEQA), Mrs. Abiola Seriki-Ayeni, disclosed this at a stakeholders' meeting held at the Adeyemi-Bero Auditorium, Alausa, Ikeja, on Thursday. She noted that it is important for stakeholders to deliberate, harmonise and standardise the school calendar of both public and private schools in the State.

She maintained that the engagement would ensure that a fit-for-purpose academic calendar is

developed whereby students would spend productive instructional hours in the classrooms and also serve as a pre-emptive measure in planning for unforeseen events and circumstances. The Director-General said, "In as much as the calendar may seem like a very minute detail when it comes to larger issues we have within the education space, the calendar is very important".

"Since the inception of the present administration in Lagos, the OEQA has been able to collaborate with our stakeholders to ensure that the calendar is enforced, that there is a greater understanding and that at the end of the day, everything concerning the calendar is to support things that occur within schools. This is to ensure that children have the minimum standard of learning days as well as hours and most importantly standardisation across the board not just in public



Mrs. Abiola Seriki-Ayeni

schools but private schools as well", she added.

Seriki-Ayeni further noted that the mandate of the OEQA through the harmonised academic calendar is to ensure that the best interest of all children in the state is well protected while the calendar would ensure that schools are held

accountable to the same standards. In addition, it would entrench the flexibility that schools may need, when they have some circumstances beyond their control, to ensure the safety of students, teachers, and schools as well as provide the best learning outcomes for the pupils.

She commended the

stakeholders for their compliance with the Y2022/23 academic calendar, noting that it has been the most compliant year with improved communication between OEQA and the schools.

The Director, Planning, Research and Statistics of OEQA, Mr. Remi Abdul expressed gratitude for the high turnout of participants. He noted that the stakeholders' engagement has become a yearly event to chart the course of progress for educational activities in both public and private schools.

Appreciating the stakeholders' commitment and resourcefulness in advancing the education sector, the Director sought the understanding and commitment of the participants in actualising the mandate of OEQA which is creating a safe environment for pupils to learn and develop.

In his remarks, the Chairman, Lagos State Universal Basic Education

(SUBEB), Mr. Wahab Alawiye-King, represented by a Director in the Agency, Mrs. Yetunde Kolade, stated that the harmonised calendar would ensure that everyone is working on the same page, urging participants, especially those from the private sector, not to see it as a state affair but as a step in the overall development of the educational sector in the State.

The State Officer, National Examination Council (NECO), Mr. Adebayo Ayinde, commended the State government through OEQA for organising a highly productive and important stakeholders' engagement on the harmonised school calendar, adding that it shows how futuristic and important the Lagos State Government is.

He, therefore, advised Ministries of education across the country to emulate this laudable initiative.

Lagos Govt Organises Training on Work Ethics, Employee Wellness For Staff

By Kunle Awosiyani

The Office of the State Auditor-General, in collaboration with Messrs Mosabaaj Consultant, has organised a two-day training programme tagged, "Improvement of Work Ethics through the Employee Wellness" for members of staff.

In his address at the commencement of the training on Wednesday at the LCCI Conference and Exhibition Centre in Alausa, Ikeja, the Acting Auditor-General, Mr. Adewuyi

Moshood Adewale reiterated the importance of continuous training and staff wellness to organisational productivity in both the public and private sector of the country.

Adewuyi said that having management staff and others mingle together during training will help improve their wellness and productivity as well as staff morale, adding that the workshop will also help to develop the State's audit directorates to bridge the knowledge gap between the

management and middle-level staff auditors.

He said, "If you look at the topic that we have chosen, it's related to staff wellness retreat. It goes without saying that we need to train those who are coming behind".

Victoria Ayo Daniel, a facilitator at the training who spoke on 'Mental Health and Wellbeing' revealed that stress response syndromes occur when a person develops emotional or behavioural symptoms in response to a stressful event or



Officials of the office of Auditor-General

situation.

She advised the participants to pay more attention to their mental health issues,

and to regularly check their blood pressure level to ascertain the actual state of their health and wellbeing.

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The Lagos State University Management Team, on Tuesday, 21st March 2023, played host to the Officials of Lagos State Public Service Staff Development Centre (PSSDC), Magodo, Lagos.

The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Administration), Prof. Adenike Boyo, on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Professor Ibiyemi Olatunji - Bello, mni, received the visitors.

The Delegation was led by its Director - General, Mr. Adekunmilola Toluwase who was clear on the mission, in his address to the Management team, saying the visit was to seek more areas of collaboration, partnership and the review of the existing Memorandum of Understanding, which was due for another round of review, after the initial signing. Speaking further on collaboration, the Director - General listed the areas to look at to include : staff training, staff promotion examination, recruitment test for non-teaching staff, documented case study on Lagos, review of LASU - PSSDC Diploma programme after 5 years amongst others.

His words "...This meeting is the beginning of new things to come. LASU is one of our most strategic partners. PSSDC is really interested in deepening a strong partnership, though it has been there all along, but, could be better. There are several things we want to kick - start. Those things we used to do and see if we can do new things. The

PSSDC In LASU, Seeks Partnership With The University

By Kunle Awosiyan

State will be better for it and the Country will feel the impact, too", he ended his speech, In her response, Prof. Boyo, thanked the visitors for the visit and believed the partnership would be of great benefit to the two firms as well as the people, adding that, the nexus was really

right. She said "...This is truly a renewed hope. A true nexus between the government agencies as well as the people. I want you to come up with a proposal of what we have been doing and new areas we can collaborate. Thank you so much for this visit", she stated.

The Deputy Registrar, Legal, Mrs Boyejo, who

stood in for the Registrar brought the meeting to an end with the vote of thanks.

Others at the meeting are the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Prof. Funsho Omobitan, Representative of the Bursar, Mr. Adebisi Yusuf and the Representative of the University Librarian, Dean, Library and

Archival Studies, Dr. (Mrs) Makinde.

Others are Prof. Friday Nchuchuwe, Deputy Registrar, Vice Chancellor's Office, Dr. Lateef Shekoni, Special Assistant to the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Lateef Salami, members of staff in the Vice Chancellor's Office, Centre for Information and Public

Relations and University Multimedia Centre.

On the side of PSSDC, Director, Consultancy Services, Mr. Olusola Kolawole, Director, Programmes, Mr. Femi Solaja, Director, Planning and Research, Mrs. Abimbola Owodeyi, Director, Public Affairs, Mrs. Oluyemi Tejumade and others.



The Lagos State University Management Team

Lagos Workers Jubilate As Sanwo-Olu Increases Salary By 20 Per Cent

By Kunle Awosiyan

Shortly after his declaration by the Independent National Electoral Commission for second term, the Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu has hit the ground running by approving a 20 per cent salary increment for mainstream civil servants, local government's staff and state universal basic education board

officers in Lagos State.

This is contained in a circular released on Monday 20 March 2023. The circular which was signed by Hakeem Muri-Okunla, the State Head of Service, states that the 20% increment in salary took effect from 1 January, 2023.

It also clarifies that the arrears for January will be paid along with salary for the month of March while arrears for February will be paid along with April salary.



Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu

Lagos Procurement Agency, UN Collaborate To Train Procurement Officials

By Kunle Awosiyan

In a bid to boost the economic fortunes of women-owned businesses in Lagos, the State Public Procurement Agency, in collaboration with UN Women, has organised a two-day training programme for procurement specialists in the State.

The two-day Procurement Specialists Training programme, held at Dover Hotels, Ikeja, Lagos was aimed at strengthening the capacity of public institutions to formulate and implement affirmative procurement policies and increasing awareness and understanding on affirmative procurement principles.

The training programme was also designed to highlight areas of engaging policy makers towards supporting women-owned enterprises in the State.

While welcoming participants to the

programme, the Director-General of the Agency, Mr. Fatai Idowu Onafowote, pointed out that the collaboration of the Agency with the UN Women on the training programme would facilitate the empowerment of women-owned businesses to enable them to benefit more from public procurement in the State.

He expressed appreciation to the UN Women and its partners on the laudable initiative which, he said, was in tandem with the objective of Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu's Administration in the State to operate an inclusive Government in which women and other vulnerable groups could enjoy opportunities in Government through participation in public procurement.

He, therefore, stressed the commitment of the Agency to working with the UN Women in designing and

implementing strategies for enhancing the economic empowerment of women-led businesses in the State through affirmative procurement.

In a paper delivered at the two-day event, the UN Women Programme Specialist, Dr. Chukwuemeka Onyimadu, identified some of the challenges usually encountered by women in business. The challenges, according to him, include lack of education, lack of access to relevant information, lack of capital, the complexity of the processes involved in public procurement, delays in payment, sexual harassment, and gender-based violence among others.

He, therefore, underscored the need for increased sensitisation in public procurement and the adoption of gender equity in public procurement to enable more women-owned businesses to



Mr. Fatai Idowu Onafowote

benefit more from public procurement in the State. Also in her presentation at the event, Mrs. Andidiong Okon of the Open Contracting Partnership, explained that the gender-inclusive open contracting approach could influence and change power dynamics in favour of gender equity and inclusive growth.

She also pointed out that publishing information about planning, tender, award, contract and

implementation in public procurement would help in demystifying the process, thereby empowering businesses through access to information.

She enjoined organisations to make a commitment to gender equity, develop strategies for gender-responsive procurement and make their contracting process open.

Mrs. Patience Ekechukwu, the Coordinator of the programme, thanked

participants at the programme for their contributions and assured the Agency of the commitment of the UN Women towards working with the State Government to ensure increased participation of women-led businesses in public procurement in the State.

The Registrar of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply Management of Nigeria (CIPSMN), Alhaji Mohammed Aliyu, Procurement Officers from the Lagos State Public Procurement Agency and some selected Ministries, Departments and Agencies of the State participated in the two-day training programme.

The Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation (WAPA), Mrs. Oluyemi Kalesanwo also participated in the opening ceremony of the training programme.

The General Manager of Lagos State Consumer Protection Agency (LASCOPA) Afolabi Solebo has disclosed that the Agency has been deeply involved in resolving cases bordering on acceptance and rejection of the old N500 and N1000 old currency notes, just as he called on members of the public to report cases of rejection of the old naira notes to the Agency.

Solebo stated this on Wednesday when he led other staff of the Agency in an advocacy walk around Allen Avenue and Ikeja to commemorate the 2023 World Consumer Rights Day with the theme: "Empowering Consumers through Clean Energy Transitions".

He said instead of creating scenes or causing public unrest that might arise from

LASCOPA Urges Lagos Residents To Report Cases of Rejection of Old Naira Notes ... As Agency Celebrates World Consumer Rights Day

By Kunle Awosiyan

the rejection of the old currency notes, consumers and any affected persons should seek the intervention of the Agency which will take up the issue and ensure its amicable resolution.

Solebo noted that the Agency had resolved quite a number of cases of old naira notes rejection, following the official pronouncement by Governor Sanwo-Olu that the old naira notes should not be rejected in Lagos State in line with the Supreme Court Ruling of extending the validity of the old naira notes till December 2023.

His words, "Since a few

days ago when Governor Sanwo-Olu made the position of the State Government known regarding the old currency, we have received quite a number of complaints in this regard and we swiftly addressed them. In some cases, we put calls through to some business owners who immediately complied and accepted the old currency notes".

"I can tell you that people are aware of LASCOPA and because they don't want to be on the wrong side of the law, they have started complying with the use of the old naira notes. I plead with those who are still rejecting these old notes to desist from doing that", the

General Manager stated. Speaking on the 2023 theme for World Consumer Rights Day, "Empowering Consumers Through Clean Energy Transitions", Solebo stated that the Agency maintains a cordial relationship with the Ikeja Electricity Distribution Company, (IKEDC) and Eko Electricity Distribution Company (EKEDC), revealing that the organisations had been helpful in resolving some electricity-related complaints brought to the Agency.

According to him, LASCOPA had recovered over N29M from IKEDC and over N12M from EKEDC as credit



Old naira bills

adjustment to some consumers, just as it also recovered over N207 million and \$30, 250.49 on returned products and unsatisfactory services for consumers since it was established.

Solebo, therefore, urged aggrieved consumers across the State to visit any of its annex offices in Bariga LCDA, Badagry LGA, Ikoyi-

Obalende LCDA, and Ikorodu LGA in the State or visit the Agency's headquarters at No 2B, Soji Adepegba Close, off Allen Avenue, Ikeja.

Alternatively, he said, Lagosians can also reach LASCOPA on 08124993895, 09064323154, and 08092509777 or through its social media platforms.

Lekki Film Festival 2023: Organisers Open Registration Portal, Announces Speakers

By Kunle Awosiyen

The organisers of the Lekki International Film Festival have opened a registration portal and announced his speakers for the event.

It says that the international film will begin with seminars on April 24, 2023 and continues daily to the 27th.

One of the key speakers is Dante Tanikie-Montagnani, according to the organisers.

Tanikie-Montagnani is a British director and actor with many films under his belt. He belongs to the avant-garde school by choice and is an activist for minority communities in the United Kingdom and abroad. He has initiated and done cross-cultural projects outside Britain collaborating in India and parts of Asia and is very kin on linkages between British and African, especially

Nigerian, companies.

The inaugural edition of the Lekki International Film Festival saw leading Nigerian cinematographers Tade Ogidan and Lancelot Imasuen and three other film makers taking home the award plaques. The other film makers are Cameroon's Jude Fokwang a professor in Denver, USA, Balaraba Ramat Yakubu of Kano, also a younger sister of the late Nigerian Head of State Murtala Ramat Mohammed and Okhomina Joseph a film school student. Imasuen's new and yet to be released film FAMILY FIRST received the Best Film Award while Tade Ogidan's film now running in the cinemas GOLD STATUE won the Best Feature Film Award. The Best Indigenous Language Film Award went to the film PALACE COUP a Hausa language film set in the early Nineteenth Century Kano and produced by



Dante Tanikie-Montagnani

Balaraba Ramat Mohammed.

The Best Documentary Film Award went to SOMETHING NEW IN OLD TOWN by Jude Fokwang which is set in contemporary Cameroon.

The Best Short Film which went to Okhomina Joseph's ten minutes short feature DEPRESSION may have beaten some of the very intense short films on the final shortlist because of

the issue of great currency that is its theme. SOMETHING NEW IN OLD TOWN is set in a notorious suburb of the Cameroon capital city of Yaounde known as Old Town which is the normal

hub for prostitution and urban violence. It is also adopted as home by peasants and artisans because of their low pay and pecuniary existence. The documentary depicts Old Town peasants, former prostitutes and noble people of the poor and neglected district building a new life for themselves by forming voluntary societies with inbuilt self-support mechanisms, also with very strong social bonding Tade Ogidan's GOLD STATUE is a resounding social message about the aspirations of the young in society whose quest to get marvelously rich even in the face of grave danger to itself and at the risk of the desecration of sacred monuments and assets strikes at another theme of social resonance. Lancelot Imasuen's FAMILY FIRST is the story of family bonding and the preservation of the family tie at a time of social insecurity, upheavals and economic turbulence.

The Lagos State Muslim Pilgrims Welfare Board (LSMPWB) has been assured of a seamless processing and issuance of the enhanced passport for the State's intending pilgrims participating in the Y2023 Hajj and Umrah (lesser hajj) exercises in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

The assurance was given on Wednesday by the Passport Control Officer, Nigeria Immigration Service, Alausa Passport Office, Assistant Comptroller, Mrs. Gladys Chukwuendo when the Board's management paid her a courtesy visit in her office in Alausa,

Lagos Muslim Pilgrims Board Seeks Support of Immigration Service on E-Passport Issuance

By Kunle Awosiyen

Ikeja.

The Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, Mrs. Lolade Aina, who led the Board Secretary, Mr. Saheed Onipede and others on the visit, told the Passport Control Officer that the visit was to familiarise and seek assistance on the speedy processing and issuance of E-Passports to intending pilgrims so as to guarantee their performance of the holy pilgrimage in Makkah and Madinah.

According to her, many of the intending pilgrims have made payment for the spiritual exercises coming up between April and June but are yet to get their International Passports issued, stressing that without the passport, the intending pilgrims would not be able to actualise their dream. Aina, therefore, pleaded with the Immigration Service to assist the Board towards ensuring that all the affected persons are given necessary consideration so that the enhanced

passports are issued on time in order to meet the deadline for visa procurement set by the Saudi Arabian Embassy. In her response, Mrs. Chukwuendo appreciated the Permanent Secretary and her team for the visit, saying that her office is ready to support the Board in its quest to ensure that the operation is made easy for the intending pilgrims. She explained the procedure involved in obtaining the enhanced passport, adding that



Nigeria E-Passport

every applicant for the E-passports must ensure that the name they filled in the immigration online portal must be the same

as the information in the NIN registration, adding that once there is any disparity, such application would be rejected.

I train hard to emerge highest goal scorer - Peace Ikediuba



By Saheed Afolabi

Sensational goal poacher, Peace Ikediuba has established herself as one of the hottest women strikers in women's football at the grassroots.

The bullish striker said she worked hard in training to win the highest goal scorer award in any competition she plays in.

After emerging as the highest goal scorer at the Ifeanyi Chiejine Memorial Cup in Asaba, she started the year on a good note as she emerged the highest goal scorer in the Afusat Olabimpe Gold Cup with six goals in six matches.

Speaking exclusively to ECHONEWS, Prince Kazeem Eletu Queens jewel, Peace Ikediuba feels elated and motivated to win the individual award.

Ikediuba said she always challenges herself to do better than her last game and she achieved the feat of being the highest goal scorer with the help of her coaches and teammates at the club.

"I'm happy, elated and motivated. I'm hoping it won't be my last and only award for the year, God's willing," she told Echoneews.

"I've always hoped to do better than my last game and I wished to be the top scorer, so yes I emphasised that I want to be the top scorer.

I worked harder in training and with the help of my coaches and teammates, I was able to achieve the goal."

The Eletu Queens forward dreams of playing in the French league one day and said Chelsea striker, Lauren James is her role model.

"My target is up to God because he owns me but as a human, my target is to play for a bigger team in France.

"My role model is Lauren James, I have her stature and then she plays good football. So I believe, I can do like her by adding to every team I find myself just as she does for the Chelsea team."

Ghetto Tigers moving positively forward, Azeez Mustapha says

By Saheed Afolabi

The Team Manager of Ghetto Tigers, Azeez Mustapha has disclosed that the club is moving forward.



The sports administrator said he would like to attract the positives of every situation and revert to the drawing board to analyse their steps.

Mustapha added that Ghetto Tigers defied all odds to move beyond the first stage of the Lagos FA Cup but classified the second-round game lost at the FA Cup as a step forward.

"I like to draw the positives from every situation and then go back to the drawing board to see what we could have done to achieve a greater result," he told ECHONEWS.

"This year we won our first game in the competition and also scored our first goal. We can even say we balanced up our goal difference in the Rookie round.

"We lost to Chalmersann 3 - 0 in 2021 and 1 - 0 to B Arena in 2022. This year fired 4 goals past Fearless Academy in just a game. We would go on to lose our first-round game but it was a step forward from where we were in the last two years."

Lagos State Football Coaches Association congratulates Sanwo-Olu, promises undiluted support

By Saheed Afolabi

Lagos State Football Coaches Association (LSFA) has congratulated Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu and his Deputy, Dr. Obafemi Hamzat, on their re-election as the Executive Governor and Deputy Governor of Lagos State.

The LSFA excos described Sanwo-Olu as an achiever who painted Lagos with infrastructure, as it promised to always support his administration wholeheartedly.

A statement by the association read: "The Chairman, Coach Hassan Tairu, and the State Executives, we appreciate Governor Sanwo-Olu who is a builder who spent his first term in office, erecting new infrastructures, upgrading and improving old ones and creating institutions for a better Lagos. We are particularly happy, that Lagos state under the present administration, has attained greater excellence and surely will become better.

"The Lagos State Football Coaches Association (LSFCA) is an affiliate of the Nigeria Football Coaches Association, the Nigeria Football Federation, the Lagos State Sports Commission, and the Lagos State Football Association, we educate, develop and promote young footballers

in Lagos State, Nigeria, Africa. We have zones called councils in all the 20 LGAs and 4 LCDAs of the state with about 5,000 members and with each council having an average of 50 members and each Coach having an average of 50 players per team.

"We had done our best in supporting your campaign and the proper Election by mobilizing our members and the footballers to come and vote for the victory of our dear Governor, all these with our resources because we appreciate your good work.

"We are with you and wish your administration the very best in making Lagos the true center of Excellence."



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