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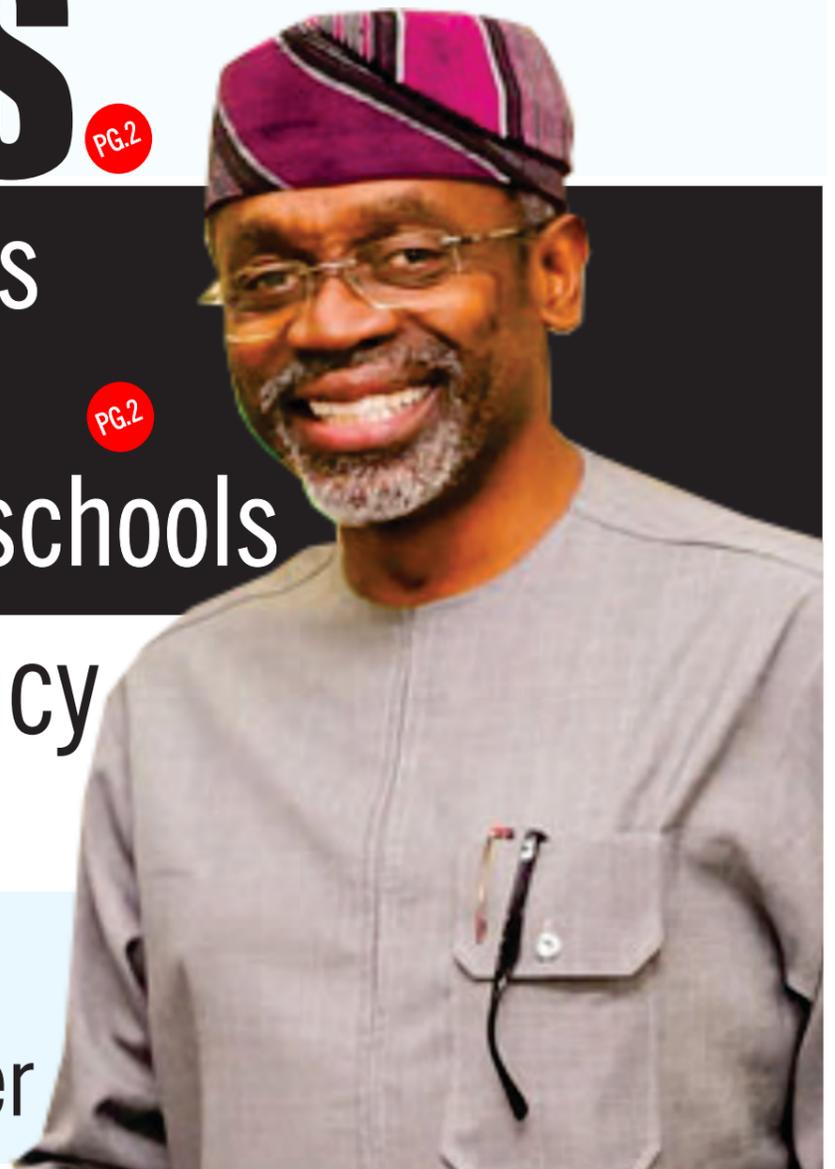
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# 83 jailed for Environmental Offences

No fewer than 83 people are currently serving various jail terms in Badagry Correctional Centre, for environmental offences, ECHONEWS has reliably gathered.

Their offences vary from indiscriminate dumping of refuse, non-patronage of PSP to illegal erection of shanties among others.

The Managing Director, Lagos State Waste Management Authority (LAWMA), Mr. Ibrahim Odumboni disclosed this recently. He said that out of over 2 million houses in Lagos State, less than 250,000 have waste bins.

In 2021, 28 Magistrate courts were approved to prosecute environmental offenses which attract not less than six months imprisonment or N250,000 fine.

President, Association of Waste Managers of Nigeria (AWAMN), David Oriyomi, explained that it is an offence not to patronise PSP operators or refuse to pay for services rendered.

Oriyomi said the Chief Judge of Lagos State, Kazeem Alogba, gave the approval in a letter sent to the association.

The approval also included six Mobile Courts, where offenders would be tried on-the-go.

He said the association had been visiting the courts to ensure the judges' collaboration on the directive.

According to him, apart from supporting the association, the approval of the courts to try environmental offenders would also improve the aesthetics of Lagos State.



He urged residents to patronise the waste managers and pay for services rendered, so as to ensure a cleaner Lagos.

According to him, if the operator is well-funded with his equipment and is delivering the services, the entire state will be clean, but once the operator is not effective, it will impact negatively on the environment.

"With the approval of these courts for environmental offences, defaulters will be forced to conform with the requirements of cleanliness.

"Once you pay for the services rendered, the operators will be more efficient in delivering the services.

"The operator will be able to service the loan that he acquired from the bank to purchase trucks that he use in servicing his clients.

"We are happy that the Chief Judge approved the courts and by that token, has enhanced the cleanliness of the state.

"Most of these diseases come through dirty environment, so it behoves on us to keep our environment clean, so as to have healthy citizens and healthy economy," Oriyomi said.

Earlier last year, the state government reestablished Environmental Sanitation competition amongst all local

governments and council areas in the state.

The Commissioner for the Environment and Water Resources, Tunji Bello, said that the competition is being brought back to reawaken the consciousness of every resident with local governments serving as the pivot of the campaign.

He explained that since the programme suffered a setback in 2017 through a court stoppage of the monthly environmental sanitation exercise, everyone has let down their guard thus aggravating various environmental issues.

According to him, part of the benefit

derivable is bringing about healthy competition on sanitation and hygiene practices amongst communities, markets and LG/LCDA.

Others are improvement in the environmental conditions of the state especially on highways, roads and streets, markets, schools and illegal street trading.

An assessment committee was constituted with membership drawn from the Environment Ministry and Local Government and Community Affairs and other relevant MDAs to inspect all public utilities.

The assessment committee inspects the general aesthetics of the scheduled LG/LCDA and the commitment of each to environmental management.

Some of the criteria for the assessment of each LG/LCDA include culture of bagging of refuse, clean and flowing drains, LAWMA PSP patronage and vegetal control.

Others are markets cleanliness, landscaping and beautification of LG/LCDA secretariat, control of illegal structures, shanties, black spots, illegal refuse dumps, encroachment on drainage setbacks, street trading, abandoned buildings, land and properties.

In the first edition of the competition, Surulere LGA, Epe LGA and Oriade LCDA won the cleanest Local Governments and LCDA in the Metropolitan, Urban and Sub-Urban categories respectively.

## The 'hidden' story of Eti-osa, a marshland turned investment destination

To investors, Eti-osa is an investment destination as the region's real estate potentials continue to grow. Due to studded development in the area, the region is critical to Lagos' image as the centre of excellence. But not many are concerned about what it once was and what it is now. Documents recently extracted from the national archives have revealed stunning information about the history of the Eti-osa Local Government in Lagos and questioned the current geographical structure of the area.

The area of land in Lagos State known as Eti-osa Local government encompasses Ikoyi, Victoria Island, Lekki Phases one and two, all the way down to Ajah, and ends in Sangotedo. It also includes Addo, Langbasa and Badore in the Ajah area.

Eti-osa accommodates the most affluent Nigerians and is probably the most prosperous area in Lagos today. However, it was not so from the beginning. In fact, it was

the poorest part of Lagos, up till recent times.

An intelligence report on the Eti-osa area of the Lagos colony, carried out in 1949 under colonial rule by a district officer, known as T. F. Barker, described the area as, "a tract of land between the lagoon and the sea beach fifty two square miles in the extent of which the western boundary runs northwards from the sea about three miles from the East mole of Lagos Harbour."

The earliest historical reference to the area is related to Efunroye Tinubu, the 19th century woman of influence, who created outposts along the coasts of Eti-Osa for her thriving slave trade.

Tinubu's outposts included Lekki and La Palma (Orimedu). In those days, the interior of the area was for all intents and purposes, inaccessible and was indeed, so described until 1937 when it became known as the Addo area. The name, Eti-osa, meaning, 'by the Lagoon', was given to it by a reverend,

Thomas Adeshina Jacobson Ogunbiyi, under the British colonial government.

Barker, who later became the governor of Lagos described the prevalent conditions of the area as:

"Owing to its inaccessibility and its lack of roads, both factors which are likely to persist for many years to come, the Eti-osa area remains one of the few districts which cannot be satisfactorily toured unless rest houses are provided."

According to Barker, to bring development and civilisation to the area, a meeting was held in May 1949 to determine whether Eti-osa should be governed as an independent native authority or brought under the Ikeja Division, the most prosperous part of Lagos at that time.

For instance, Barker's report states that in the West (of this territory) there are wide expanse of barren marshland where nothing grows but reeds and coarse (tall) grasses. The triangle of marsh between Maroko

(Sandfill), Gedegede and Ogoyo (no longer in existence) which has been included in the Government anti-malarial drainage scheme as the 'Ilado swamp area' should soon provide (then) a valuable square mile or two for planned utilization, and the adjacent marshland extending eastwards to Ajiran offers opportunities for development when drained.

These marshlands described above are no longer in existence as they have been filled and converted into habitable areas now containing upscale residential estates.

He further describes a waterway, which was an extensive swamp that is a continuation of the inlet from the lagoon between Ajiran and Aja, eastward past Ikota, and eventually into the Epe division of Lagos, which included Ibeju-lekki.

"This waterway, though not marked on published maps, is of considerable local importance..." he noted.

From logical evaluation, the massive

swamp described above may have been the area now currently occupying several popular estates including the Chevron Drive and the Victoria Garden City (VGC).

Farther to the east, patches of high forest once stood but these have long been destroyed, as claimed by Barker.

The evidence of this massive forest described by Barker can be seen today all over Eti-osa as remnants of thick forests remain behind the Jakande Housing Estate and the Lekki Conservation Centre, being managed by Chevron Oil and Gas. The presence of this forest also lends credence to the origin of Igbo Efon, said to be founded by a hunter and named, 'Forest of Buffalos' (meaning of Igbo-efon in Yoruba).

Barker's intelligence report also includes an old map of Eti-osa with territories of major communities in the area clearly delineated. This map, however, sharply contrasts with the prevailing reality of the area today. ddo, Badore, Oshodi and Langbasa.



# Agege residents charged to embrace waste containerisation

By Motolani AbdulGafar

In a bid to ensure a cleaner environment and proper deposition of waste in Agege LGA, the Managing Director/CEO of Lagos State Waste Management Authority (LAWMA), Mr Ibrahim Odumboni has urged residents to appreciate the use of containers in evacuating their waste. Odumboni noted that the purpose of proper monitoring of waste is to avoid blockage of drains during rainy season to avert flood.

He enjoined residents to

procure standard waste bins for easy segregation and perfect containerisation of waste which is in line with the recently launched "Adopt-a-bin" initiative in Lagos.

Addressing stakeholders in Agege LGA on best practices of waste management, Odumboni enlightened that the standard waste bins were durable and fitted with smart devices but noted that residents can purchase an alternative bin to store their waste.

He emphasised that the wellbeing of all residents remains the priority of LAWMA.



Representatives of LAWMA in group picture with Agege LGA officials

## 'Why we prioritise infrastructural devt in Agege'

As part of his commitment towards executing promised projects during his electoral campaign in 2021, the Chairman of Agege LG, Hon. Ganiyu Egunjobi has embarked on the construction of Akilo Road, Agege.

The area is said to have restrained free vehicular movement as a result of a damaged manhole along the road.

It was reported that the damaged manhole has caused vehicular accident which makes it pertinent for reconstruction.

To begin the new development, council engineers have been directed to evacuate drains to ensure free flow of water before proper fixing commences.

In a related development, the construction of Adebari Street has also commenced to ease traffic movement and boost economic activities in the community.

Adebari Street is said to be one of the most popular streets in Agege due to its accessibility towards major roads around Agege environs.

## Egunjobi collaborates with police to tackle insecurity

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Following the recurrent reports on the threat to lives and properties in Agege LGA, the Lagos State Commissioner of Police, CP Abiodun Alabi has discussed with the council Chairman, Hon. Ganiyu Egunjobi on his

readiness to address the issue of insecurity in the council and the state as a whole.

Alabi said his intention was to first familiarise with the grassroots to note their security issues and challenges that hinder their progress.

He noted that the alarming rate of insecurity in the community has urged the police and other security agencies in the state to be in action.

He appealed to the local authorities to support and collaborate with the police to eliminate the rising security

threat.

Meanwhile, Egunjobi commended the CP while affirming that the council will in its utmost best comply with the security directives of the police.

He noted that the basis of insecurity began from the improper parenting which

has successively affected the community.

He pleaded with the government to help strengthen the judicial system to enhance equity and speed delivery of judgement, hoping that it will refrain hoodlums from engaging in illicit acts.

## Osolana seeks party's support on political aspiration

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The 2021 Local Government aspirant on the platform of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and 2023 aspirant for Federal House of Representatives, Agege Federal Constituency, Hon. Sola Osolana, has appealed to party loyalists to consider him as the right candidate for the position. He stated that his organised empowerment programmes and showcased welfarism towards the development of Agege LGA is a stepping stone towards bringing a brighter opportunity for residents. Osolana said good representation is one of the keys to community development.

He promised to sponsor bills that would benefit his constituency.



Hon Osholana addressing the crowd



# Residents raise alarm over recurrent insecurity

By Motolani AbdulGafar

**R**esidents of Amuwo-Odofin LGA cry out over persistent insecurity.

They called on the concerned authorities to help provide lasting solution to the issue following the recent death of a resident, Ekene of 311 Road, Festac town.

The victim who was the only son of his mother, Mama Love, was reported to have been stabbed on the neck by unknown hoodlums on March 21, 2022.

In a related occurrence, a trader, Chijoike was found dead on January 31, 2022 along the road in Festac while residents await the investigation result from the homicide unit on the case.

26-year-old Chijoike was said to run a provision store at Idumota where he traded almost everyday of the week.

However, he was said to have

closed for the day earlier than usual on that day after receiving continuous calls from his boss, Mr Chika Umofia and informed his friends that he was going to put on the generator for his boss.

There was also an attempted kidnapping case on March 18, 2022 where a baby escaped from being abducted due to neighbours' alarm but the abductor escaped.

Speaking to ECHONEWS, a resident, Adepeju Akiolu stated that the continuous threat to lives of residents triggered the uproar as residents became cautious of their environment and desist from late night movement.

She noted that the alarming rate of insecurity is beginning to affect the economic activities and peaceful coexistence of the residents.

She appealed to security agencies and concerned bodies to hasten their investigation on all revealed cases and tighten the level of security in the local government.



Late Ekene

## CP orders arrest of armed robbery informant in Amuwo-Odofin

By Motolani AbdulGafar

**L**agos State Commissioner of Police, Abiodun Alabi, has issued a warrant of arrest for the instant identification and arrest of a police informant linked to an armed robbery gang terrorising residents and business owners in FESTAC and Satellite town areas in Amuwo-Odofin LGA.

The arrest warrant was issued following the report made in a national daily on how a police informant attached to the FESTAC police station was

allegedly linked to armed robbery.

The police boss said the suspect must be identified and arrested for appropriate sanction.

In addition, Alabi assured residents of security and protection of lives and properties in allocated areas.

He said the command would spare no effort in disciplining any initiated officer while cautioning them to desist from terminating the tireless efforts of the government in eradicating crimes and criminality in Lagos State.



CP Abiodun Alabi

# Oriade LCDA chair blesses widows with financial assistance

By Motolani AbdulGafar

**T**he Chairman of Oriade LCDA, Hon. Ramotalai Hassan has disbursed financial aid to widows in both Amuwo-Odofin LGA and Oriade LCDA respectively.

Hassan said her administration is serious to assist individuals in the community including the aged and widows to ameliorate their plight.

Hassan, who is eyeing House of Representatives seat for Amuwo-Odofin Federal Constituency, stated that she will also ensure proposing profitable bills that would develop Amuwo-Odofin Constituency at the Federal House if elected.

She said she will bring help to many families due to the increased promising economic situation of the community.

According to her, the financial support was made

to 100 widows in continuation of her birthday's "Widow Support Programme" which is in line

with the mandate to eradicate poverty at the grassroots.

Hassan noted that the fund

will have positive impact on the lives of the widows and also have a multiplier effect on the children as they will

also save a lot of money when their aged relatives are already being taken care of by the government.

She promised to continue giving out to the needy as her obligation towards the community.

## Our target's N465m IGR this year - Olusi

By Motolani AbdulGafar

**T**he Chairman of Lagos Island Local Government, Prince Adetoyese Olusi, has disclosed that the local government has projected to make N465million as internally generated revenue (IGR) this year.

He said his administration has set machineries in motion to meet the target for the development of the council area.

"Our annual projection for IGR is N465 million, when you break that down, you get what you need. We are assiduously working on ensuring that we improve on the monthly generation and we have set machineries in process."

According to him, the local government is the most populous as its population keeps increasing daily with the influx of people from

other places.

Olusi said there are many projects lined up for execution hence, the need to generate more fund to execute them.

"We intend to construct several parks in the inner neighbour hood, and install solar-powered lights along its roads, upgrading city culture has become a new project on our agenda. With the city bursting at its seams, I requested the media's active engagement to educate the public on urbanisation and the problems it is creating. Improved city culture is just an idea. As a committed mayor of the city of Lagos, I am therefore asking the media, intellectuals, and people on the street to tell us what kind of city you want.

On women empowerment, Olusi said: "Our administration has



Prince Adetoyese Olusi

mapped out a strategy on advocating on ending violence against women and children, financial inclusion, and transformative, sustainable, and inclusive governance with special attention to women's leadership in communities deeply rooted in patriarchal structures.

"These interventions seek to achieve the mindset and behavioural change, as well as

support communities to review their constitutions from a gender-friendly perspective. Special attention is given to promoting and implementing a zero-tolerance policy to sexual violence and other gender-based abuses, especially those rooted in obnoxious cultural traditions; and multiple challenges faced by aging women."

He said the council is strengthening the capacity of the police and other

security agencies to enforce law and order with the establishment of LILG Taskforce on Security and Environment.

"The local government will provide the bulk of the infrastructure for the new taskforce outfit if we must deepen the spread and operations efficiency of security apparatus and agencies in the city of Lagos. We are determined to change the city of Lagos from the gloomy days of traffic jams to much improved traffic flow across the metropolis, saving thousands of Lagosians from stress and putting money in their pockets through much-shortened travel time. Our commitment to public transportation will see the resuscitation of the Lagos Municipal Transport Service (LMTS), which will be in collaboration with the private sector to ply routes, where a lot of people trade-in and engage in commercial activities in Lagos Island," he said.



# Sanwo-Olu commissions Sangotedo Market

By Edith Igbokwe

The newly built Sangotedo Market has commenced commercial activities following its commissioning by Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu.

The market was built by Eti-Osa East Local Council Development Area (LCDA). A crowd of residents, clad in colourful attires, came to welcome the governor into their community for assessment of the state government projects in the council.

During the visit, Sanwo-Olu inaugurated the newly constructed Sangotedo market built by the LCDA.

Sanwo-Olu, in company of members of his cabinet, arrived into a warm embrace by various indigenous groups that make up the community.

Also, there was a large turnout of All Progressives Congress (APC) stalwarts and supporters in Eti Osa.

The Governor, who described Eti-Osa area as "an important economic corridor" of the state, said his visit was to personally take stock of the ongoing government's development projects and to get undiluted feedback from the residents on the interventions.

The governor said his administration has completed and delivered more than 20 infrastructure projects in road, housing and transportation in the Eti-Osa corridor. "Construction work is currently at different stages of completion on numerous other projects on the axis, including Regional Road and Lekki-Epe Expressway."

Sanwo-Olu said he was elated with the development activities initiated by all the four local councils making up Eti-Osa, which, the governor said, are supportive of the State's interventions.

As the closest tier of government to the people, the governor observed that the councils had prudently managed their resources, which enabled them to drive development from the grassroots.

He said: "As elected officials, we embrace every opportunity to visit and engage with our people to give account of our stewardship of the resources entrusted to our care. We consider visits like this an opportunity to see first-hand how well the various local governments, the closest tier of government to the people, are implementing our collective governance agenda, using our Government's development

blueprint known as THEMES agenda.

"Our administration is driven by the simple desire to deliver the dividends of democracy in every sector and in every neighborhood to ensure that no one is left behind. And we certainly have made sure that Eti-Osa is not left behind, given the wave of infrastructural development we have initiated in this important economic corridor of our state. We have completed numerous road reconstruction projects and getting other infrastructure projects done to give our people a new lease of life."

While inaugurating the new Sangotedo market, Sanwo-Olu hailed Eti-Osa East LCDA chairman, Hon. John

Ogundare, for redefining governance at the grassroots level.

The council boss recalled that the new Sangotedo market project was initiated, following incessant demand by the populace for a central market and healthcare facility.

He said the council prioritised the building of a modern primary health facility at the site of the old council secretariat, given the importance of the project to socio-economic wellbeing of the residents.

Ogundare said the Olufunmi family of Eti-Osa later donated land for the market project, necessitating the council to allocate funds for its construction along the

Lekki-Epe Expressway.

The council chairman named the market after his late predecessor, Hon. Rafiu Olufunmi, who was the scion of the Olufunmi family that donated the land for the project.

Ogundare said: "On behalf of the people of Eti Osa East LCDA, I express our appreciation to Mr. Governor for numerous development projects within the Victoria Garden City that will link our council to Ajah. It is no gain saying that our council is endowed in human capital, but influx of vehicles via Lekki-Epe and other routes through Ijebu Ode Expressway necessitate that more attention is accorded the major highways in the

council.

"We are grateful for the attention being accorded to Saliu Obodo Road. More roads are needed in the council to deal with the growing vehicular traffic. We are also using this opportunity to ask for a public sport facility in Eti-Osa East LCDA. We are willing to donate a shanty within the community, which has been a dark spot for crimes, for reclamation by the State Government and turn it to a recreational centre."

The new Sangotedo market is made up of 192 lock-up shops, 106 open shops, 28 suites, 65 key clamps, 12 chicken stalls, eight toilet facilities and parking lot for 100 cars at a time.

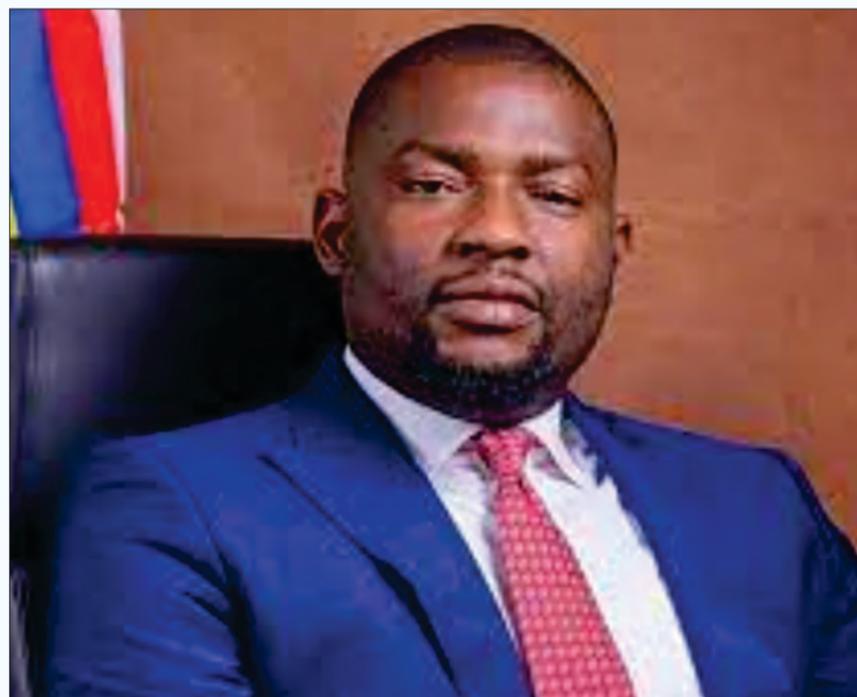
## Ikoyi-Obalende LCDA partners Jobberman to create 5000 jobs

Ikoyi-Obalende Local Council Development Area (LCDA) has partnered with Jobberman, a Nigerian recruitment platform to create 5000 Jobs for the young people within the local council area as part of its drive to tackle unemployment.

The Council Chairman, Hon. Fuad Atanda-Lawal, said the public-private partnership (PPP) in line with @theglobalgoals SDG 17, aims to train young people aged (18-35) in soft skills and place them into dignified and fulfilling work through Ikoyi-Obalende LCDA Job Center and the Jobberman platform.

"This partnership is part of our administration's drive to ensure that no one is left behind in the fulfilment of our promises alongside Jobberman's Young Africa Works' mandate to train five million young Nigerians and place three million of them in dignified employment by 2025.

"Ikoyi-Obalende LCDA has prioritised human capital development as a major objective in the 2022 budget



Hon. Fuad Atanda-Lawal

of the administration tagged "Budget of Sustainability and Human Capital Development" hence, the importance of this partnership. Jobberman is the only recruitment services platform in Nigeria that offers training and placement of candidates in dignified and fulfilling employment.

"This training program equips young people (18-35) with critical tools, to help them transition into their new roles

and increase workplace productivity.

"Ikoyi-Obalende LCDA and Jobbermans partnership aim to build awareness on opportunities in the Digital, Agriculture and Creative Sector and beyond through collaboration on events.

"The partnership will involve community leaders as well as other key decision-makers."

The council boss emphasised that the partnership is geared

towards raising the bar on his administration's previous achievements in human capital development "where we have supported over 4,000 residents through our skills acquisition and training, grant programmes which in turn provided access to business capital and work tools like grinding machines, freezers, generators amongst others which has catalyzed more self-employment

opportunities and better means to generate income for residents in the community, with women representing the majority of the beneficiaries as we promote gender equality."

Also speaking, the CEO of Jobberman Nigeria, Ore Boboye, who was represented by the Head of Communications, Sheila Ojei, said the company was delighted to be working with the Ikoyi-Obalende LCDA and community leaders to address the issue of unemployment in that region and to play a part in providing young Nigerians with access to dignified roles, which offer a clear path to self-sustenance.

"Nigeria is full of talented and hardworking young people. However, the current structure of the jobs market means many are unable to make the most of their skills and talents. This is why it is important to join forces with key stakeholders to equip young people with the skills they need and to link them effectively to dignified work opportunities.



# Newly appointed Permanent Secretaries promise to deliver

By Edith Igbokwe

The three new Permanent Secretaries sworn in by the Lagos State governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu have promises to be dedicated to their jobs and deliver as expected. The new permanent secretaries are Mrs. Adetutu Ososanya (Commerce, Industry and Cooperative), Mrs. Oyinade Nathan-Marsh (Tourism, Arts and Culture) and Dr. Olufemi Oke-Osanyintolu (Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, LASEMA). The governor swore-in the new permanent secretaries on

Monday at Lagos House, Alausa, Ikeja. He urged them to continue to remain committed and serve the citizens diligently and competently. Speaking during the swearing-in, Governor Sanwo-Olu said his administration has appointed close to 50 permanent secretaries in Public Service in less than three years, noting that almost 70 per cent of the current crop of permanent secretaries were appointed by the incumbent government to strengthen the civil service. Governor Sanwo-Olu noted that the appointment of the permanent secretaries was

strictly based on the track records of performance in their previous offices held and therefore, charged them to see their new appointments as call to service and be committed to the assignments given to them. "We are happy that you are joining that enviable list of permanent secretaries that we have. Being permanent secretary is a call to service and that you need to reflect within all hierarchy of staff that are behind you, to lead and show real leadership. You must be able to lead, encourage and give them everything they require to succeed. We wish you all the best," the governor said. The Lagos State Head of Service,

Mr. Hakeem Muri-Okunola said the appointment of the three permanent secretaries was in fulfilment of Governor Sanwo-Olu's THEMES developmental agenda and commitment to elevate the state's public service to a greater height. Speaking on behalf of the appointees, in her votes of assurance, Ososanya thanked Governor Sanwo-Olu, his deputy, Dr. Obafemi Hamzat, and State Executive Council for the confidence reposed in them and promised that they would work in line with the THEMES agenda and add value to the State Public Service. "We will support the policies,

programmes and projects of this administration. We will do our best to add value to the vibrant public service sector. We will be assets to the good work that is ongoing in Lagos State and We will not fail this administration." The LASEMA spokesman, Okunbor stated that Oke-Osanyintolu appointment was due to his outstanding performance, diligence, commitment and selfless service to the State. He disclosed that Oke-Osanyintolu conceptualised and developed the 3-digit emergency number in Lagos State and coordinated the state response during Ebola outbreak in Lagos.

"Osanyintolu, who was a former director-general of LASEMA, was behind the conceptualisation and development of the Command Control Centre in Lagos. He also conceptualised and developed relief camp for victims of disasters in Lagos State. "Oke-Osanyintolu coordinated state's responses in managing more than 20,000 major and minor disasters in Lagos and states, such as, Ogun, Edo, Oyo and Borno. He also coordinated Dana plane crash, Associate Plane crash, helicopter crash at Opebi, fire disasters in Ijegan, Abule Egba pipeline vandalization and Abule-Ado gas explosion," Okunbor added.

## Our budget is targeted at all round devt - Onigbongbo LCDA chairman

By Edith Igbokwe

The Chairman of Onigbongbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Oladotun Olakanle, said the council's year 2022 appropriation bill is targeted at all round development across the council area. While presenting the appropriation bill, Olakanle appealed to the legislative arm to ensure timely approval of the budget. He assured the residents of Onigbongbo LCDA of continuous sustainable

development across communities. "We will ensure our electorate who have bestowed confidence and trust in us for governance continue to enjoy dividends of democracy." He said the budget focuses on improving existing efforts in areas such as infrastructure, basic education, health and environment, road rehabilitation and reconstruction and other core areas of grassroots governance. Meanwhile, the council



Hon. Oladotun Olakanle

leader, Hon. Kayode Opayemi assured timely passage of the Bill while commending

the executive arm for the recorded development in the community.

## LASG frees 21 inmates from correctional facilities

By Edith Igbokwe

Lagos State Government, through its Advisory Council on the Prerogative of Mercy, has released 21 inmates from various correctional facilities pursuant to the provisions of Section 212 (1) (2) of the 1999 Constitution (amended) which empowers the Governor to exercise Prerogative of Mercy. The Lagos State Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Mr. Moyosore Onigbanjo (SAN), disclosed this in Alausa, Ikeja while handing over the Order for the release of the inmates signed by Governor Sanwo-Olu to the Correctional Service Authorities. Onigbanjo, who was represented at the ceremony by the Solicitor-

General and Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Ms. Titilayo Shittabey, said the release of the inmates was in line with the commitment of the Sanwo-Olu led administration to Justice Sector Reforms through decongestion of Correctional Facilities. The Attorney-General said: "This exercise will offer a second chance to the inmates in the hope that they will change their ways and be reabsorbed seamlessly into society." In his remarks, the Deputy Controller of Prisons, Lagos Command, Mr. A. O. Aremu commended the state governor for his efforts at decongesting prisons across the state, noting that the kind gesture will give the beneficiaries a new lease of life.

## IGP honours police officer for returning recovered wallet

The Inspector-General of Police (IGP), Usman Alkali Baba, has commended Sergeant Sampson Ekikere, attached to 22 Police Mobile Force, Ikeja, Lagos, for the

uncommon professionalism exhibited on Saturday, March 19, 2022, when he painstakingly recovered a wallet belonging to one Mr. Lukman Abaja, and traced the owner to deliver the

found item. He also honoured other police officer who rejected N300,000 bribe and another who returned N600,000 mistakenly paid into his account along with another

cop recently. He, therefore, charged senior police officers to always commend their personnel who excel in their duties. The IGP emphasised that senior officers should honour

the professionalism of their personnel which has impacted positively on the goodwill and image of the Nigeria Police Force. He, however, assured the entire police workforce of

sustainable efforts in improving their condition of service with a view to making life meaningful for them and having the Nigeria Police Force of their choice.



# Senator Abiru presents scorecard, assures constituents of more projects

By Saheed Afolabi

As politicians are preparing for the 2023 elections, the Senator representing Lagos East Senatorial District, Tokunbo Abiru has listed his achievements in the last 14 months in office.

Analysing his scorecard at his constituency office in Ikorodu, Abiru, a retired bank Chief Executive, said he has been championing life transforming programmes that have direct impacts on the lives of the larger populace of the Lagos East Senatorial District.

He said: "Recall that I was sworn-in on the 15th December 2020 as the Senator of the Federal Republic. I came in at a critical period in the nation's history. It was a time we were slowly coming out of recession, which was also worsened by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"It has indeed been a trying period for many households and the nation at large. What we as the Trustees of the Peoples' sacred mandate have tried to do, is to deliberately and continuously keep the hope of the people alive by working assiduously to deliver on the promises I made to our esteemed constituents during the 2020 Lagos East Senatorial By-election electioneering campaign.

"In fulfilment of our legislative agenda, I have sponsored many Bills and motions which cover different sectors including banking and financial services, the economy, copyright, health, infrastructure and the provision of the legal framework for the reduction of the cost of governance. We have also endeavoured to offer our possible best towards providing effective representation for our people."

The Senator said he has sponsored twelve Bills and three motions on the floor of the Senate.

He disclosed that shortly after he was sworn in, he commissioned a NEED ASSESSMENT to ascertain the most pressing needs of the people. Abiru added that the findings guided his interventions and programmes thus far.

He said not fewer than 2500

vulnerable residents of Lagos East are benefiting from his COVID-19 Financial Assistance Scheme every month.

"In a deliberate move at spreading prosperity across the Lagos East Senatorial District, my office in partnership with The Fate Foundation and Chartered Standard Foundation organised a Business Workshop/Clinic for 1000 MSMEs across the Senatorial district.

"The training which attracted Executive Leadership of business-related regulatory agencies and partners like; BOI, SMEDAN, CAC, LIRS, NAFDAC and LSETF greatly enhanced the capacity of MSMEs in the district.

"In addressing the dearth of knowledge which is one of the major reasons MSMEs fail, a knowledge pack containing seven valuable books covering areas like; Financial Management, Human Capital, Legal, Strategy, Marketing and Communication, Digital Technology



Sen. Tokunbo Abiru

and Tax Management authored by reputable corporations including Deloitte, KPMG, Verraki among others were given free of charge to all trainees.

"Participants also received Enterprise Development Certificates after the training.

"I went further to announce a N100Million (One Hundred Million Naira) Constituency Intervention Revolving Loan at a very low concessional 6% interest rate per

annum, which will be topped by additional N100 Million from the Bank of Industry (BOI) and the Lagos State Employment Trust Fund(LSETF) has also graciously pledged to add N100Million totaling N300Million."

The Senator also reeled out interventions and other people-oriented projects he had delivered within the period.

He said: "In Ikorodu Central, Aga Primary School located in Borokini

area was overstretched due to high enrolment of pupils. The four classrooms in the school had become distressed and inadequate.

I facilitated four blocks of 24 classrooms equipped with complements of furniture and 16 toilets and Solar-Powered Borehole. "The infrastructure has greatly improved learning outcomes in the school.

"In Ibeju-Lekki, two blocks of 6 classrooms have been completed at RCM Primary School Iwerekun, Ibeju-Lekki. In Agboyi-Ketu LCDA, 1 block of 3 classrooms have also been delivered at Ajelogo Primary School. An ICT centre has also been facilitated at the Igbobi Junior High School, Somolu Lagos.

"The yearnings for health facilities by esteemed constituents were also heeded. I facilitated the construction of a 40-bed Health facility and Dental Centre at the Ikorodu Campus of the Lagos State Polytechnic (LASPOTECH), now

known as the Lagos State University of Science and Technology. A 200-solar-powered street lights were attracted to the institution.

"In Epe, a 960-spectator capacity mini stadium was also facilitated for the benefit of people, especially the youths. The two-pavilion sport facility is equipped with Basketball and Volleyball courts, and is almost ready for commissioning.

"To further empower businesses to thrive through the creation of enabling environment, we facilitated the supply and installation of transformers in several locations in the District including: Ito Progressive CDA, Ito Isiu Igbopa Ifesowopo CDA, Ijede, Ire Ifelodun CDA, Igbogbo-Bayeku, Magodo Community CDA Oke Ota Ona, Ikorodu, Ikorodu GRA 2, Ibeshe Igbogbo-Bayeku, Ifelaju Abule Eko, Ijede Ikorodu, Sekungba CDA Ikosi Ejirin, Isale Agoro CDA, Epe LGA, Ideraoluwa CDA, Eredo LGA and Olugayan CDA, Imota.

## Have positive mindset, newly inducted hospital staff urged

In line with its quest to drive human capacity and create awareness of its hospitality culture and brand; the management of General Hospital, Ikorodu has charged the newly employed personnel recruited by the Lagos State Health Service Commission to have positive mindset to their

jobs. The management gave the admonition during an orientation and induction programme organised for the new staff members.

They were orientated on various aspects of the job such as introduction to the public service rules covering recruitment,

confirmation, resignation, leave, other career enhancing knowledge and procedures.

It was attended by different categories of staff which include consultants, medical officers, pharmacists, nurses, technicians, health attendants, optometrists and other cadres absorbed into the service – GH

Ikorodu between October 2021 till date as well as the 26 House Officers.

Speaking, the Medical Director/CEO, Dr Taiwo Hassan admonished the staff members to be professional in the discharge of their duties.

He also urged all inductees to shun corrupt tendencies that are

capable of dragging the name of the hospital into disrepute, charging them to always be friendly with patients and warned them against habits and acts that can be detrimental to the image of the hospital.

They were urged to key into the vision of the hospital and be self-aware for productivity.

The member representing Epe Constituency 1 at the Lagos State House of Assembly, Hon Mustain Abiodun Tobun has advised fellow aspirants to do away with politics of bitterness, saying politics should not be a "do or die" affair. Tobun, who noted that some of his fellow aspirants have been campaigning aggressively for the forthcoming 2023 general elections, said they are going against the rule.

According to him, no aspirant is allowed to embark on serious open campaign until the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) officially

## 2023: Shun politics of bitterness - Tobun

By Saheed Afolabi

declare that they do.

"Avoid campaign of calumny, the campaign of defamation of one's character and avoid playing politics of bitterness.

"Let the people vote for their conscience and vote for whoever they want on the seat of power.

"It doesn't matter whether the candidate is a third, fourth, or fifth-time honourable member. What matters most is the quality of representation," he said.

Tobun, who is a third-time seating lawmaker, is seeking reelection for the fourth time to represent Epe constituency 1.

He said his first, second, and third time in the House was by the grace of God and the support of the good people of Epe constituency 1.

"I am not keen on re-contesting for the fourth time, but my people want me back on the seat due to my quality of representation.

"I can't vote alone neither can I re-elect myself to the position, but the will and the interest of



my constituents will prevail, as they want me back on the seat. "I urge my fellow contestants to wait till the day of the primary

election and let the people decide with their votes whoever they want on the assembly seat, come 2023," he said.

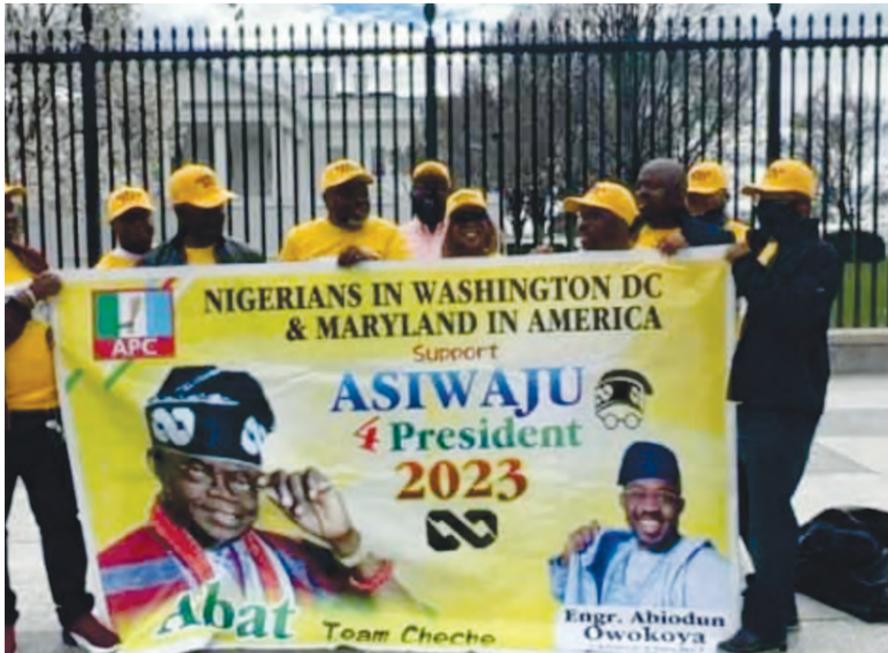


# 2023: Tinubu presidency advocacy goes abroad

By Edith Igbokwe

**A** House of Representatives aspirant in Kosofe constituency on the platform of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Hon. Abiodun Awokoya (Cheche) together with his team has taken support advocacy for Tinubu presidency to the White House, Washington, DC. Awokoya described Tinubu as the best man for the job, being a nationalist who has done so well for the country's democracy over the decades.

He implored Nigerians at home and in the diaspora to do all they can to ensure Tinubu emerges the next president for the progress of the country and Nigerians, regardless of socio-political affiliations, tribes, region and religion. He reiterated on the good attributes of Tinubu to be Nigeria's next president among other aspirants, saying his contribution to Nigeria's democracy and the party had positioned him for the job.



Supporters

He urged the youths to support Tinubu as the only reliable and trustworthy candidate that will give youths a sense of belonging and pave the way for their growth and development, noting that he has done for countless numbers of people from different sides of society.

He disclosed that Nigerians in Washington, DC, Maryland, and other parts of the United States are solidly behind Tinubu. He noted that apart from drumming support, they will also pull resources together to support Tinubu's candidacy as the party flag bearer and the president of the

Federal Republic of Nigeria in 2023.

"I believe with Tinubu's experience and political background, he is going there to make things better for Nigeria and Nigerians at home and in the diaspora. He has the capacity and the ability to fix the economy of the country," he said.

## Agboyi-ketu LCDA chairman, Oshinowo dedicates award to residents

By Edith Igbokwe

**T**he Chairman of Agboyi-Ketu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Dele Oshinowo has appreciated the residents for their cooperation as he dedicated his award to them. Oshinowo was honoured at the 4th Edition of the Timeline Awareness Initiative Lecture and Award organised by Globestrides held at Sheraton Hotel and Towers, Ikeja, Lagos as the 'Chairman of the Year Award The Lagos State Commissioner for Information, Mr. Gbenga Omotosho, who presented the award to Oshinowo, described his leadership style as 'Legendary', stressing that the council chairman was honoured in recognition of the numerous peoples' oriented achievements in Agboyi-Ketu LCDA.

Omotosho stated that the signature of progress has not



Hon. Dele Oshinowo

only endeared him to residents of the locality, but also made him become a shining light in the political affairs of Lagos State.

Receiving the award, the council chairman had said that the prestigious award of excellence would be dedicated to all residents of Agboyi-Ketu LCDA for their cooperation to allow him succeed.

Represented by his deputy, Mrs. Folake Kayode, the chairman explained that the award will spur him and his team to do more for the people of Agboyi-Ketu LCDA.

## LAHA member, Saheed promises more qualitative representation

By Edith Igbokwe

**T**he Law maker representing Kosofe Constituency II at the Lagos State House of Assembly, Hon. Femi Saheed has said that his political grassroots award will serve as a catalyst to do more in his constituency.

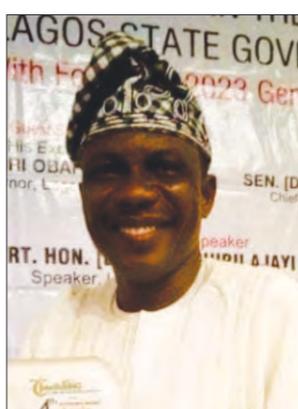
At the Award presentation, Saheed who was honoured with the "Grassroot Politician of the Year Award" for his contribution to the development of people, quality representation and education of youths in his constituency

The 4th edition of Timeline Awareness Initiative Lecture/Award was themed "Imperatives of Harmonious Working Relationship Between Arms of Government, a Key

Ingredient in the Success of Lagos State Government.

Receiving the award, he appreciated the organisers and the host of the event, Mr. Yusuf Adeoye for finding him worthy of the recognition.

He noted that the honour will encourage him and other recipients to improve on impacting positively on the lives of people and the constituency they are representing.



Hon. Femi Saheed

## Agboyi-Ketu LCDA begins road rehabilitation

By Edith Igbokwe

**A**gboyi-Ketu Local Council Development Area (LCDA) under the chairmanship of Hon. Dele Oshinowo has commenced road rehabilitation with interlock paving stones on major trouble spots along Alapere axis. Oshinowo disclosed that the exercise was to find a permanent solution to the age-long problem mitigating against the smooth flow of traffic, noting that asphalt laying on the road has not been effective.

Speaking on the road project, the Chief of Staff to the Council Chairman, Hon. Toheeb Durosimi noted that

the adoption of the paving stones is to allow water through the paving stones, thereby preventing surface erosion or stagnant water.

Durosimi explained further that the road is crucial to boosting economic activities in the locality as it serves as a major link connecting Alapere to Third-Mainland Bridge and Apapa-Oshodi Expressway.

While mindful of the temporary discomfort the rehabilitation will cause, the Chief of Staff urged commuters to kindly cooperate with the contractor to ensure that the road project is delivered as promised.

## Bada sensitises residents on PVC registration

By Edith Igbokwe

**T**he chairman of Ikosi-Isheri LCDA, Hon. Mrs. Abolanle Bada, has sensitised residents on Permanent Voter's Card (PVC) registration, urging them to get their cards before the election next year.

She called on eligible voters to proceed to Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) designated centres in the council area to register and get their Permanent Voters Cards (PVCs).

She stated that the PVC is the only power they possess to elect credible leaders while imploring them to support Bola Ahmed Tinubu as the next president of Nigeria.

The council chairman, while highlighting the importance of the on-going registration and revalidation exercises, urged residents to ensure they revalidate their PVCs to enable them to perform their civil responsibilities in the 2023 general elections.

She stated that ward leaders have been mobilised and will be on standby to assist people at registration centres.

"We also made provision for those who want to do the registration online to make it seamless. They will just go to the INEC office to be captured and collect their PVCs when ready."

The Council Chief of Staff, Mr. Muyideen Balogun, listed the standing committees and their contacts to ensure that all residents are registered by bringing the exercise to their domain for seamless registration.

Councilors, Community Development Associations (CDAs), Community Development Committee (CDC), Market Women and Men, Christian Association of Nigeria, League of Alfas and Imam, Oba and Baales, Political Leaders, youth and women's groups, the Umbrella body for Artisans; Lagos State Council of Tradesmen and Artisans (LASCOTA), were all at the sensitisation programme.



# Bamigboye lauds 'Great Omegason' for gate construction

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Chairman of Mushin LG, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye, has cautioned residents to desist from abusing drainage especially the newly constructed ones to avoid flooding. He gave the warning while following the outcry of residents about the flooding

that occurred after the recent rainfall.

The chairman, who embarked on inspection of the ongoing projects across the local government area, observed and frowned at the lackadaisical attitude of residents towards environmental sanitation.

He discovered that the flood was caused by blockage in the drainage which prevented free

flow of water into the canals constructed by the government as carriage from primary to secondary channels.

The council boss encouraged the residents to always desilt their drains to allow free flow of water.

The council chairman immediately ordered that every house with dirty or blocked drainage be



Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye

summoned by the environment department as a way to checkmate the

indiscriminate abuse of drainage. He also mentioned that if not

cautioned, the newly constructed roads would be corroded and destroyed by flood.

He appreciated the residents for their cooperation on the construction of Alhaji Olatunji, Osindero and Sholanke streets, which were awarded in 2021, charging them to join hands in protecting the roads against destruction by roadside mechanics.

Meanwhile, Bamigboye commended a popular businessman in the community, Alhaji Akingbola Taiwo popularly known as "Great Omegason" for facilitating the construction of an iron gate linking Adedokun Street to Akingbola Street.

## Our constituency projects ready soon - Rep Yemi Alli

The former chairman of Odi-Olowo/Ojuwoye LCDA and the member representing Mushin Constituency I in the Federal House of Representatives, Hon. Yemi Alli, has assured the constituents of timely completion of the projects he facilitated.

The projects, which are 40-bedroom hospital and blocks of classrooms at Odi-Olowo Primary School, Ilupeju, are said to be 85 per cent completed as the

lawmaker certified the quality of the projects.

He said the 40-bedroom hospital which is located inside Awolowo market in Mushin will serve as an easy access for adequate healthcare for the masses and the projects.

He further informed that the other project, which is the construction of a modern 3 blocks of classroom is situated at Odi-Olowo Primary School and it is at 75 per cent completion stage.

## Olowa commends public sch teachers' initiatives

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Noting the hectic and demanding nature of teaching, the Chairman of Ibeju Lekki LG, Hon. Abdullahi Olowa has commended the efforts of public school teachers in the council area while promising to extend more benefits to the education sector.

Olowa made this known following a public school debate organised in the community.

The council boss, who appreciated the teachers, said they have not restricted the students to classroom

learning only but have equally revived extracurricular activities in public schools.

He said the initiation would help students to channel their energy and intellects and prevent them from drifting into criminal activities.

Olowa also promised that, in line with the social agenda of his administration, he will do more in the aspect of infrastructural development in schools by synergising with the heads of schools.

He, therefore, encouraged students to judiciously utilise the opportunity given to them, saying their teachers have tried in all aspects.



Hon. Abdullahi Olowa

## Bamigboye intensifies security measures to curb crimes in Mushin

By Motolani AbdulGafar

As part of strategy to curb insecurity in Mushin metropolis, the Chairman of Mushin LG, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye, has strengthened the council's collaboration with security agencies to devise new strategies to curb crimes in the community.

Bamigboye expressed appreciation to all the security agencies for their support so far towards forestalling the breakdown of law and order in Mushin.

He charged them to intensify efforts to subdue the activities of hoodlums in the community.

The security agencies pointed out various criminal hideouts in the community, as they highlighted different approaches to tackle their excesses.

The stakeholders also suggested some social programmes that should be executed by the government in order to keep the youths off their criminal activities in the area.

The stakeholders include all members of the security council, Council Manager, Area Commander of Nigeria Police, Area D - Aliko Dankoli and Head of Operations - Garba Oseni, Divisional Police Officers of Ijesha, Itire, Alakara and Mushin Stations, Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps, Nigeria Immigration Service, Directorate of State Security, National Orientation Agency, Regent of Itire Community, Chief Imam of Mushin, Representative of Olu of Mushin Kingdom, Eze Ndigbo of Mushin, CDC Chairman and other management staff of Mushin Local Government.

## State govt to intervene on land tussle in Ibeju Lekki

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The state government has promised to intervene in the land dispute between estate agent and residents in Ibeju Lekki.

The Chairman, House Committee on Lands, Mr Richard Kasumu, States this as residents of Okegun-Museyo in Ibeju Lekki LGA appealed to Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu to come to their aid over the torment of land grabbers in the area.

Kasumu assured proper intervention to console both

parties while sympathising with the residents over the incident.

He disclosed that the government is set to invite both parties to discuss the acclaimed issue and ensure justice among residents.

It was gathered that some houses have been unlawfully encroached on in the community by an Estate Agent, DOKay Homes and Property in a disguise that it is a government official.

So far, economic growth and safety of lives and properties in the area have continued to be threatened over and over without anyone to rescue

them.

Explaining the steps taken so far to ensure the land authorisation in the area, a resident, Barrister Jude Wilfred disclosed that they had previously contacted the New Town Development Agency (NTDA) where they confirmed that their lands were duly registered in both Lagos and at the Community Development Association (CDA) level and that external intervention ought not to appear.

He said the residents had begun processing their land regularisation prior to the ban placed on community

excision by Ex-Governor Akinwunmi Ambode's administration while processing the excision at Alausa after Sanwo-Olu lifted the ban.

A former Community Development Association (CDA) Chairman in the area, Mr. Kolawole Ojo on his part displayed legal documents to indicate government approval.

He lamented that some property owners have been hospitalised having watched their properties demolished which they struggled to erect through petty businesses they engage in.



# Residents applaud philanthropist, government over road intervention

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Residents of Ijagemo community under Iba LCDA have commended the efforts of their baale, Chief Jimoh Balogun, philanthropists and Iba LCDA Chairman, Hon. Yisa Jubril for synergising to repair their dilapidated road.

It would be recalled that the road was unmotorable for a long time before their intervention recently. Speaking to ECHONEWS, a resident of the area, Abolaji Thanni narrated that he has been a resident of the area since 1997, confirming that the road was an eyesore.

He said the bad state of the road had affected the economic activities of the community, denying the residents of development opportunities.

Also speaking, Mrs Fayisara Yusuf appreciated the intervention of

the new Baale of Ijagemo land, saying the grading of road and construction of drains began at the inception of his tenure while receiving contributions from Echo of Praise church, Ijagemo, individuals within the community coupled with support from Iba LCDA.

She said so far, the graded road and construction of two culverts at the most swampy junction have calmed the continuous uproar among residents of the community as the road has contributed to increase in transport fare, foodstuffs among other important needs of residents.

She commented that they nevertheless would appreciate the efforts of the government in constructing a tarred road in the community.

In the same vein, Jubril, another resident, disclosed that the intervention of the government is



Ongoing twin culverts at Ijagemo via Ijgunboundary

to ease the longtime flooding problem by connecting the drainages on the major road of Ijagemo Community to the canal linking Obadore bridge.

He assured residents of a concrete construction, saying they would continue to ensure the safety of lives and properties of residents. He, therefore, advised

residents to make good use of the facility and maintain it after completion, as good maintainance would ensure the durability of the infrastructure.

**16-yr-old sales boy arraigned for allegedly stealing 20 cartons of phone accessories**

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The police officers at Zone 2 Police Command in Lagos have arrested a sales boy for allegedly stealing 20 cartons of phone accessories.

The N4million worth of goods were said to have been stolen by 16-year-old William Iheche from his boss while working as a sales boy at Alaba International Market.

After he escaped, the police made efforts in capturing and charging him to court alongside the receiver of the stolen goods, Ada Agamba.

According to the Police Prosecuting Counsel, the thief and his accomplice were charged on a three-count charge of conspiracy, stealing and receiving stolen property, the offences are punishable under section 411, 287 (16) and 328 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State.

The magistrate granted N200,000 bail with two sureties each and adjourned the case to April 1, 2022 compelled them to be kept at Ikoyi and Kirikiri Correctional Centre till the bail is settled.

## 2023 polls: 'Bibire 777' commends masses support

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Following the massive support received from the residents and party loyalists in Ojo LGA ahead of the 2023 general elections, an aspirant for the Federal House of Representatives, Ojo Constituency and former chairman of Oto-Awori LCDA, Hon. Bolaji Robert (Bibire 777) has appreciated the commitment of his supporters canvassing for his aspiration. He disclosed that most of their supports came as a surprise to him, saying the gesture would make him do better than he did while in government if elected. He noted that although the favour he received was due to his commitment towards developing Ojo LGA while in government, saying the support is an encouragement for him to do better.

Bibire specifically noted the donation of the CEO of Onimoro

Homes & Properties who doubles as the Chairman of Abike Oven Fresh Special Loaf, Engr. Olajide Ayuba to cater for the masses on his behalf.

He said his philanthropic attitude

ought to be reckoned with due to the present economic situation of the country.

He revealed that Engr. Ayuba donated dozens of Abike special loaf, branded in his name on it to

ease residents tension and to also propagate his candidacy.

Bibire said his emphasis on Engr. Olajide's donation is based on the fact that a gap of community needs has been filled in a

strategic form and encouraged residents to register or revalidate their Permanent Vote's Card and emulate the good deeds of fellow philanthropists in the community.

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# LAWMA plans to train 50 youths on environment policing

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Lagos Waste Management Authority (LAWMA) is planning to train 50 youths on environment policing in collaboration with Isolo LCDA.

The agency made this known during a meeting with stakeholders on the ways to synergies efforts with the council administration on sustainable waste management and improve environmental habits towards achieving the Smart City drive of the state government.

The meeting was well attended by the critical stakeholders and organisations in the council area such as Market Associations, religious bodies, members of National Youth Council of Nigeria

(NYCN) Isolo Local Chapter, Members of Community Development Committee (CDC), Private Sector Participants (PSP) operators among others as issues bothering on environment and proper waste management were discussed extensively towards achieving a cleaner environment.

The council chairman, Otunba Adebayo Olosoju represented by his Chief of Staff, Hon. Quadri Musbau, implored the residents of the council area to continue to maintain proper hygiene and waste management in accordance with the stipulated regulations of the state.

He said that his administration frowns at indiscriminate dumping of refuse and other practices that may pose inimical threat to the desired clean and habitable environment.

In the same vein, the General Manager of LAWMA, Mr. Ibrahim Odubonu used the occasion to sensitise and re-orientate the stakeholders on the need for all hands to be on deck in realising the Smart city-state with the environment playing a pivotal role. He called on the residents to ensure that they patronise only registered PSP operators and handle their waste properly as anything contrary could have adverse effects on the environment in the long run just as he charged market leaders to enforce sanitation regulations at their respective markets.

Odubonu hinted that his parastatal has concluded arrangements to engage 50 youths in the council area who will be working as environmental officers to bring environmental



LAWMA and Council officials at the stakeholder's meeting

law offenders to book. Contributing, Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Isolo LCDA Chapter chairman, Bishop Solomon Kayode, maintained that

both scriptures preached cleanliness as essential to healthy living. This was corroborated by the Chief Imam of Isolo, Sheikh Qasim Hassan Ajiyan ably

represented by the Mufaseer, Sheikh Shamsideen Abdul Ganiyu who also held that ungodliness starts with unhygienic habits and abuse of one's environment.

## Mafoluku, Sogunle take lead in kendoo's project resumption

By Edith Igbokwe

Oshodi-Isolo Local Government chairman, Otunba Kehinde Oloyede (Kendoo), has mobilised contractors back to sites to complete ongoing road projects he embarked on last year.

The chairman noted that he completed 20 out of the 24 roads placed on rehabilitation within his 100 days in office.

He informed that work has resumed on road rehabilitation which was stopped in January due to paucity of funds, stating that works have commenced again just days after the signing of the year 2022 budget into law after it was passed by the legislative arm of the council.

During the signing of the budget, the council boss promised completion of ongoing projects and to

concentrate more on infrastructural projects in Mafoluku and Shogunle areas of the local government.

"We have commenced work on the ongoing projects we started last year, as I have said infrastructural development of Oshodi-Isolo remains a top priority of our government.

"We have signed the budget into law and I assure you again that we will do everything possible to bring unprecedented development to our dear local government.

"This year, we will be concentrating on Mafoluku and Shogunle areas of the council, we will also rehabilitate our primary health centres. We will give our primary schools more attention by rehabilitating the buildings and equipping them with furniture and modern learning tools to



Road rehabilitation in Shogunle Oshodi

make learning easy for our children."

He reiterated he would not

leave any stone unturned, until he achieve all his electioneering campaign.

Among the sites that work has commenced are Liverpool Road, Oshodi, Opo

Osun street, Shogunle and Mukandasi Street, Mafoluku.

# Man O' War recruits 80 in oshodi-Isolo LGA

By Motolani AbdulGafar

No fewer than 80 new personnel have been recruited into Man O' War in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area (LGA). The recruitment exercise is a yearly activity of the paramilitary organization and this year's edition which was rounded up last week saw the organization inducting over 80 new members who have certified all requirements to be full-fledged members. According to the Recruitment Officer, Comrade Olamide Abiodun who explained that out of the over 150 applicants from the nooks and crannies of the council area this year, only a few

more than 80 passed the series of aptitude tests.

He urged the new intakes to meritoriously represent, uphold and promote the values of the paramilitary which he said is centered around building the man and the community.

His words: "Personally and through the recruitment chairman; Comrade Kolade Abiona, the LGA Commander, Comrade Akere S.O has impressed it on the newly recruited personnel to remain conscious of the genuine reason they join the organization and the need for them to meritoriously represent the bedrocks of the paramilitary and its motto - Build the man, build the community."



Cross section of Man O' war trainees

## LG chairman's wife, Oloyede leads 'End sexual, Gender Based Violence' campaign

By Edith Igbokwe

Wife of the Oshodi-Isolo Local Government chairman, Mrs. Fadekemi Oloyede, has called for an end to sexual and gender based violence against women, child and men in the state. She made the call at the Campaign Against Gender Inequality organised by the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Rescue Team (DSVRT) in conjunction with

the local government at the Marriage registry.

She stressed the need to continuously prosecute perpetrators of domestic and sexual violence in the community.

According to her, the easiest way to win the war against the menace is for every family to become involved by reporting cases and actively following up to get justice for survivors and hold offenders accountable until no girl or woman is left behind.

She advised both boys and



Mrs. Fadekemi Oloyede

girls to report every instance of violence committed against them, or the ones

they have witnessed, no matter how small it might seem to them noting that

when cases are reported, violations become visible and solutions are possible.

Mrs. Sanusi a survivor of domestic violence, encouraged victims to be bold to speak up as she shared her story on what she had faced on domestic violence, how she was maltreated by her husband, as she said she was beaten to comma before she was able to meet Mrs. Lola who rescued her.

Experts and other survivors of domestic violence reiterated the call for end to the domestic violence especially gender based violence.

They explained that Gender Based Violence is often rooted in harmful social, cultural, and religious norms

## Sokunle seeks peolpe's mandate for another term

By Edith Igbokwe

The State House of Assembly member representing Oshodi-Isolo Constituency 1, Hon. Hakeem Shokunle, has revealed his intension to go for another term on the platform of the All Progressives Congress (APC). He called for the support of the Mandate Group and others to realise his aspiration to continue

to provide quality and impactful representation which, he said, Oshodi has been enjoying.

Critical issues towards strengthening the group was discussed and leaders were advised never to relent in ensuring that Mandate Group continues to occupy its rightful position in the Local Government.

The leader of the Group, Comrade Bamidele Ogunskin, commended the stakeholders for

their unwavering loyalty and determination expressed towards the group despite political intimidation and the perceived ongoing marginalization "yet, amidst all, they kept the group waxing stronger."

He advised leaders not to be deterred as their courage is still much needed towards the total liberation from the shackle of unethical political practices in

Oshodi.

In the same direction, the acclaimed LGA Chairman of the All Progressives Congress, Hon. Wale Adelana appreciated the group for their support and commitment displayed in the struggle for the Executive of the party.

He assured that the party will begin to experience new dawn with stability, cohesion and genuine harmony which will be

anchored upon when the party is fully back on ground.

He implored the group leaders to continue to preach love and spread unity amongst the party and to maintain one big family in Oshodi APC despite the setback experienced in the area of the party. Adelana used the occasion to pledge the rebirth and restructuring of the party towards integrating all and sundry.

"We were first recognised as APC

before caucus and the bond we shared as progressives must continue which is the essence of the formation of the political party.

"We are in the era of all-inclusive devoid of any form of segregation and marginalization.

"I call on you all to continue to preach and spread love, unity and harmony among all for the betterment of the party," he concluded.



# Gbajabiamila distributes educational, health equipment to Surulere schools

The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Hon. Femi Gbajabiamila, on Friday distributed educational materials to some schools in Surulere Federal Constituency 1. According to him, the programme is aimed at addressing the widening educational disadvantage, digitise the teaching and learning process and inculcate a culture of basic hygiene in schools across the nation. Speaking at the occasion organised in collaboration with the National Lottery Trust Fund (NLTF), Gbajabiamila said while the health implications of the pandemic were all too obvious, its consequences for education were subtle but devastating, hence the need for such interventions. Represented by Rep. Ademorin Kuye, the Speaker said:

"Statistics is scarce as to how many children have dropped out of school due to the pandemic, especially in countries with developing economies.

"Even where learning seems to have continued uninterrupted, it is hard to evaluate the educational disadvantages stemming from inadequate infrastructure for virtual teaching. For students in Nigerian public schools, the lockdown in 2020 was a huge academic setback.

"Thus, the Jump-Start Project is designed to mitigate the disadvantage caused by the lack of digital infrastructure in public schools, as well as ensure that there are no breaks in teaching and learning in the event of future pandemics. Education is the best possible investment in people.

"It is the silver bullet that lifts

people out of poverty, encourages a broader perspective that expands their world view and allows them to engage critically with the questions that determine the course of civilisation, innovation, and human progress.

"As a government, we are committed to building back a better and stronger educational system, which will be resistant to the eventualities of the new normal and personally, I am committed to improving the lives and livelihoods of my constituents through education. The Minister of Special Duties, Sen. George Akume, who was represented at the event, commended the Speaker for initiating the programme and his passion for education.

He said the programme "is the first of its kind and is groundbreaking in reducing the

gap between the private and public schools such that no school is left behind now that technology has become so vital and central to learning and education."

The minister said the speaker was known as a great patriot deeply committed to issues affecting the wellbeing and development of the nation and so the success of the initiative did not come as a surprise to him. In a remark, the Executive Secretary of the lottery fund, Dr Bello Maigari, who represented the Minister of Special Duties at the event, lauded the speaker's tireless efforts in finding solutions to cushion the adverse effects of Covid-19 on the country's education sector.

He said the programme was aimed at improving the capacity of schools in the area of good hygiene practice through the

provision of basic and standard teaching and learning aid such as laptops, smart tablet fitted e-books for promoting standards in line with global best practices.

He congratulated the 46 schools that benefitted from the programme and reaffirmed the agency's commitment to supporting its continuation across the six geopolitical zones, noting that it got involved in the Surulere programme in fulfilment of its mandate as an intervention agency.

The Founder of the Social Impact, Healthcare and Education Foundation, Sola Afolayan, who is an implementing partner, encouraged the beneficiaries to show gratitude for the Jump-start project by putting the equipment and facilities that they received to appropriate use. She said the sponsors would be

encouraged to do more when they discover that the objective of virtual learning was achieved. Health equipment was also donated to the Gbaja Child and Maternity Centre at the Randle General Hospital, Surulere. Some of the donated items included mechanical patient weighing scales, sphygmomanometers, stethoscopes, oxygen concentrators, obstetric sets, autoclave machines, sonicaid machines, delivery couches, binocular microscopes, hematocrit centrifuge machines, bucket centrifuges and genotype machines.

As for the e-learning materials donated to the 46 schools, they included laptops, Android tablets and phones, stationeries such as exercise books and writing materials as well as some sanitary materials.

## Primary schools get poultry pens

By Saheed Afolabi

The state government has commissioned five poultry pens under the Lagos State Agriculture Education Programme (LASAEP) in Public Primary Schools.

The commissioning took place simultaneously at the five Primary Schools including Obele Primary School, Itire; Community Primary School II Egan, Alimosho; Roman Catholic Primary School, Ipakodo; and Methodist Primary School, Gberigbe.

The construction of the poultry pens in schools is aimed at inculcating farming into young ones.

LASAEP is a programme approved by the governor to compliment the efforts of UBEC in revamping agricultural education.

Six schools benefitted from the construction of the Pens with the supply of birds as encapsulated under the mantra "catch them young". While five pens have been completed and are being commissioned, the poultry pen at Christ Central Primary School, Mushin LGEA is still under construction.

In his remarks at Obele Primary School, Itire, Surulere, the Chairman, LASUBEB, Hon. Wahab Alawiye-King explained that the UBEC Agricultural Education Training Programme (AETP) initiative in 51 schools has been vibrant and attractive to learners in 11 Local Government Education Authorities, with different enterprises such as crop farming, fishery, animal husbandry and poultry. He stated that the

involvement of pupils in farming will not only contribute to economic development but resuscitate agriculture in the learning environment and also promote agricpreneurship in the state.

"I encourage the learners to take full advantage of this programme and build lifelong skills, that will be useful to them in the nearest future. I also urge the school manager and teachers to see to it that the pen is well utilized and supervised," Alawiye-King said.

The Poultry Pen Consultant, Abidemi Iwajomo, testified that the positive interest showed by the pupils has projected a greener pasture in farming, urging the pupils not to rest on their oars in acquiring farming skills, for it is a profession that is contributing majorly to the development of the nation.

## Surulere LG boss pledges support for police to enhance security

By Saheed Afolabi

The Chairman of Surulere Local Government, Hon. Sulaiman Bamidele, has pledged total support for the new Area Commander (Area C), (ACP) Adedeji Adefolarin A.V, and his team to enhance security in the community.

The Council boss made the promise while receiving the Area Commander in his office, describing the meeting as a medium to further cement the relationship that long existed between the police and the citizens.

He stated that Surulere Local Government has been peaceful though, there are some security lapses that need to be touched.

He, therefore, promised to work with the ACP to make a success during his stay.

The Area Commander, who



Hon. Sulaiman Bamidele

is new to the community, affirmed that under his watch, the police would serve law abiding residents diligently.

He assured the residents of readiness of the police to flush out criminals and maintain law and order in the community.



# Ilupeju Grammar School Inter House Competition: Green House emerges overall winner

By Saheed Afolabi

Ilupeju Grammar School had its 22nd inter house competition recently where a total of 4 colored houses competed, which were Green House, Red House, Blue House and Yellow House.

It was an entertaining event as the students participated in march past, rag race, tug of war, athletics and many more.

The house masters were not left out as they shouted continuously on their voice to cheer their students to up their game and be victorious.

Green House came first after accumulating 14 golds, 15 silvers and 9 bronze medals to win the historic Ilupeju

Grammar School 22nd inter house competition.

Raking in 13 golds, 11 silvers and 15 bronzes to come second is Red House, who gave their best but narrowly lost the title by a gold medal.

Yellow House scooped 13 golds, 9 silvers and 11 bronzes to take the 3rd spot, while Blue House occupied the 4th position with 10 golds, 15 silvers and 13 bronze medals.

Speaking to ECHONEWS, the school principal, Mr. Egunyomi Joseph, said it was an important part in the life of the students.

He added that some of the students will represent the national team in the future "because they are breeding talented kids."

Joseph concluded that the school will also make plans to include board games like scrabble, ludo in subsequent inter house competition in the school.

The house master of Green House, Mr Oladele Oluwaseun said the victory of the house was beyond his expectations as he never expected the performance from the students and stated that he was excited with the win.

Mrs Oyegoke Olajumoke, the house mistress of Green House said the process of training the kids was tedious as she consciously urged the students to put in their best which finally paid off as she boast that Green House will retain the title in the next edition.



Green House celebrating

## Luck was not on our side - Shola FC Coach

By Saheed Afolabi

Shola FC was knocked out of the Bolowantan Gold Cup at Ikorodu as they lost to NTAB Vision FC through penalty shootout.

Shola FC who were beginning to gain momentum and gradually getting back to shape had to bid farewell to Bolowantan Gold Cup and focused on other primary assignments at hand.

Speaking with ECHONEWS,

the coach of Shola FC, Abdulfatai Abdulawahab, described the defeat as an unlucky one for the team as the team weren't clinical with their chances.

"It was an eye opener for the boys, because most of them have not played in competition like this and this will help us to prepare very well towards our coming competitions.

"The team was just unlucky, but we were not clinical in attack, we need to work on that area because we

created many chances. We need to work more on our strength, physicality and we must be able to compete technically, the team still need to improve tactically and we have a lot to do, and the guys just need to be ready and prepared to face the challenges ahead.

"We can only get better but we still need to fine tune the team and get better legs in some position. Above all, it wasn't a bad game because we fought till the end of the game."



Shola FC

## OIERFL: North York FC defeat MS Success with lone goal

The top of the table clash between North York FC and MS Success FC in the Oshodi-Isolo, Ejigbo Regional Football League ended in a 1-0 victory for North York FC.

The match which was played at LASPOTECH, Isolo saw the best of

North York FC in the table toppers clash.

North York FC dominated proceedings of the game but couldn't convert their chances as MS Success FC held on to play.

North York got the desired goal in a desirous moments as they

maintain a great form.

MS Success FC tried getting a goal in the game but met a brick wall of defense from North York FC.

The race for the super 4 is top of agenda of all teams in the Oshodi-Isolo, Ejigbo, Regional Football League.

## Joshua to face Usyk in July

Heavyweight champion Oleksandr Usyk has confirmed he is preparing for a rematch with Britain's Anthony Joshua.

Usyk is set to face Joshua in July after his victory last year saw him crowned unified heavyweight champion. The 35-year-old left his native Ukraine, where he had been helping to defend the country from the Russian invasion, on Wednesday.

"I decided to start preparing for a rematch with Anthony Joshua," Usyk posted on Instagram on Friday.

Usyk won the WBA, WBO IBF and IBO belts from Joshua on a unanimous points decision



in London in September.

The rematch with Joshua had initially been targeted for May but was pushed back following the Russian invasion.

Usyk enlisted in Ukraine's

military in March following the Russian invasion.

A banner reading "Hands off Ukraine, Putin!" could be seen behind Usyk in his Instagram video.



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