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Landlords delaying drainage completion - Chief Ganiu

By Damilola Kushimo

The Baale of Oke-Ogbere, High Chief Tajudeen Orilowo Ganiu, has blamed the failure of landlords to comply with the demand of the contractors to move their fences back by six metres as the cause of completing the Community Road drainage project.

He appealed to the landlords to do the needful and called on the state government to give them more time to comply.

Due to the setback, some buildings on the drainage alignment have been partly demolished while some others are marked for demolition.

The project, the construction of Collector Drain on the 1.24 km Community Road beginning from the junction down to the canal, has been abandoned since April

as the affected homeowners refuse to cooperate with the contractor handling the project.

As inscribed on the project signboard, the project was scheduled to be completed within six months (December 2020 to May 2021).

The site engineer, Oludare Ojeme, earlier told ECHONEWS in March that the project has reached 40 per cent and that it would be completed before the rainy season.

However, speaking to Echoneews, High Chief Ganiu said that the Lagos State Planning Permit Authority has insisted on compliance with the setback rule adding that electric poles on the drainage are also obstructing the project.

He urged the affected homeowners to sacrifice by moving back their fences in the interest of the community and

appealed to the state government for handsome compensation to those with necessary documents.

He lamented that the frequent rain has compounded the inconveniences residents and road users suffer while plying the road as he passionately appealed for immediate resumption of work.

A resident of Canal View Estate, Mr Ismaila Bamidele said the community has spent over N850,000 on trucks of sand to sand fill the entrance of the estate which was affected as a result of the drainage construction.

Meanwhile, the project supervisor, Mrs Owate, told ECHONEWS that the company has called on the government to adjust the rule by amending the clearing alignment for the project to resume for completion.



Community Road

The chairmanship candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Isolo LCDA, Hon. Adebayo Olasoju has assured Isolo residents of improved infrastructures and various empowerment programmes when elected.

He said he has been strategising on the viable approaches to consolidate on some of the projects executed by his predecessor, the outgoing council chairman, Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye (Shammeh), and bring onboard new projects that would benefit every resident.

Olasoju, the incumbent vice-chairman and the secretary of Lagos State Association of Council of Vice-Chairmen (LASACVIC), explained that he knows the infrastructural deficit in the council area, pledging that his administration will

I plan to consolidate on Shammeh's projects - Olasoju

By Damilola Kushimo

endeavour to live up to the expectations of all and sundry on all fronts of societal development, adding that he will run an all-inclusive government.

He emphasised that improved healthcare facilities, road infrastructure, empowerment for women and youths will be the priority of his administration while the menace of youth restlessness and cultism will be dealt with.

He also explained that he will facilitate the intervention of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the community to train and empower the youths in various

vocations and make soft loans available to women.

Olasoju further promised to bring out the best in the councillors he will be working with and work closely with leaders and elders in the community on various needs in their respective communities.

Commenting on his emergence as the party's flag bearer which some of his co-contestants and groups are still aggrieved about, he said he has extended hands of fellowship to every one of them as well as leaders and stakeholders in the party, hoping to enjoy their support.

He appealed to all party leaders and members to work for the success of the party in the forthcoming council election for the benefit of all.



Hon. Adebayo Olasoju

Get registered by INEC, Bello, Olaifa urge eligible voters

By Damilola Kushimo

Seeking to boost the chances of their parties in the July 24 local government polls, the ruling All Progressives Congress, APC and the rival Peoples Democratic

Party, PDP have called on residents of Isolo Local Council Development Area to take advantage of the ongoing continuous voter registration by registering with the Independent National Electoral Commission

and obtaining their voters' cards.

APC chairman Barrister Gani Bello and PDP counterpart Hon. Sunday Olaifa in separate interviews with Echoneews urged eligible voters to maximise the opportunity to get registered or

update their data.

The exercise, as announced by Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), will commence today, Monday, June 28, 2021, with online registration via the commission's registration portal [HTTP://cvr.inecnigeria.org](http://cvr.inecnigeria.org) or [HTTP://cvt.inecnigeria.gov.ng](http://cvt.inecnigeria.gov.ng) while the physical exercise will commence on Monday, July 19, 2021.

As explained by INEC, prospective registrants are expected to perform the pre-registration online using a valid e-mail address followed by filling an online form with their necessary details.

It was explained that on the completion of the above procedures and having printed out the registration slip that contains the application ID, QR Code and other relevant information, the registrant will choose a convenient date and time to visit the registration centre for biometric capturing to complete the process after which

a registration slip will be issued to collect the Permanent Voter's Card (PVC).

According to the political party chairmen, the voter's card is an individual's power to elect and reject political office holders hence, the need for every eligible voter to maximise the window of opportunity to obtain their voters' card or update their bio-data with the commission.

They explained that their party faithful have been advised to make judicious use of the exercise and encourage others to do so.

Also commenting on the additional polling units in the council, a development Bello described as necessary and commendable on the part of INEC, he reiterated that it will reduce apathy and encourage more voters to participate in the election at the polling units closest to them.

Olaifa, who also shared Bello's submission, however, expressed his concern with the location of

some of the polling units, arguing that some fall at the stronghold of the ruling party.

He, however, maintained that it is commendable that polling units in the council area have been increased to 302.

"We are concerned about the locations of some of the polling units because if we look at some of these locations, they still fall under the domain of leaders of the ruling party, especially in Lagos state. For now, we welcome it, we want to give it a trial, and we want to study it with the hope that the expected advantage will be achieved. Let's see how the functionality will look like," he commented.

Man bags 12 month jail for stabbing friend

By Damilola Kushimo

A 49-year-old man, Wale Gbadebo, has been sentenced to one-year imprisonment by Isolo Magistrate Court for stabbing his friend, Temilade Lawal, who was accused of stealing his stock.

The defendant was sentenced by Magistrate Olubunmi Akokhia on a one-count charge of stabbing his friend, an offence contrary to and punishable under section 245 of Criminal Law of Lagos State.

Gbadebo, who does not have a permanent residence and deals in the sales of Indian hemp, said he has, on two different occasions, caught his friend, Lawal, stealing his Indian hemp, the allegation Lawal denied.

The court heard that both fought over the matter several times.

According to the prosecutor, Inspector Oje Uagbale, on Tuesday, March 23, 2021, the defendant suspected that Lawal stole marijuana worth N2,000 from him. He waited for Lawal till dusk and stabbed

him to punish him and allegedly stop him from stealing his goods.

The incident was reported to the police at Aswani Divisional Police Station and Gbadebo was arrested and kept in custody due to the two-month-long JUSUN strike. He was arraigned at the court immediately after the judiciary workers resumed.

Inspector Oje Uagbale said Gbadebo pleaded guilty to the one-count charge and was sentenced to a one-year prison sentence on Thursday, June 17, this year.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, Tiamiyu Simiat Abiodun, formerly known and addressed as Fayemi Simiat Abiodun now wish to be known and addressed as Tiamiyu Simiat Abiodun. All former documents remain valid, the general public and authorities concerned should please take note.

Election strategies continue as APC party stakeholders ally

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Chairmen of the groups in the All Progressives Congress- the Mandate Movement (TMM), Hon. Kola Ojo, Itesiwaju, Hon. Wasiu Akinsola and Justice Forum (JF), Bashorun Oguntomole – in Ejigbo LCDA have allied to make sure the party gains victory in the forthcoming local government elections. Speaking with our correspondent, the three caucus leaders attested to their complete submission to form a formidable alliance as representatives of all party members after engaging in a

heart to heart conversation with their members on political matters. Ojo disclosed that his TMM had repeatedly pledged to synergies with other groups in the party order to ensure the successful emergence of Hon. Monsurudeen Bello and the qualified party councillorship candidates in Ejigbo. He said the initial aim of reaching out to his members is to reinforce the idea of the house to house campaign strategy in members to ensure they take the campaign to every part of the community. Atinsola, on his part, disclosed that his caucus has confirmed the number of people with PVCs and identified those without

voter's card to aid them in getting one today (Monday) for them to also become eligible members to vote during the election. He noted that ascertaining the total number of eligible voters would give the party insight into rough statistics of the total number of votes expected after the election. Oguntomole of Justice Forum said the members have been earlier assembled to show appreciation for their commitment towards the party so far. He explained that his members have been urged to ensure one voice with other sections by showing their solid support for respective candidates of APC.



Hon. Kola Ojo

Daddy Showkey visits Ajomale, seeks inclusion of South-South politicians in government

By Motolani AbdulGafar

A case was made for the inclusion of South-South politicians and support for their ambitions in the ruling All Progressives Party by popular Nigerian veteran singer, Chief John Aseimo (Daddy Showkey) when he visited Governor's Advisory Council member and former party chairman of the All Progressives Congress, Chief Oladele Ajomale at the weekend. Daddy Showkey expressed gratitude to the All Progressives Congress (APC) for giving his members opportunities to participate in politics in Lagos without segregating them as a result of their identity.



Chief Ajomale presenting South South attire to Daddy Showkey

He disclosed that the forum will in history continue to appreciate the privilege given to the SLG to the Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Paul Fregene,

saying they will keep looking up to more opportunities in the future. He later presented an attire on

behalf of the forum under the leadership of Hon. Paul Fregene to Chief Ajomale for the appropriate mobilization of South members for the upcoming election.

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Obe goes online, launches website, social media platforms to target youths, diaspora

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Director-General of Monsurudeen Oloyede Campaign Organisation (MOCO), Hon. Kola Ojo has declared the official website for the campaign organisation. Ojo disclosed the website, www.obelekansi.com, while speaking with ECHONEWS on the reasons the campaign group had given much importance to the online campaign. According to him, the website is aimed at reaching more people at the grassroots without having to physically update them on all the activities of the APC flag bearer, Hon. Monsuru Bello (Obe). He said the site developer would frequently help to track how well the campaign is



going by determining what type of content is attracting the most web traffic which would give the group rough statistics on the number of audiences it reaches out to. He urged the Ejigbo community as a whole to do a follow up on the website to get first-hand information about their favourite candidate. "We choose online campaign as one of our methods in reaching out to help anyone with Internet access to bridge the gap of getting their addresses or phone numbers

before reaching them because it would as well expose our campaign to more demographics, particularly young people who have traditionally been difficult to reach. "We are fully set to inform our people as Obe's daily political movement would be updated in the next 30 days of the campaign on the website, his agenda for the second term in office and also keep the Ejigbo people in diaspora abreast of the campaigns and One's agenda."

I AM NOT GOING TO TAKE ANYBODY'S MANDATE - LASIEC CHAIR, JUSTICE PHILLIPS

Frank and open, the Chairman of the Lagos State Independent Electoral Commission, Hon. Justice Ayotunde Phillips, is the interviewer's delight.

A four-man delegation of practitioners of community media - Dayo Akintobi, (president), Lekan

Olowosogo (secretary) Alhaji Monsur and Hon. Kehinde Barnigbetan - paid a courtesy visit to the former Chief Judge of Lagos State. In the course of the interview interaction, the idea of an interview popped up and we were so glad that she took it in her stride. The result is what you are about to read, the latest update on the Lagos State local government polls of July 24, this year. Enjoy:

It is about a month to the local government elections. How prepared are you?

We've already deployed some of our non-sensitive materials to the various local governments and local council development areas. We have started training. Our electoral officers have been trained. The next step is the validation of candidates. The stage we've reached now is that upon receipt of the list of the political parties of the candidates that have won the primaries, we shall start validation. They are now withdrawing and substituting candidates and they have some time to do that. That should be over, I think, by the end of this week. Next week, the commissioners will start to validate the candidates and then we'll have the final list.

Most of the administrative work is done. The next step after validation is that we shall start deploying the rest of the non-sensitive materials to the local governments and the local council development areas. So our state of preparedness now is about 50 percent.

How many political parties are participating in this election?

Fifteen out of the 18 that have been registered by INEC (Independent National Electoral Commission). We don't have the power to register political parties. And the parties seem not to realise that. We've received complaints and posts on whatsapp and comments in the newspapers that we are

substituting names here. We don't have the power to do that. The names submitted by the political parties are what we display on our notice boards.

And can those who have any problem with their political parties go to court?

The court had to step in and set out the procedure for this. And the Supreme Court said the court cannot interfere in intra-party disputes because they have their own machinery for settling disputes. They've got their constitutions, they've got their election guidelines, so if you are not happy with what you see on the notice boards, you go to the appeals committee as set up in your party and ventilate your case there. We can't do anything about that. Anybody that comes to me to say his name is not on the list, I'd say, well, I cannot interfere. I am an impartial umpire and I should not even be seen discussing this with you.

The last election recorded 11 percent voter turnout. What is your target in this election?

Anything is better than 11 percent. If we can get as much as 40 to 50 percent, I will be elated. That's why I am happy there seems to be a robust participation in the forthcoming elections. I don't know what would happen between now and then but there seems to be more interest in the local government elections by the parties participation that we've seen so far. It is really sad because voter apathy is what we intended to really tackle in 2019.2020 but then, COVID came. EnoSARS came last year. Hopefully, because of this participation now, maybe more people will come out.

Fear of violence is one of the reasons people stay indoors. How are you making efforts to ensure that people feel safe and secure to vote?

I am glad you asked this question because we've been very busy for the better part of the week visiting various security agencies in the state. We have visited the Commissioner of Police, the 9th Brigade of the Nigerian Army. Today, we visited the DSS (Directorate of State Security and the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence to solicit their co-operation and assistance in helping to ensure that lives and limbs of people and their property are safe on



Hon. Justice Ayotunde Phillips

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N3.4billion which the government said they can't afford.

How much did the last election cost?

N2.5billion. That N2.5 billion became a problem because each time we wanted to buy an item such as paper, it had quadrupled in price by the time the money was released. This time around, you know what the prices are and the government says they can't afford. They will give us what they can afford. So I can't tell exactly how much we'll spend



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until after the exercise.

Women and the youth are key participants in this election. Is there any deliberate effort to bring out the women and the youth to participate in this election to increase voter turnout?

Women will always try to bring out other women. We've done a lot of media campaigns and the jingles will soon start coming out now. For the youths, we are targeting them separately. You'll see what we've done in the future when everything is packaged. Youths in particular are the group we wanted to target in this election. We are still on it. We are still targeting them. We are still involving them. We've got some proposals now on how to get the youths involved.

The opinion of many people is that this election is determined in the

sense that even if a PDP wins election, it will be very difficult for you as chairman to declare the results.

What is your reaction to this?

First of all, the results are announced at the local government council office. We don't announce results here in LASIEC. That is the law. The votes are counted and announced by the collation officer, he or she will announce the results on our behalf. And I have said that I am not going to take anybody's mandate from him. It is whatever is counted and announced, that is the result. Anybody who doesn't like that result, as announced by the collation officer, there are other remedies. You can go to the tribunal and you can go to the appeal tribunal. That is why those bodies exist. I shall be an impartial umpire. The impartiality of LASIEC is guaranteed. And we will not take anybody's mandate from him.

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PDP to flag off campaign this week

By Edith Igbokwe

The opposition Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) is ready to flag off a massive campaign for the forthcoming local government election this week after concluding the ward to ward visitation campaign in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government LGA. The party stated that it has made a familiarization campaign visit to all the wards in Oshodi-Isolo while strictly adhering to the campaign guidelines by the Lagos State Independent Electoral Commission (LASIEC) to embark on a massive campaign ahead of the election next month.

According to the PDP chairmanship candidate in Oshodi-Isolo LG, Comr. Akinyibi Ridwan, the party has resolved its major problem being the internal crisis between former and present state leaders.

He said the crisis between the present PDP State Chairman, Engr. Adedeji Dorothy and the former State Chairman, Dr



Hon. Sunday Olaifa

Adegbola Dominic gave the party a little setback but it has been resolved amicably and the house is now moving on, with one voice. He said the party chairman in Oshodi-Isolo, Hon. Sunday Olaifa has properly instructed

the members on how to hold the campaigns in each location across the local council area.

Stakeholders demand security to tackle hoodlums in Afariogun school

By Edith Igbokwe

The entire stakeholders, including the School Basic Management

Committee (SBMC), Afariogun Community Development Association (CDA), and Parents Forum (PF) have called on the government to deploy more security officers to

protect the school from hoodlums. According to them, the unlawful acts carried out in the school premises by the hoodlums include breaking

into the school, stealing of school properties such as copper wires, removal of the school flag iron stand and smoking of hemp.

The groups said they have to team up with a common interest to ensure that the school premises are protected from hoodlums, saying the school is neither safe nor conducive for both pupils and teachers.

They said they have taken series of steps to invite the police to guard the environment and take off the miscreants disturbing the peace of the school and that of the entire community.

Speaking to ECHONEWS, Afariogun CDA Chairman, Mr Jamiu Ayinla, stated that quick intervention is needed to curb the nefarious activities of the hoodlums, saying the pupils in the schools within the environment should not be exposed to smoking dangerous substances.

"We, stakeholders in the community, are much about the pathetic condition of the Afariogun Primary School. We want the best quality education for our wards as well as giving them a good moral upbringing. We are therefore using this medium to call on the government, the police and other concerned bodies to come to our aid by providing security in the school," he said.

Lack of parental care, the bane of pupils' success - PF

By Edith Igbokwe

After much observation of pupils' academic performance and disposition to studies, a body, Folorunsho Primary School, Orile Oshodi Parents Forum (PF) said it has identified lack of proper care by parents as the bane of their children's academic success.

Some of the lapses of parents observed by the body include delaying pupils to go late to school, improper dressing of pupils to school as well as neglect of open day visit.

Others are allowing wards to roam about the streets with their school uniforms on and fail to give them breakfast before leaving for school.

The body also listed improper care for pupils' educational needs as one of the factors militating against their success. It stated that the gradual falling away from norms and principles guiding the pupils' educational background could

become insurmountable if not addressed on time.

However, to effect positive changes on the lapses, the Chairman of the Forum, Engr. Joy Omiyale suggested that parents should ensure that they bridge all the identified lapses such as monitoring the pupils' dressing before they set for school, attending their open days, checking the pupils' performance and most importantly making sure their wards take breakfast before going to school to avoid bad manners such as begging and stealing of other pupils' belongings.

He added that every parent should be a monitoring agent to correct pupils who roam about the streets with school uniforms after school hours.

"To successfully go through the process of raising and educating young ones to acquire basic education, needed to face the future, parents are expected to work on the lapses detected from their end," he said.

Ogunoloko Community gives IKEDC a 7-day ultimatum to regularise power supply

By Edith Igbokwe

The residents of the Ogunoloko community in the Mafoluku area of Oshodi under Makinde II Substation have given Kiera Electric (IE) seven days ultimatum to supply regular electric power with justifiable billings otherwise, the community should be disconnected from the grid.

The four affected streets which are under the aegis of Ogunoloko Community Development Association (CDA) include Ogunoloko, Okanlawon Bello, Makinde and Taiwo Streets which consists of 50 buildings that have been suffering from epileptic load shedding system of power supply for about four months since March 9, 2021.

They said they had embarked on a peaceful demonstration to get their issue attended to by the company but the effort yielded no success.

According to the CDA Chairman, Mr John Oladipupo, the association had submitted series of letters

to Okota and Ajao undertaken offices before resorting to peaceful demonstration.

He complained that the customers in the community are over-billed, saying, for instance, a customer who used 893 units of electricity at N28.47k per unit in March was given N41,000 instead of N25,423.71k.

Oladipupo said the consumers are forced to pay for the service they do not enjoy, stating that the affected community members requested for adjustment in the bill and constant electricity supply or be disconnected from supply to avoid being given bills for the energy not consumed.

Meanwhile, officials of the electricity distribution company at the two undertaken offices said it is possible to meet the seven days ultimatum if materials are made available by the management, informing that they have requested the materials needed to work on Makinde II Substation transformer.



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Basketball: Nets' Durant, Harden commit to Olympic team

By Saheed Afolabi

Brooklyn Nets teammates, Kevin Durant and James Harden are committed to playing for the United States Olympic basketball team but Golden State Warriors star Stephen Curry is out. They became the biggest stars on what is shaping up to be a star-laden team. While USA Basketball has not confirmed the 12-man roster for coach Gregg Popovich's squad, it reportedly includes Bradley Beal (Washington Wizards), Jayson Tatum (Boston Celtics), Damian Lillard (Portland Trail Blazers), Devin Booker (Phoenix Suns), Bam Adebayo (Miami Heat) and Draymond Green (Golden State Warriors). Utah Jazz star Donovan Mitchell also declined the opportunity to

compete in the Tokyo Olympics, instead choosing to use the time to rehab a right ankle injury. Durant is a two-time veteran of Team USA, who have won the past three Olympic gold medals. Durant and Harden played in London in 2012, with Durant a headline of

the 2016 team in Rio de Janeiro. Green (2016) is the only other member of the reported Tokyo roster to have Olympic experience. His teammate Curry never has played in the Olympics, and it was

believed he might compete this year. The Nets' National Basketball Association (NBA) season ended on Saturday night

with a loss in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference semi-finals to the Milwaukee Bucks. Harden was limited by a hamstring strain in the play-offs and will need to make a quick recovery. Team USA will begin training camp July 6 in Las Vegas. The United States opens play in the Tokyo Olympics on July 25 against France. The only player among those on the reported roster still competing in the play-offs is Booker, whose Phoenix team has a 1-0 lead on the Los Angeles Clippers in the Western Conference finals. Should the Suns win the series and advance to the NBA Finals, Booker would not be available for the start of the camp.



Kevin Durant and James Harden

Golden Star FC crush Chariot FA 6-0

Golden Star crushed local rival, Chariot FA 6-0 at the Ejigbo mini stadium. Chariot FA were blown away with superlative performance from Golden Star FC who were at their best in preparation for their upcoming cup engagements. Golden Star FC took the lead from the penalty spot by sending the goalie the wrong way. The explicit passes of Golden Star FC created the second goal for the club in the 35th minute to take a two-goal lead to the break. Chariot FA were at their lowest form in the match and could not spring passes successfully to their team mates before losing possession to Golden Star FC. Golden Star FC added to their advantage in the 50th minute with a shot which found the bottom corner of the net. Golden Star FC extended their lead to make it 4-0 with a thumping header from a corner kick which left Chariot FA hopeless in the match. Golden Star FC wrapped up the win with two more goals to send a strong signal to their other rivals in Ejigbo.

Jumez FC end MS Success FC unbeaten run at home

Jumez FC sailed past MS Success FC 2-1 to end their unbeaten run at home which have lasted over 5 years. MS Success were not at their best as the players played without much intent for goal. Jumez FC's dazzling left winger was a thorn in the flesh of MS Success FC as they couldn't contain his speed. Jumez FC broke the deadlock in the 32nd minute of play with a flying header which the goalie of MS Success watched as it sailed into the net. MS Success FC players took many touches without taking their shots contributed to their defeat in the game. MS Success went behind at the end of first half as their fans were muted with the lead of Jumez FC. Jumez FC doubled their lead in the 73rd minute to dash the hopes of MS Success, MS Success hit the goal post through Anthony Ndubusi header in the 76th minute of play as the fans cheer the team up for a possible equalizer. Olabisi Oseni pulled a goal back for MS Success FC in the 84th minute with a right footed strike. MS Success gave their all in finding an equalizer in the game but they could not break through the defensive wall of Jumez FC who stood their ground to snatch an away win.

Peculiar FC defeat Future Stars to emerge winners of Seagold Super Cup

By Saheed Afolabi

Peculiar FC got their name written in the history book of Seagold Super Cup after defeating fellow finalist, Future Stars 2-0 at the Ejigbo mini stadium. The match was dominated by Peculiar FC who were the only team with 100 percent winning ratio in the competition. Future Stars failed to threaten their opponent in the first half as Peculiar FC were ruthless in their attacking threats. Peculiar FC took the lead from a set piece on the edge of the 18 meter box which was fired into the top corner of the net, leaving Future Stars goalie rooted to the spot. Future Stars wingers failed to provide the necessary threat against their opponent in the final third as their crosses went

wayward off the goal post. Peculiar FC took the lone lead to the break. Future Stars started the second half on a brighter side as they dominated proceedings early but lacked the cutting edge to get a goal against their opponent. When Future Stars momentum was high to get a goal in the second half, their goal custodian made a goalkeeping blunder to let in the second goal for Peculiar FC. The second goal conceded by Future Stars derailed their morale in the game and gave more confidence to their opponent to snatch a win. Peculiar FC were able to hold onto their two-goal lead till the end of the game and were crowned the champion of the maiden Seagold Super Cup.



Seagold Super Cup, Peculiar FC emerge winner

Obe Campaign Cup kicks off July

A campaign tournament tagged "Obe Leekan Si Cup" proposed to rally more support for the re-election of the incumbent chairman of Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Monsuru Bello (Obe) is scheduled to hold next month. The competition, according to the organiser - Ejigbo Grassroots Sports Development Initiative, will be played among the teams in the six political wards in the council area. According to coordinator of the competition, Mr Ahmed Shekoni, the inter ward football game, scheduled to kick-off on July 10, will be sustained after the election to promote unity among the wards. He said the participating teams are limited to the political wards in Ejigbo LCDA which are Oke-afa ward, Ifoshi ward, Fadu ward, Ailegun ward, Ilamoshe ward and Aigbaka ward. He stated that the objective of the championship is to foster a dependable relationship between the sponsor (the council

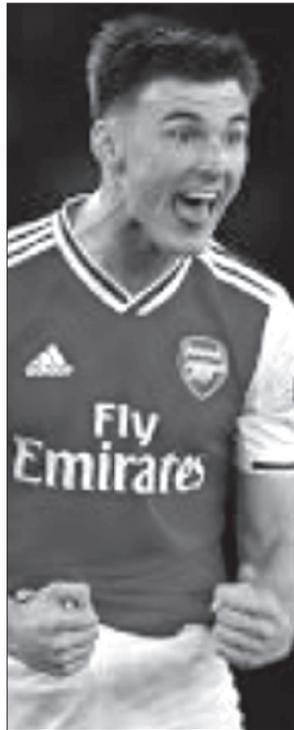
chairman) and the people of the community, adding that it will also contribute to the social and youth development to maintain peace and security and serve as means of interaction between the elected chairman and his people. Shekoni further stated that the competition will create an opportunity for youths to participate in the electioneering process in Ejigbo LCDA, benefit directly from the process and lead the change in the promotion of sustainable, peaceful and egalitarian society. "Aside from creating an opportunity for the chairman of Ejigbo LCDA to give back to the society, it serve as an opportunity to create and sustain an atmosphere of peace and cordiality capable of sustaining security of lives and properties through peaceful engagement of young people in a financially gratifying programme that promises them the future without usurping instant gratification," he said.

Tierney signs new long term Arsenal deal

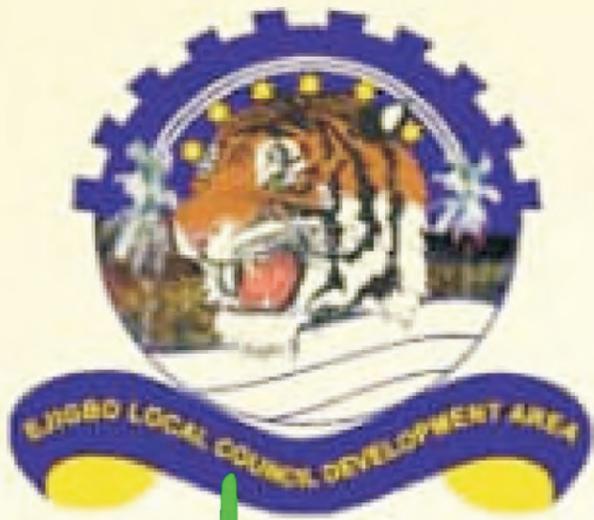
By Saheed Afolabi

Scottish Arsenal left back, Kieran Tierney, has signed a new long-term contract with Arsenal. The former Celtic man made his move to Arsenal in 2019 and since then, he has been in blistering form producing great performances for the club. The left back who noted how he dealt with injuries in his first season at the club said he was happy committing himself to the club because he "believes in the vision of the club. "It feels amazing, when the manager came to me and said that the club wanted to extend my deal and that they were so happy at how I've come on it was amazing for me to hear," Tierney told Arsenal's website. "I've worked so hard since I

joined - I had a hard first season with injuries and Covid, but last season really picked up for me and the club have been brilliant with me. So I am more than happy to extend it." He added: "I think the vision of the club and where it wants to go, the expectations of the club is where I want to be in football, at the top. "There's no doubt about it that we're not where we want to be just now but we're going in the right direction. "The way the club is run from the inside is amazing, I love everyone - all the staff, the players, the manager and working with them is an absolute joy. "So being happy in life speaks for a lot and I am happy and more than happy to commit my future."



Kieran Tierney



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