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The trial of one Andrew Ominikoron, the alleged killer of Bamise Ayanwole, a 22-year-old fashion designer, inside a Bus Rapid Transit, BRT vehicle may have suffered a setback as the suspect has filed for a no-case submission in court.

Ominikoron was in court on January 16, 2024 requesting more time to file no-case submission, which he had now done almost two years that he was arrested for killing Miss Ayanwole and dumped her body at Ebutte Ero, Lagos.

His counsel, Mr. Abayomi Omotubora told the Tafawa Balewa Square Division of the Lagos High Court that he had, at the last proceeding, shown his intention to file a no-case submission in court.

This came after the autopsy of the deceased was released by a Pathologist, Prof. Sunday Soyemi, who examined the deceased and testified that the cause of death of the late Ayanwola is ascribed to severe craniocerebral injury, following a blunt force trauma.

Omotubora, the defence counsel, the witness confirmed to the court that the IPO provided all the information about the deceased before the autopsy was conducted. He, however, clarified that the information provided by the IPO did not form the basis of the cause of death of Bamise.

According to Shoyemi, a professor at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (LASUTH), a bruise was observed on the left side of Bamise's forehead, another on the right temple just above her ear and a large bruise on the back of her skull. In addition, there was a



bruise on the elbow region.

"Upon opening her up, there's what we call subdural hematoma which means bleeding into the soft tissue covering the skull or bleeding into the brain. This was noticed on the frontal area as well as the back of the skull. Again, there was a fracture of the temporal bone, meaning the bone above the ear."

"I checked for deep bruising, meaning 'the bruises we will not be able to see under the skin unless it is removed. These deep bruises were found on both lower lips. The organs were essentially normal except the right ovary which has a cyst (Fluid Collection)."

This according to him, was an incidental finding which has nothing to do with death.

He went further to tell the court that, "Tiny samples were taken from all the organs and were sent to the laboratories. The samples were looked at under the microscope and no remarkable findings

were seen."

"I specifically took samples of the breast and uterus to check for pregnancy but nothing was found. In the light of both the external and internal findings, death was ascribed to severe craniocerebral injury, following a blunt force trauma".

Prof. Shoyemi also told the court that during the examination, he took samples from the deceased for identification while adding that another sample was taken for toxicology, which has also been sent to the Lagos State DNA forensic Lab.

However, the prosecution said that the defendant had sexual intercourse with Ayanwole, without her consent, and murdered her, at about 7p.m., between Lekki-Ajah Expressway and Carter Bridge, on February 26, 2022.

Reacting to the delay in the dispensation of justice, Mr, Jerry Ayanwole, older brother of Bamise said, "We want justice without any cover-up whatsoever

from the powers that be in government and we want to ensure that other women are not killed by ritualists in their prime." The family members of the deceased have kept on calling for justice as they vowed to get to the roots of the case and see off the culprit to the grave or prison, according to the law of the land.

In 2023, Lagos recorded 158 cases of murder but almost all the victims are yet to get justice. Many of the relatives of the victims have been going in and out of courts to get justice for their loved ones who were killed during the years.

Prominent on the list is Mrs. Comfort Ayanwole, whose daughter, Bamise Ayanwale was raped inside the Bus Rapid Transit vehicle and murdered on February 26, 2022.

Since the news of her daughter was broken to her, the bereaved woman, cries every day and every night as she finds it hard to believe that her daughter is gone.

The 72-year-old mother told Echonews she was

still devastated and had been finding it difficult to believe that no justice had been done over the murder.

"I cry every day and every night because I will never see my daughter again," she lamented

Other members of Bamise's family expressed confidence about getting justice for her, including the deceased older brother, Jerry, who said he was optimistic that his sister would get justice.

"I am very sure that justice will prevail; the case will never be swept under the carpet," he said.

Recall that the state government was so much involved in the case, saying that the body pf Bamise would only be buried until after the result of the autopsy had been released.

Successive Lagos administrations have shown capacities in stopping bank robbery through the creation of Lagos State Security TrustFund.

However, the government is not doing enough in the area of

murder crime as the state recorded 345 murder cases in 2022, highest in years and another 163 murder cases in 2023.

Acting Commissioner of Police, DCP Waheed Ayilara disclosed this at security town hall meeting, adding that 158 cases of murder were recorded, with the incidents resulting in the death of 163 victims.

But the real issue at hand now is the unending prosecutions of the suspects in the various murder cases.

In the killing of Super TV Chief Executive Officer, Usifo Ataga, the suspect, Chidinma Ojukwu appeared last in court in May 2023 where she tendered fresh statements.

A Lagos High Court, Tafawa Balewa Square (TBS) admitted in evidence, the two hand written statements made by Chidinma Ojukwu.

Trial judge, Justice Yetunde Adesanya, in her ruling, said the prosecution proved beyond reasonable doubt, the voluntariness of the defendant's statements.

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In the course of the trial within trial, the defendant objected to the admissibility of her confessional statements to the police, alleging they were made under duress.

In the killing of Adeniyi Sanni, the security aide, to Senator Solomon Adeola, popularly known as Yayi, a Lagos State Magistrate Court sitting in Ogba has remanded three suspects at the Kirikiri Correctional Centre.

Magistrate Temitope Oladele remanded the suspects: Fred Azeez Okuno, a 43-year-old resident of Lagos; Lucky Idudu Michael, a 33-year-old from Delta State; and Adedigba Segun, a 26-year-old from Ibadan, Oyo State following a request to that effect by the Lagos State Police Command.

The magistrate ordered that they were to be remanded at the Kirikiri correctional centre for 30 days, pending legal advice from the office of the state's Directorate of Public Prosecution (DPP). The remand injunction was in September 2023 but up till now, the suspects are still in Kirikiri as the court awaits advice from the DPP.

Confirming the arrests of the suspects while parading them at the Command's headquarters in Ikeja, Lagos, the state Commissioner of Police, Idowu Owohunwa, said their arrest was made possible through a diligent investigation carried out by the police.

Owohunwa said, "Through painstaking intelligence and investigative activities which brought out the best in the capacity of Lagos Police Command, we have succeeded in arresting the syndicate of the robbery and murder. The three suspects directly involved in the robbery and murder, were arrested with three firearms, including the killer weapon, recovered." The command recovered one brand new pistol with three rounds of live ammunition, one Beretta pistol with three rounds of live ammunition, one locally made cut-to-size



pistol with six live cartridges, six expended cartridges, military gear comprising a military camouflage vest, jungle hat, a jungle boot and a red Honda CRV from the suspects.

The suspects were charged to court on a remand application which was granted and the case was adjourned till January 9, 2024, for the DPP's advice. However, the suspects were not brought to court on January 9.

However, the killing of a lawyer, Omobolanle Raheem by a police officer, Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Drambi Vandri on December 25, 2022 at Lekii area of the state has been prosecuted to a laudable conclusion

and the accused person sentenced to death.

A Lagos State High Court, sitting at Tafawa Balewa Square, sentenced a suspended Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) Drambi Vandri, to death by hanging, for killing a pregnant Lagos-based lawyer, Omobolanle Raheem, on December 25, 2022.

Vandri was found guilty on a one-count murder charge brought against him by the Lagos State Government, contrary to Section 223 of the Criminal Laws of Lagos State, 2015.

Vandri, attached to the Ajiwe Police Station in Ajah, Lagos State, shot the pregnant Raheem, while she was returning from an outing with her family

members on Christmas Day.

In her judgment, Justice Harrison held that the convict should be hanged by the neck until he dies. Olakitan Bolu Agbaje, the counsel representing Raheem's family expressed her satisfaction with the verdict stating that though, it could not bring the dead back, the judgement would give the family the hope that the Convict has been brought to book and would get his deserved punishment. Meanwhile, Adetokunbo Odotola, the lead defence Counsel, said that he would know the next step to take when he receives the Certified True Copy (CTC) of the judgement.

Speaking on the rate of murder in Lagos, Sanwo-

Olu said that the state government's intention to employ digital surveillance in combating emerging crimes had started to take shape, given the phased rollout of technology tools, including high-definition cameras to monitor strategic locations across the state.

The governor sent a loud warning to criminals still operating in Lagos to vacate the state before the law caught up with them. He pledged not to spare any effort in making the state unsafe and inhabitable for criminals.

Provision of security, Sanwo-Olu said, should not be seen as a one-way process, but urged residents to collaborate and provide information to security agencies whenever they notice suspicious activities within their communities.

He said, "I am sending a strong and loud message to all purveyors of crimes and criminalities in Lagos. We would stay ahead of your intentions and actions, and we would fight you with everything we have. There will be no room for actions that undermine our well-being and our capacity to achieve our dreams and aspirations."

Meanwhile the state House of Assembly has bemoaned the delay in the

dispensation of justice over the death of Bamise.

The Speaker of the House, Rt. Hon. Mudashiru Obasa, described as unfortunate that almost two years to the killing of the lady, justice had not been served.

"Unfortunately, the judiciary is an institution on its own and we do not have the power to dabble into their activities. We cannot compel the judiciary but can only lend our voice by saying the people of the State are eager to know about the case.

"We need to invite the family, the civil society group and the agency of the government that has a role to play so that they can let us know how far they have gone.

"If we are encouraging people to make use of public transportation, then we must build that confidence that they are safe. All the buses on our roads must have CCTV cameras. Our new trains and terminals should also have. The essence of this is to prevent crime. Security is very crucial," the Speaker said.

He noted that if in six months, the family of Bolanle Raheem, the lawyer who was murdered by a policeman, could get justice, there should also be justice for Bamise.

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Govt Targets Financial Independence For PLWDs

Lagos State Government has expressed its intention to foster financial independence among persons with disabilities through the implementation of a series of empowering initiatives and the creation of equitable opportunities for everyone.

Speaking at the commencement of the Entrepreneurship Training Programme organised For People With Disabilities (PWDs) on Tuesday at Alimosho Local Government Secretariat, Commissioner for Wealth Creation and Employment, Hon. Akinyemi Ajigbotafe said that every citizen, regardless of ability, has the chance to achieve financial autonomy and contribute meaningfully to the economy of the State.

While noting that the training programme is an affirmation of the BabajideSanwo-Olu's administration to ensure the inclusion of all categories of Lagosians into the T.H.E.M.E.S Plus Agenda, Ajigbotafe



expressed the belief that the participants of the programme will in no distant future be in a position to also contribute their quota to the socio-economic development of Lagos State.

The Commissioner also acknowledged the challenges of discrimination, marginalization and

mobility faced by persons with disabilities, especially as they go about their daily activities, revealing that the unemployment rate for Adults with disabilities is about 9% more than double the national average.

He said, "It is in the realization of these challenges that the Lagos State Governor,

Mr. BabajideSanwo-Olu recently donated 50 wheelchairs, 170 walking sticks, 75 white canes and 69 crutches to 364 persons living with disabilities (PWDs) to aid their mobility".

He averred that despite the support accorded to this category of persons by the government, there is an urgent need for the private sector to

collaborate with the government to initiate and kick-start programmes that will have a meaningful impact on the lives of persons with physical or mental challenges and indeed all Lagosians in general.

Ajigbotafe added that having realised that financial challenge is prevalent amongst people with disabilities and its attendant effects on their mental, physical health and housing options, the state government decided to initiate the empowerment initiative specifically directed to persons with disabilities.

In his words: "This fact led us to initiate this Entrepreneurship Training Programme that would provide sustainable means of livelihood for all participants. We intend to train participants in vocations such as Phone Repairs, Hairdressing, Makeover, Arts and Craft, Leatherworks, Shoe & Bags and Barbing, as a way of raising platforms for enhanced productivity and making it easy for all participants to set up their businesses.

"Our instinctive stance is expected to herald an empowered and motivated crop of ready-to-go persons living with

disabilities, as our concerted efforts is a resolve dedicatedly supported by our compassionate Governor".

On his part, the Permanent Secretary, Dr. Biodun Onaye recalled that the first edition of the Entrepreneurship Empowerment Training Programme for People with Disabilities produced about 1000 beneficiaries who were trained in different vocations and given start-up kits across three centres: Vocational Rehabilitation Centre for People with Disabilities Owutu Ikorodu, Egbe-Idimu Local Government Secretariat and Spinal Cord Injuries Association of Nigeria Amuwo-Odofin Centre.

He said that the Ministry of Wealth Creation and Employment in line with its establishing mandates will continue to pursue any initiative aimed at drastically reducing the rate of unemployment and empowering Persons With Disabilities (PWDs).

Onaye, therefore, urged the beneficiaries to make good use of the opportunity provided by the training by being very attentive, so that they will be able to start their own business, become employers of labour and contribute to the growth and development of not just the State, but Nigeria in general.

Alleged N40m Land Scam: Govt Mediates Between Revolution Plus, Complainant

Lagos State Governor, Mr. BabajideSanwo-Olu has directed Lagos State Real Estate Regulatory Authority (LASRERA) to commence an investigation into a viral video clip made by one Mr. Kayode Oladipo about 20 plots of lands he supposedly bought in 2017 from a Property Company, RevolutionPlus without any physical allocation of the said plots.

Following the Governor's directive, the Lagos State Commissioner for Housing, Hon. MorufAkinderu-Fatai; Special Adviser to Lagos State Governor on Housing, Barr. Barakat Odunuga-Bakare and Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of Housing, Engr. GbolahanToriola, on Friday, invited the Management of RevolutionPlus Limited, led by the Company's Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director, Dr. Bamidele Onalaja, for a fact-finding meeting.

The information-

gathering meeting by the top government officials, according to the Commissioner for Housing, will help find lasting solutions to frequent reports of fraudulent practices in the State's real sector and thus protect the interest of investors and investees in the Real Estate business transactions in Lagos State.

Special Adviser to Lagos State Governor on Housing, Barr. Barakat Odunuga-Bakare recalled that before the viral video made by Mr. Kayode Oladipo, there had been some concerns raised by members of the public about the conduct of RevolutionPlus Property Limited to some of its subscribers.

The members of the investigation team reiterated the resolve of the State government to investigate the allegation against RevolutionPlus Limited in line with LASRERA Law 2022.

According to them, LASRERA Law 2022

empowers the agency to investigate petitions and complaints from members of the public to protect and promote sanity as well as boost further investors' confidence both at home and foreign investments for the sector in Lagos State.

The CEO/MD of the real estate company, Dr. Bamidele Onalaja, affirmed that Mr. Kayode Oladipo (complainant) subscribed for 20 plots of land from RevolutionPlus Property Limited at Dallas Court, Lekki and Royalty Gardens, Ajah, in Lagos State.

Dr. Onalaja explained that two out of the original 20 plots were fully paid for by the client, while the necessary documentation has been completed and handed over to him. He added that the remaining 18 plots of those land have not been fully paid by Mr. Kayode Oladipo as he flouted the payment agreement on the

contract.

He said that property NOT fully paid for with its associated costs will not be processed based on contract conditions because, in case of non-compliance, the company policy requires the relocation of such subscribers to another site upon completion of payment or refund of the deposited sum less 40% of the amount paid.

He noted that having defaulted in his payment pattern, RevolutionPlus Property Limited relocated him to another land site at Amazon Estate, Epe, which he declined while the option of refunding the sum advanced was also rejected by Mr. Kayode Oladipo, the complainant.

Onalaja said that the company has finalised the allocation of five plots to Mr. Kayode Oladipo at Amazon Estate based on the payment made with necessary documents forwarded to him.

The CEO of



RevolutionPlus Property Limited also added that Mr. Kayode Oladipo did not make a payment of N40,000,000.00 to the company as claimed in the viral video, urging members of the public to disregard his claims as untrue and misleading.

However, in the course of the committee's investigation, Mr. Kayode Oladipo who was contacted on the phone, maintained that he paid the deposit sum of N18,606,000.00 to RevolutionPlus Property Limited in 2017. He added that along the line, he lost his job and couldn't continue with the payment as he initially agreed.

He confirmed that he declined the option of relocation to Amazon

Estate, Epe in Lagos State, and wants the State Government to compel RevolutionPlus Property Limited to allocate his subscribed plots of land to him.

The Investigation Committee explained to Mr. Kayode Oladipo that having defaulted in his payment arrangement, the real estate company has the right to offer the option of relocation to another site equivalent to money paid or the option of a refund of the amount paid less 40% as stipulated in the agreed contract of sales by both parties.

It should be noted that after the deliberations by the investigation team, Mr. Kayode Oladipo (Complainant) has agreed to accept the allocation of five plots of land at Amazon Estate, Epe of Lagos State which is equivalent to the present value of his payment.

Lagos, UAE To Explore Mutually Beneficial Investment Opportunities

Lagos State Government and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have initiated the process of exploring various investment opportunities in the State that are mutually beneficial to both governments. The decision was taken at a meeting by the representatives of the Lagos State Government led by the Commissioner for Commerce, Cooperatives, Trade & Investment (MCCTI), Mrs. Folashade Ambrose-Medebem and the Consul General of UAE, His Excellency, Dr. Abdulla Almandoos,

held at the Consulate General office, Lagos today. Speaking at the meeting, Ambrose-Medebem expressed that the Lagos State Government, through her Ministry, is irreversibly committed to driving economic growth and prosperity, promoting trade and strengthening the Organised Private Sector along with MSMEs, Nano enterprises and women businesses. Her words: "The various ongoing mega projects running into multi-billion naira investments in Rail transportation, Fourth



Mainland Bridge, Lagos Food Logistics Hub, Lagos Film City and others are poised to accelerate the growth of Lagos. These will also open more opportunities

for investors and our goal is to enhance the ease of doing business to encourage more Domestic Direct Investments and Foreign Direct

Investments.

"The fast growth of Lagos would also require ambitious investment in ICT to boost its status as home to unicorns,

along with huge potentials waiting to be exploited in power, health, environment, housing, transportation and other sectors, of which the UAE can take advantage with expected high returns on investments", she said.

Consul General of UAE in Lagos, His Excellency, Dr. Abdulla Almandoos opined that the Emirate is interested in what it can do with Lagos, particularly on how to bring money from Dubai into the State and how that can be deployed for the benefit of each other.

Lekki Conservation Centre: Govt Restates Commitment To Safety of All Tourists, Citizens

The Lagos State Government has observed with displeasure a viral video by a concerned tourist on a broken segment of the long canopy walkway within the Lekki Conservation Centre. While inspecting the centre, officials of the Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture led by the Special Adviser to the Governor on Tourism, Arts and Culture, Mr. Idris Aregbe, in conjunction with the Lagos State Safety Commission, Mr. Lanre Mojola, discovered that the broken segment had already been repaired and restored to normal. However, the site would remain shut for further routine

maintenance.

The Director-General of the Centre, Prof Mathew Onoja, appreciated the State Government for its intervention after the viral video, which first circulated in December. He said the centre will remain safety conscious and will abide by the directives of the State Government

The Ministry would like to assure the general public that the Lagos State Government is committed to the safety and well-being of citizens at all tourist locations within the state and would take further steps to see that all safety standards are met before the centre is reopened.



Igbolowu Community Holds Stakeholders Meeting With CDA

Lagos State Government has advised Community Development Associations (CDAs) in the State to continue to live in harmony for the overall development of the State. This was part of the resolution reached at a recent meeting held recently at Igbolowo Town in Ikorodu. The meeting which was organised at the instance of the Special Adviser to the Governor on Rural Development, Dr. Nurudeen Yekinni Agbaje, had in attendance key stakeholders, such as the Community Development

Association (CDA) Excos, Heads of the families, Heads of Departments from the Ministry of Local Government, Chieftaincy Affairs and Rural Development. The primary focus of the meeting was to address and resolve a three-year long-standing dispute between the CDA and the residing families in Igbolowo Community and its environs. The Special Adviser expressed his delight at the fruitful resolutions made in the course of the meeting, which would birth cooperation and peaceful co-existence within the community.



Dr. Agbaje also took the opportunity to enlighten the CDA on effective strategies to generate revenue and support the community in achieving various developmental projects. According to him, "This knowledge will

empower the CDA to embark on community projects for the collective benefit of all residents, and foster financial sustainability, which would enhance the overall development and well-being of Igbolowo in Ikorodu". He appreciated the active participation of everyone, as it reflects a shared commitment to the growth and prosperity of the community. He urged members of the CDA and the Community to translate their collaborative coexistence to a bigger vision by building a resilient and strong community that depicts the greater dream of Lagos State.

Capacity Building: Canadian University Trains Lagos Internal Auditors

The Office of Internal Auditor has engaged the services of the University of Calgary, Canada, for a five-day training of selected Internal Auditors, tagged: "Revenue Systems Audit Champions", held at Ikeja. Explaining the rationale behind the training during the opening ceremony on Monday, the Special Adviser to Lagos State Governor on Internal Audit, Dr. Oyeyemi Ayoola noted that the skill set and capacity training for selected Internal Auditors in service is to expose them to global standards and procedures of auditing electronic revenue collections and revenue management. The Special Adviser maintained that to achieve the quality of life that Lagosians desire and to keep up with the THEMES Plus developmental agenda of the present administration, there is a need for the State Government to expand its non-tax internally

generated revenue. According to her, auditors in Lagos State Government employment will assist the government in blocking revenue leakages, reduce the risk inherent in revenue collections and ultimately collaborate with other stakeholders to improve non-tax IGR from 18% to 40%, which will make more funds available for the developmental projects in the education, health, security sectors of Lagos economy, thereby enhancing the overall quality of life for Lagos residents. She informed that the curriculum of the training delves into advanced systems revenue auditing techniques, with a focus on the non-tax revenue collection cycle and provides the internal auditors with audit tools needed to navigate complex revenue management and financial structures. Her words, "The collaboration between

Lagos State and the University of Calgary serves as a testament to our dedication to fostering an international partnership that will contribute to the economic growth and sustainability of the same in Lagos. With this partnership, Lagos State has positioned itself at the forefront of innovative financial strategies, leveraging international expertise to maximise its revenue potential". She disclosed that the joint training initiative also opens avenues for knowledge exchange between internal auditors in Lagos and their counterparts in Canada, stressing that the cross-cultural sharing of expertise is expected to enrich the training programme by providing auditors with a global perspective on financial compliance and non-taxable revenue management. While saying that Internal Auditors are expected to play both preventive and corrective roles in auditing, Dr. Ayoola informed that the



..... Targets Increased Non-Tax Internally Generated Revenue

training will accentuate strict compliance with applicable standards of revenue collections from revenue payers, while blocking identified loopholes in the revenue collection cycle system. She told auditors, who are the compliant officers in the state, to shift focus from mainly expenditure auditing to revenue auditing as revenue generation births expenditure. The Special Adviser to the State Governor on Taxation and Revenue, Mr. Abdukabir Ogungbo, while addressing participants at the

training, stated that the objective of the training is to ensure that non-taxable revenue increases significantly, thereby increasing the financial capability of the State. He described that partnership initiative with the University of Calgary, Canada, as a welcome development for the State Government in ensuring that the State is at the forefront of upgrading its internally generated revenue for developmental purposes. On her part, the Permanent Secretary, Office of Internal Audit,

Mrs. Kikelomo Dawodu, FCA, maintained that the State needs sufficient funds to keep moving forward in terms of infrastructural development, hence, there is a need to expand its non-tax internally generated revenue. She said the auditing of the revenue system in Lagos State is geared towards bringing an end to leakages, adding the training will expose the participants to different ways of blocking identified loopholes through sophisticated technology that would make the auditor detect errors and rectify them immediately.

Govt To Prosecute Residents Who Vandalise Public Infrastructure

Lagos State Government has vowed to prosecute residents in the habit of vandalising infrastructure put in place for public use.

The pronouncement came during an inspection by some members of the State Executive Council to No. 6 Reeve Road Ikoyi where a property owner (names withheld) was alleged to have vandalised a drainage infrastructure recently constructed by the State Government.

The delegation, which included the Head of Service, Mr. Bode Agoro, Commissioner for Environment and Water Resources, Mr. Tokunbo Wahab; Special Adviser on Infrastructure, Engr.

Femi Daramola and Special Adviser on Environment, Mr. Kunle Rotimi-Akodu inspected the vandalised portion of the drainage.

Speaking after the inspection, Commissioner for the Environment and Water Resources, Tokunbo Wahab said residents must be informed that cutting road infrastructure without the permission of the State Government is illegal.

He vowed that the property owner would be prosecuted to serve as a deterrent to such property owners across the state who may contemplate damaging road infrastructure all in the name of creating entry and exit points.

"I would like to appeal to residents to desist from all forms of illegal acts because the Government cannot afford the huge cost of reconstruction of public infrastructure over and over again resulting from unwholesome project development activities. The cost of doing the right thing is cheaper than the cost of correcting the consequences of refusal to do them", he said.

In his remarks, the Special Adviser on Infrastructure, Engr. Femi Daramola said the aforementioned road/drainage was built and commissioned barely a year ago, adding that the tenement in question had abused the road and drainage channel

without due process thereby defacing the environment and distorting the flow of stormwater.

He explained that the tenement damaged the infrastructure while claiming to construct an extra gate/entrance, saying that the team had to visit the place to find out the level of damage caused and ascertain if any approval was received before the commencement of the illegal construction.

He stressed that it was a gross abuse of infrastructure because huge public funds were spent on the drainage construction, adding that the Ministry of Justice would take necessary steps to serve notices to the tenement.

He advised residents to ensure they go through the right process by writing and requesting approvals from relevant agencies before tampering with public infrastructure, stressing that when approval is granted, the project will be supervised to ensure the right specifications are in place and the right thing is done at all times.

He opined that the present administration remains determined and would continue to work hard to ensure Lagos is flood-free and achieves a sustainable environment, charging residents to always support the efforts of the government.

"The governor is working assiduously to

put connectivity all around the state; All public infrastructure when completed should be guarded jealously. Take ownership of these infrastructures when you see road abuse, send an alert, report it because it's a punishable offence and the law will take its course", he said

Also on the team were the Permanent Secretary, Office of Drainage Services, Engr. Olalekan Shodeinde; Permanent Secretary, Environmental Services, Dr. Gaji Omobolaji Tajudeen; General Manager of Lagos State Public Works Corporation, Engr. Somide and other top government officials.

Govt Removes Illegal Shops, Shanties at Lagos Island Business District

Lagos State Building Control Agency (LSBCA) has commenced the removal of shops and shanties built on roads and setbacks within the Lagos Island Business District.

The exercise is aimed at creating easy access to high-rise buildings and offices in the area, especially during emergency periods and also creates link roads for vehicle movement to decongest traffic situations in the area.

The Commissioner for Physical Planning and Urban Development, Dr. Oluyinka Olumide, who spoke to media correspondents in Alausa on the exercise on Tuesday, noted that it's long overdue for the

State Government to open up access roads and streets within the Lagos Island Business District for easy access by rescue operators during emergencies.

He disclosed that the removal of shanties and illegal shops built on access points leading to high-rise buildings and offices which is a continuous exercise will be extended to other parts of the State in line with the mega city status as envisaged by Mr. Governor.

In his words: "Shanties and makeshift shops have no place in the THEMES PLUS Agenda of Mr.

Governor and therefore are not allowed anymore in markets as the government has provided designated markets, shops and outlets for traders to do their business instead of coming onto the roads. All corridors leading to commercial and residential high-rise buildings across the state have to be cleared to allow for emergency services at all times".

Olumide further disclosed that the state government is fully committed to the total regeneration and renewal of urban areas to meet the mega status of Lagos State. He also disclosed that the Mandilas Building gutted by fire over the weekend will have to

undergo a structure integrity test to ascertain its habitable status before it can be re-opened for public use.

Speaking also on the removal exercise, the General Manager of LASBCA, Arc. Gbolahan Oki decried the negative impact the age-long practice of blocking roads and streets by traders has on the easy movement of vehicles and the inability of emergency services deployed during critical situations to function and have easy access to where they are needed.

He noted with dismay the ugly situation that continuously plays out whenever there are fire

outbreaks within the markets on the island business district as fire trucks find it extremely difficult to get to their target to deploy firefighting equipment in those areas.

"It is unfortunate that traders and shop owners have taken over major roads and streets blocking the easy movement of vehicles within the markets, we cannot fold our alms and allow this ugly situation to go unchecked. Lagos State Government is taking the bull by the horns by removing all shops and shanties impeding the free flow of vehicular movement within these axes. We are giving shop owners in other adjoining

streets to the Mandilas Building one week grace period to salvage their wares and goods from such offending shops as the State Government has resolved to clean up the area", he started.

Oki, while noting that several warnings earlier given by the government to owners of shops erected on streets and roads have not been obeyed, advised them to take advantage of the grace period given to remove their wares instead of flying the ethnic kites that only business interests of an ethnic group are being targeted as the government is resolute this time to ensure that shops on the roads and streets are removed and sanity returns to the markets.

NBA Sets up Committee for AGC 2024

By Felix Kuyinu

The Nigerian Bar Association, NBA, has appointed its members for the Annual General Conference (AGC) 2024 and the National Remuneration Committee (NRC) towards its annual conference to be held in Lagos. Referring to the Paragraphs 10, 11 and 12 of the Legal Practitioners Remuneration (for Business, Legal Service and Representation) Order

if 2023, the body's Remuneration Implementation Committee initially proposed the idea of setting up the committee team to the National Executive Council (NEC) during a forum of the association held on December 7, 2023 as contained in a statement issued by the National Assistant Publicity Secretary, NBA Charles Ajiboye. The notice stated that the NBA President, Yakubu Maikyau (SAN) has appointed



Mrs. Oyinkansola Badejo-Okusanya as the Chairperson of the Annual General Conference Planning

Committee 2024 (AGCPC), having been the alternate chairman for the AGCPC2023.

Amina Sulieman Kaoje got the nod as the Alternate chairperson, Laura Alakija as Secretary while Chika Eucharia Okorie was appointed Assistant Secretary. The statement also revealed that other members will be announced later whilst the committee reserves the power to co-opt members as they deem necessary. In the same vein, the statement said the President has also constituted the NBA and NRC and

appointed Mazi Afam Osigwe (SAN) as the Chairman while Aminu Sani Gadanya was appointed as the alternate chairman. Foluke Akinmoladun was appointed Secretary while Florence Marcus was the Assistant Secretary. Other members of the remuneration committee are: Professor Agbo Johnson Madaki, Adama Mohammed, Cordelia Uwuma Eke, Damian Nosike, Abdulwasii Alfa, Barbara Omosun and Augustine Nwabueze Eseagwu.

Lagos CJ, BOSAN, Lawyers Pay Tribute To Legal Icon, Uwechue

By Felix Kuyinu

The Lagos State Chief Judge, Justice Kazeem Alogba, has lauded the former Chairman of the Body of Benchers, Late Chief George Uwechue (SAN), as an erudite senior lawyer who would be dearly missed by practitioners in the legal profession.



Lawyer, Louis Mbanefo (SAN), also stated that Uwechue became a Life Bencher and Chairman of the Body of Benchers."

Mbanefo noted: "During my visits to his house shortly before his death, he expressed his delight at the honour bestowed on him by the Body of Benchers by naming a building at their headquarters in Abuja after him.

"The death of Owelle has left a void in our hearts. He shall sorely be missed."

Justice Mary Odili spoke highly of the deceased. Abla represented by Dele Adesina (SAN), Odili noted: "Chief George Uwechue, (SAN) was a quintessential practitioner, a rare gem, a great leader, an epitome of humility, a mentor and a respected elder statesman.

"He distinguished

and made a name for himself within and outside the legal profession. He was one Nigerian that served the legal profession and the nation diligently and meritoriously in various capacities."

A requiem mass and Night of Tributes were held at the Nigerian Law School, Lagos Campus in honour of the legal luminary.

Among those who attended were Labour Party presidential candidate, Mr. Peter Obi; wife of Nigeria's former Vice President, Dr. Beatrice Ekwueme; Senator Daisy Danjuma, and a representative of the Ooni of Ife, Oba Adeyeye Enitan Ogunwusi CFR (Jájá II) among senior members of the bench and Bar.

Reacting on behalf of the family, Hon. Sally Uwechue-Mbanefo thanked the Lagos State Judiciary for the honour done to the patriarch of the family.

LASG Ignites Campaign Against Sexual Violence

By Felix Kuyinu

The Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency, DSV, Lagos State, has intensified its fight against sexual and gender-based violence in communities by engaging artisans in the state.



The sensitization program also involved members of Community Development Committees, CDC, and Community Development Association, CDA in the state.

The agency informed that the advocacy programme, which had over 150 participants in attendance, was organised in collaboration with the Lagos State Ministry of Wealth Creation as well as chairmen of all local governments in the state during the event which took place at Ikeja Lagos.

The Head, Community Engagement, DSV, Damilare Adewusi, emphasised the body's significant role in the advocacy, urging for swift alleviation of such criminal act.

He expressed

dissatisfaction over the rampant occurrence of sexual misconduct in the society and lauded the efforts of the security agencies, Judiciary and members of the public for the fight put up in combating occurrence of such acts in communities. He assured the gathering and communities in the state as a whole that the state government is more poised in their quest in putting up unwavering commitment to zero tolerance for sexual crimes, thereby ensuring justice prevails.

The Executive Director, Centre for Women's Health and

Information, Mrs Atinuke Odukoya, explained the various forms of abuse and the need for mandated reporters in their respective communities and place of work. She informed the attendees on the need for cases of crimes, not only sexual based to be reported to right agencies for prosecution of offenders. The Executive Secretary, (DSVA), Mrs Titilola Vivour-Adeniyi, spoke on the relevant laws on SGBV, the infringements as well as the punishment for each of the offences.

The agency hinted on exploring existing state structures, explaining the holistic approach in eradicating sexual and gender-based violence in the state.

BOSAN, represented by foremost maritime

LSTMB Seeks Compliance With Health Sector Reform ... Calls for Registration, Regularization among Practitioners

In line with the desire of the Lagos State Traditional Medicine Board (LSTMB) to have a comprehensive database of functional traditional medicine practitioners in the State, the Governing Board of the agency has approved the revision of the Register of Practitioners in Lagos State following

the Health Sector Reform Laws of 2006. According to the Registrar of LSTMB, Mr. Babatunde Adele, all Registered/Licensed Practitioners are implored to approach the Head Office of the Agency on 21 Boyle Street, Onikan, Lagos to regularise their registration. He added that all already registered

practitioners of Traditional Medicine and Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine would be required to pay all outstanding renewal debts including premises fees to the designated account of the Agency as part of the regularisation requirements. The Registrar explained

that the increasing and unbearable level of quackery in the field of Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine has made it compelling for the agency to review the Register of Practitioners in the State. He urged those operating illegally should as a matter of urgency, seek necessary

steps with the Agency to regularise their practice on/before Friday 16th February 2024. "It should be noted that all practitioners of Traditional Medicine and Traditional, Complementary and Alternative Medicine who fail to renew their license up to date shall have their names delisted from

the Register in consonance with the provisions of the aforementioned Law. Furthermore and in accordance with the extant laws, the Re-enlistment/Reinstatement of Practitioners will attract a penalty, while illegal operators shall be heavily sanctioned, including sealing of the contravening Facility", the Registrar reiterated.

Govt Trains LASEMA, LASAMBUS, Fire Service Staff on How To Write



The Ministry of Establishments and Training has organised a workshop for the staff of the Lagos State Emergency Management Authority, Lagos State Ambulance Service and Lagos State Fire Services. The Three-Day workshop with the theme: "First Responders", commenced today in Ikeja with 100 participants in attendance drawn from the three agencies. Declaring the workshop open, the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Establishments and Training, Mrs. Olubusola Abidakun advised participants to

embrace the opportunity of collaborating in the course of the workshop, adding that they should approach the workshop with an open mind and eagerness to learn by asking questions. She appreciated the staff of the three agencies for the critical role they play with regards to disaster management in the State, adding that the workshop was organised for them to be more effective and efficient as first responders on their jobs. Similarly, the Ministry of Establishments and

Training has also organised training for other officers in the State Public Service with the theme: "Business Writing and Communication Skills". The Two-Day training which also commenced today at Public Service Staff Development Centre had 65 participants between Grade Levels 13-17 in attendance drawn from different agencies and cadres. The programme, which was declared open by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Establishments and Training, Mrs. Olubusola Abidakun, was intended to sharpen the writing skills of participants.

Crime Prevention: Taskforce Clamps Down on Criminal Elements in Oshodi, Environs

The Lagos State Taskforce has carried out an extensive early morning raid of Oshodi and environs where hoodlums have been reported to have engaged in different forms of nefarious activities that made residents and commuters restive. The operation which was led by the Chairman of the Agency, CSP Shola Jejeloye lasted over three hours due to the elusive tendencies of some of the suspected miscreants who attempted to manoeuvre their way out of being arrested but were no match for the Agency's determination to rid the axis of criminal elements. Jejeloye described the activities of some of the suspected hoodlums arrested as worrisome due to the nature of harmful weapons and substances recovered during the raid. "We recovered harmful weapons and suspected hard drugs from these suspected miscreants during the raid across Bolade

Junction, Mosafejo, Oshodi Bridge, Oshodi Under Bridge, Brown Street, Railway Track and the BRT Corridors. One of the suspects even injured one of our officers while being arrested in an attempt to escape but he was apprehended before he took to his heels," he said. Jejeloye further stated that these security operations are part of the Agency's planned programme of actions for Y2024 that would help boost the confidence of Lagosians across the State and make the state too unconducive for criminal elements. "Residents of the State should be able to go about their business at any time of the day without fear of attack",

Jejeloye stated. The Chairman revealed that a total number of 63 suspected miscreants were apprehended and will be properly profiled before being charged to court accordingly. He assured Lagosians that the Agency has hit the ground running this year to ensure that no criminal element deprives law-abiding citizens of their right to a safe, serene and healthy environment. "I urge all well-meaning Lagosians to report any suspicious activity to the Agency or the nearest Police Station to nip it in the bud. The safety of our environment is a collective responsibility and all hands must be on deck to ensure that the THEMES Plus Agenda of the State Government is not undermined by sinister forces", Jejeloye asserted.



LACOPA Urges Manufacturers To Always Display Product Information

The Lagos State Consumer Protection Agency (LASCOPA) has again called on all producers, entrepreneurs, and stakeholders in the food supply chain business to ensure all consumable food products being produced and sold to consumers are registered with the National Agency for Food and Drugs Administrative Control (NAFDAC). The agency also advocated for the inclusion and display of

comprehensive and genuine information about consumable products at strategic places where such information can be easily seen. The General Manager of LASCOPA, Afolabi Solebo made the call over the weekend during one of his unscheduled monitoring visits to some supermarkets and grocery stores around Lagos. He said the call became necessary in light of the growing concerns about the



presence and sales of unregistered, and lack of product information on most food and consumables products being circulated and sold in supermarkets and grocery stores across the state. Solebo emphasised that the proliferation of some unregistered dairy

products and their derivatives pose significant risks to public health and safety. He called on supermarkets, restaurants, grocery stores, and other establishments selling products like Ice-Creams, Yoghurts and their derivatives, preformed tray foods, baking and bakery products, food-in-containers, dips, and spreads, parfait, chips, crisps, and drinks to exercise due diligence in ensuring their products are registered and contain

detailed information such as the NAFDAC Number, Production and Expiry dates, in order not to inadvertently offer unsafe food to unsuspecting consumers. He averred that LASCOPA feels pleased with the growth of businesses across the State but frowns at products that are disastrous to consumers' health. According to him, the agency does not intend to witch-hunt any business or entrepreneurs with genuine intentions but will not rest on its oars in ensuring that the interests of the consuming public are protected.

Govt Warns Against Indiscriminate Handling, Storage of Combustible Items

The Lagos State Government has warned the general public against indiscriminate handling and storage of combustible items. A joint statement issued by the Honourable Duties and Intergovernmental Relations, Mr. Olugbenga Oyerinde and Director-General, Lagos State Safety Commission, Mr. LanreMojola at the weekend affirmed the commitment of BabajideSanwo-Olu's administration to the safety of lives and protection of its citizenry devoid of hazards. Oyerinde said it has become imperative to alert the public on the need to be more safety conscious; the risks inherent in transporting and handling

combustible materials, fuels, chemicals and other dangerous goods are huge, leading to quantum loss of lives, property and litigations. The Director-General, Lagos Safety Commission, Mr. LanreMojola in his remarks, said the value for lives cannot be quantified. He disclosed that the Commission has commenced a 'SAFETY FOR YOU' campaign aimed at making safety a priority for every Lagosian. The campaign, according to him, focuses on raising awareness and encouraging proactive safety measures in personal, occupational and business contexts. The DG explained that stockpiles of chemicals and combustibles carry the risk of

explosions and fire outbreaks under excessive temperature and pressure. He noted that our safety and that of our neighbours are sacrosanct and advised members of the public to take responsibility, saying "When you see something, please say something. An injury to one is an injury to all". While informing that officers of the Commission are already going around to ensure everywhere is safe for all and sundry, Mojola urged artisans and tradesmen to seek professional advice on handling combustible goods as well as moving them from one location to another within the State. He implored the public to report stockpiles of any form of dangerous goods to 07000SAFETY or to the nearest security agencies.



KNOW YOUR LEGISLATOR

Honourable Saad Lukmon Olumoh

Position: Member representing Ajeromi-Ifelodun Constituency 1



By Felix Kuyinu

Honourable Saad Lukmon Olumoh is a legislator at the Lagos State House of Assembly representing Ajeromi-Ifelodun Constituency 01. He is a second term lawmaker having been elected for the first time in 2019,

appearing in the 9th and existing 10th Legislative Assembly. His first tenure at the Assembly ensued having contested under the All Progressive Congress, APC. He won the election and was sworn in the year 2019 to represent his Constituency till 2023. He returned for a second term from year 2023 till date.

LIFEThe lawmaker was born on October 19, 1965 in Lagos. He hails from Kwara State. **EDUCATIONAL CAREER** Hon. Lukmon had his primary school education at Army Children School, Apapa Lagos and obtained his West African Senior School Certificate Examination, WASSCE,

at Government Secondary School in Ballah, Ilorin, Kwara State. He journeyed to the University of Lagos where he was certified with a Bachelor's Degree in Banking and Finance. He also bagged a Master's Degree in the institution. **POLITICAL BEGINNING** Having had experience as an

Administrator and Consultant, the legislator who disclosed his hobbies as listening to music, reading, and travelling became a Ward Secretary at Ojo Local Government before becoming a member of the political party, Alliance for Democracy, AD, and Action Congress party.

Olowa Teams Up with LASTMA To Manage Traffic

By Mohammed Adekola

The Council Chairman of Ibeju Lekki Local Government, Egnr. Abdullahi Sesan Olowa met with the General Manager of Lagos State Transport Management Authority (LASTMA) Mr. Bakare Oki and other top management staff, in a bid to establish a strategic partnership between the Council Area and the Transport Agency. Speaking at the all-important meeting, the Council Chairman appreciated the LASTMA for their efforts in trying to get rid of the traffic gridlock, which occurs frequently owing to the ongoing construction. The Council boss however, assured

LASTMA of his administration's continued support in the area of patrol and tow vehicles. Speaking further on the issue of establishing a LASTMA operational command in Ibeju Lekki for present and future needs, Olowa promised to provide an operational yard for erring drivers to the authorities. The Council boss pleaded with the LASTMA authorities to look into employment opportunities for sons and daughters of Ibeju Lekki Local Government as this will boost the indigenes with a sense of belonging to the current administration of Lagos State.



Anomo Presents Certificate of Office to New Chiefs

By Mohammed Adekola

An air of joy, gratitude, and accomplishment filled the atmosphere as the Executive-in-Council of Ikosi-Ejinrin Local Council Development Area (LCDA) officially conferred certificates of office upon six newly gazetted Chiefs approved by the Lagos State Government. The honoured Chiefs are:

- High-chief Adeeso Adedoyin Idowu - The Olisa of Owu-Ikosi
- High-Chief Odufowora Shakiru Kunle - The Aro of Agbowa-Ikosi
- High-Chief Adebajo Sulaiman

Jamiu - The Agbon of Owu-Ikosi - High-Chief Francis Babatunde Adegboyega - Baale, Alade-Ebute of Itoikin - High-Chief Rasak Ogunsanwo - Baale, Lago Community - High-Chief Solomon Adesanya Omotayo - Baale, Sekungba Community In his opening remarks, Chairman Akogun Wale Raji underscored the vital role of a strong and established traditional institution in governance and administration. He expressed his unwavering commitment to fortifying this institution and called

on the newly appointed High-Chiefs to leverage their offices to uphold the values of both the traditional institution and Ikosi-Ejinrin LCDA. He urged them to collaborate effectively with the Kings, their consenting authorities, and the LCDA to better serve the community. Vice-Chairman, Alh. Wasiu Dehinsilu congratulated the new Chiefs, acknowledging the administration's role in making their longstanding dreams with some of them pursuing it as long as 30 years, a reality. He emphasized the rare opportunity bestowed upon them and encouraged gratitude towards the leadership



of Akogun Wale Raji Anomo. High-Chief Odufowora Shakiru, speaking on behalf of the Chiefs, expressed deep gratitude to Akogun Wale Anomo and his cabinet for realizing their long-time aspirations. He offered heartfelt prayers and pledged continued collaboration with the Kings and the LCDA for the community's betterment. High-chief Adeeso Adedoyin, the Olisa of Owu-Ikosi, lauded Akogun Wale Anomo for the commendable work in the LCDA and encouraged him not to relent in preparing Ikosi-Ejinrin for more opportunities in the future.

2025 LG/LCDA Election: Bashir Commends Quality of APC Candidates

By Mohammed Adekola

A senior aide at the Federal House of Representatives, Hassan Bashir has commended the quality of candidates that will be presented by the All Progressive Congress (APC) for the Lagos State 2025 LG/LCDA Election. Bashir emphasized that this election's outcome could significantly impact the upcoming 2027 general elections.

In a statement addressed to various stakeholders, including the President, APC Governors, National and State Executives, and party influencers, Bashir urged an open-minded consideration of his concerns. He stressed the importance of acknowledging the

achievements of local government and LCDA chairmen while cautioning against automatic second terms.

Bashir called for internal democracy within the party and a departure from the endorsement culture, citing the need to avoid repeating past election scenarios in Lagos State. He asserted that not all LG/LCDA Chairmen deserve a second term, advocating for grassroots primary elections to foster internal democracy.

Bashir urged the reduction of godfather influence to attract the best leaders. He hailed Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu for the creation of LCDAs in Lagos State, acknowledging it as a positive outcome when led by competent individuals.

In response to diverse

opinions on the creation of LCDAs, Bashir supports Nurudeen Banjoko, who sees it as a positive step, adding value to governance by bringing government structures closer to the grassroots. However, Awala expresses concerns, stating that local councils, often treated as appendages by state governors, lack substantial value in governance. He calls for increased efforts from LCDs in areas like health, education, and social development.

Edidi Shamsudeen Ayodeji views LCDA creation as a dividend of democracy, particularly effective with capable leadership. He suggests that civil society organizations raise awareness about grassroots governance and that anti-graft



agencies closely monitor council finances, emphasizing the role of effective leadership.

As the Lagos State 2025 LG/LCDA Election looms, Hassan Bashir's call for internal democracy and a careful selection of candidates resonates. The party

faces a critical juncture where adherence to democratic principles can pave the way for effective governance at the grassroots.

The influence of godfathers and the automatic endorsement of

incumbents must be reconsidered for a more vibrant and accountable political landscape. As stakeholders weigh these concerns, the trajectory of the upcoming elections and their impact on the 2027 general elections remains a critical subject for both party members and the public.

Lekki Seaport Berths Largest Vessel In Nigerian Waters

By Mohammed Adekola

Lekki Port, Nigeria's deepest seaport, has successfully berthed the Maersk Edirne, a 13,092 TEUs vessel, the largest container ship to ever berth in Nigeria to date.

The container vessel docked at Lekki Port at about 14.42 hours on Sunday, January 21, 2024.

The Maersk Edirne is one of 13 large container vessels which form the new CMA CGM WAX service that will operate along key locations including Xiamen, Qingdao, Shanghai, Singapore, Lekki Port, and Abidjan.

In Nigeria, Lekki Port is

the only port that is in this impressive port rotation.

The Maersk Edirne is a container ship with a length overall (LOA) of 366 meters and a width of 48 meters.

The next large container vessel scheduled to arrive in Lekki Port is the CMA CGM Scandola, an LNG-powered vessel with a carrying capacity of 14,000TEUs.

Speaking on the attainment of this milestone, Biodun Dabiri, chairman of Lekki Port, expressed his delight, adding that Lekki Port could berth such large vessels with its modern facilities and world-class equipment.

While congratulating the management team on this feat, he said "Lekki Port has put Lagos State and indeed Nigeria on the global maritime map as this is the beginning of the actualization of the maritime hub status for Nigeria in the sub-Saharan African region".

Speaking after the arrival of the vessel, Laurence Smith, chief operating officer of Lekki Port, described the berthing of such a large vessel as a positive development that would contribute significantly to improving the Nigerian economy through the delivery of more cargo and reduced shipping costs.



He commended the container terminal operator, Lekki Freeport Terminal, a subsidiary of CMA CGM for providing efficient terminal services to port users since the commencement of commercial operations in April 2023 for their dedicated efforts to make the container terminal the best in the country.

Reacting to the

development, Mohammed Bello-Koko, managing director of the Nigerian Ports Authority (NPA), said the achievement validates the assurances given by the Authority during the signing of the Presidential/Ministerial Performance Bond in December 2023.

He commended Adegboyega Oyetola,

minister of Marine and Blue Economy, for the consistent support and endorsement of the Authority's initiatives and investments in employee upskilling and equipment renewal which made the berthing of the vessel seamless.

Before this time, the largest commercial vessels to sail on Nigerian waters were "MV Stadelhorn" and "MSC Maureen" at Onne Port and Tin-Can Island Port Complexes respectively.

Therefore, the berthing of a ship of measuring 367 meters at Lekki Deep Seaport represents a quantum leap forward.

The Lekki Deep Seaport has by this feat in addition to its pioneering of full automation and facilitation of transshipment proven its readiness to exceed stakeholders' expectations.

"A Tribe Called Judah": Makinde Speaks on Filming Blockbuster Film



By Nurudeen Adebayo

Tobi Makinde, renowned for his role as Shina in the highly acclaimed Nigerian movie "A Tribe Called Judah," recently shared the hurdles he encountered during the filming process.

The actor, known for his versatility, opened up about how the role pushed him beyond his comfort zone, presenting a unique

challenge that he hadn't encountered in previous film projects.

Tobi disclosed that while he had portrayed a mobster in previous roles, the character of Shina demanded a different level of commitment and authenticity.

During an exclusive interview with Legit.ng, he highlighted the need to draw inspiration for the

role, pointing to controversial singer Habeeb Okikiola, popularly known as Portable.

In his own words, Tobi explained, "The character Shina stretched me creatively in the sense that I had to enter another realm, a realm that I had never been to before. Actors draw inspiration from so many things. Some draw from past

experiences, and some draw from the experiences of other people."

He further emphasized the significance of his reference to Portable, stating, "I had to pick a reference, and it was Singer Portable because when I saw the character that was being created, I felt that he was the best reference to use to interpret the role."

Detailing his

preparation process, Tobi revealed that immersing himself in Portable's social media presence was crucial.

He acknowledged learning valuable insights from the controversial "ZazooZehh" crooner's videos, emphasizing the importance of incorporating street language to authentically bring the character of Shina to

life.

The actor also touched on public perception, addressing certain preconceived notions about him, especially in relation to his distinctive hairstyles.

The behind-the-scenes glimpse into Tobi Makinde's artistic journey sheds light on the dedication and creativity required to deliver a compelling performance in one of Nigeria's most beloved films.

DJ Chicken Sparks Outrage with Controversial Threats Against Davido

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Controversial online personality, DJ Chicken, has once again ignited a firestorm of criticism after issuing alarming threats against popular musician Davido.

Following his recent inflammatory remarks directed at Wizkid, for which he faced backlash and a TikTok account ban, DJ Chicken seems undeterred as he now directs his attention towards the

"Assurance" singer.

In a video that has since gone viral, DJ Chicken is seen brazenly threatening to "sleep with Chioma mercilessly" if Davido were to meet an unfortunate fate.

The disc jockey, who previously apologized for his disrespectful comments to Wizkid, appears unapologetic as he doubles down on his audacious threats against the acclaimed artist.

Not stopping at Davido, DJ Chicken also issued warnings

to other notable musicians, including Burna Boy, Zlatan, Naira Marley, and Seyi Vibe, cautioning them about the transient nature of life.

He asserted his invincibility, stating that he cannot die, and no one has the power to end his life except for God.

The shocking nature of DJ Chicken's statements has sparked outrage among fans and followers, with many expressing their disdain for his lack of remorse and reckless



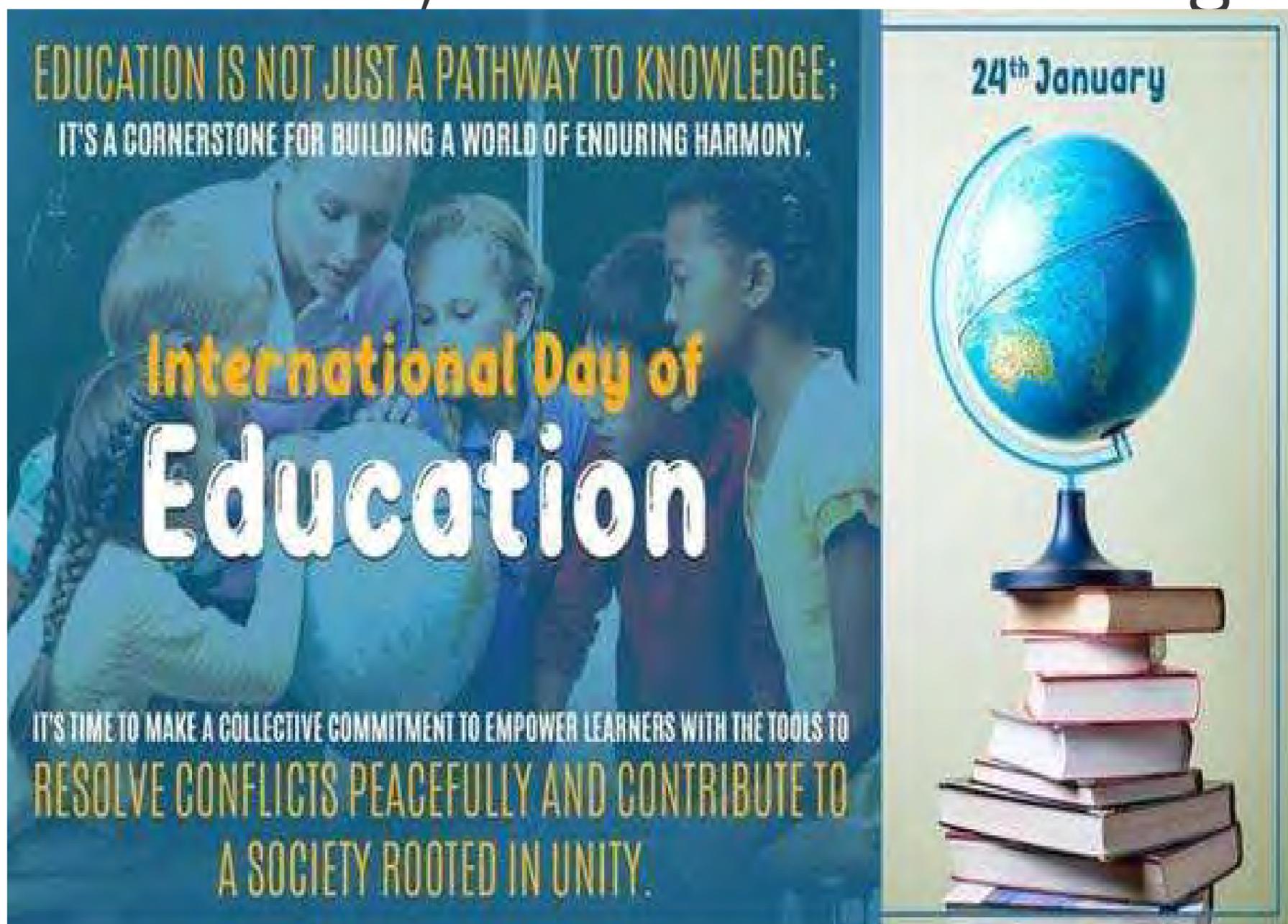
behaviour.

The incident raises concerns about the growing trend of online

personalities using social media platforms to make inflammatory

statements, prompting discussions about the need for responsible use of online platforms.

Lagos Lawmaker Appeals to Parents, Guardians, To Invest In Knowledge



Kehinde Adeleye

In commemoration of this year's International Day of Education, a member of Lagos State House of Assembly, representing Alimosho Constituency II, Mr. Kehinde Olaide Joseph, has charged parents and guardians to invest in knowledge, ignite curiosity, and pave the way for a brighter future. The lawmaker took to his official Facebook page to appeal to stakeholders in

education sector.

He wrote; "Today's commemoration of the International Day of Education gives us another opportunity to appreciate the impact of education on global development. Education is, unarguably, any society's key to so many great opportunities. It unlocks development and builds the foundation of a society's posterity.

In Lagos State, we do not only see basic, quality, and affordable education as the fundamental rights of every child. We have gone a step further to implement it to the latter. Thankfully, our free education programme has cut down the figures of out-of-school children and upped our national literacy ranking indices. Our target does not end there. Over the past few

months, our education sector has recorded incredible progress because we are determined to see massive results. Our schools have become a national brand. Our students are bringing home laurels. In the 2024 Budget, the Lagos State Government has allocated a significant huge sum of billions of naira to our education sector. The intention is to improve existing structures and

to kickstart other strategic policies that will eventually make our education system the best in the country. As soon as possible, another recruitment is coming up - to complement previous recruitments, in order to completely bring to an end the era of classrooms without teachers. As a lover of education, I understand first-hand

the importance of education and the indispensable role that teachers play in making it great and adorable. I also celebrate every hard-working teacher out there who is wearing the honourable badge proudly. We can never underestimate your sacrifices. Without you, education would have been defeated, and our society would have been in total darkness he concluded.

Ifako-Ijaiye Muslim Community Reaches Out to 50 Households



Kehinde Adeleye

The Ifako-Ijaiye Muslim Community, led by Alh. Abdul-Lateef Sunmonu, has shown its dedication to improving the welfare of its members by organizing a food palliatives distribution programme. This programme aims to provide food and money to fifty households in Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government. This marks the first time the religious body has conducted such a distribution in Ifako-Ijaiye, and the leadership plans to extend this initiative to members across various central mosques and Islamic organizations in the

area. Alhaji Sunmonu expressed his satisfaction with the successful planning and execution of the project, acknowledging that it initially seemed like a daunting task for a religious organization with other competing priorities. With the support of Allah and the executive members, the organization was able to reach fifty families, and the distribution program will continue to assist more families in the future. The primary goal of this initiative is to complement the efforts of the local government in improving living conditions for people in

the community. However, he praised the executives for their support in making the program a reality and assured the Muslim faithful that more welfare and humanitarian services would be provided. He thanked the Chairman of Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government for his support and wished for Allah's guidance and protection for him. The Chief Missioner spoke about the importance of good intentions and commended the Muslim Community's leadership, particularly the president, for their love and kindness. The Chairman of the Palliative Committee praised the Muslim

Community's president for his support and announced that the first phase of the palliatives would target 50 households, with future editions being even larger. He urged other Muslim personalities and organizations to collaborate and extend their support to reach all those in need in the community. Generally, it was an ecstatic moment for the beneficiaries as they expressed their gratitude and applauded the Muslim Community for the kind gesture towards them. They said that the food and the transport fare given to them actually came at the right time when most families in

the country hardly have enough food to eat due to the current economic downtime in the country. They thanked them for putting food on their tables, and they prayed that none of the organisers would experience hunger in their lives. Remarkably, with this eventful and high impactful humanitarian service to the people, Ifako-Ijaiye Muslim Community has once again proven to be a formidable religious institution in Lagos State with vision-oriented leadership and people-oriented programmes capable of alleviating poverty and empowering Nigerian

masses. The food package includes rice, spaghetti, vegetable oil, and seasoning. The event was graciously attended by the following distinguished personalities in spite of the restriction on invitation: Alhaja Muslimot Olokodana (Chairperson, Ifako-Ijaiye Muslim Community), Sheikh Ismail Ali Abayawo (Chairman, Council of Chief Imams, Ifako-Ijaiye & Ojokoro), Alhaji Ganiyu Ajadi (General Secretary, Ifako-Ijaiye Muslim Community), and Imam Taiye. Others include; Imams of Central Mosques and Heads of Islamic organizations.

Ejigbo Council Boss Emphasises on 2024 Projects

Kehinde Adeleye

The Chairman of Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) Mr. Monsurudeen Oloyede Bello held a meeting with various stakeholders to keep them informed about the current development plans in the area.

Echonews reports that among the stakeholders present were the Community Development Committee, Community Development Associations, Landlords Association, Religious Bodies, Senior Citizens, Youth Council, Indigenous families, as well as the Council's Legislative, Executive, and Management Teams.

The meeting took place at the Marriage Registry and its extension at the Council Secretariat, NNPC, last week.

During his speech, the Council Boss, shared that the focus for 2024 is to commission all completed and ongoing projects, with a plan to complete the ongoing projects as soon as possible. He also provided an overview of the upcoming project commissioning exercise.

February - Commissioning of the Akinsanya Ajalolu Nursery and Primary School, beside January 27, Ilamoshe. The school, which resumed classes in September 2023, currently has about Three Hundred and Fifty (350) students.

In March, the Morning Star Primary Health Centre (PHC), Aigbaka, will be commissioned. In April, the first ever Community Development Committee (CDC) Building in Ejigbo, Dauda Ilo, would be commissioned. In May, the network of seven roads at Iyalaje Estate, will be commissioned.

In June, Ifoshi Road will be commissioned.

This road was last constructed in 1998 by Col. Buba Marwa. The Local Council has secured the approval of the Ooni of Ife to commission the road.

In July the first ever Central Motor Garage, Iyana-Ejigbo, will be commissioned. In August, the second ever Motor Garage, at Alaba Moshalashi, Ile-Iwebusstop, would be commissioned.

In September, the Kashimawo Alimi Road would be commissioned. In October, Falana Road would be commissioned.

In November, the Ultra Modern Council Secretariat, NNPC, will be commissioned. The plan is to invite the State Governor to commission this edifice. However, the contractor has been given a marching order to make the Secretariat ready for the political officers and staff to move in by March.

And finally in December, a Thanksgiving Programme will be held, to appreciate God for the success of all other programmes. People in the community will be invited to this event.

During the Stakeholders Meeting, a crucial topic discussed was revenue generation. The Chairman emphasized the importance of urging the public to take their taxes and levies seriously in order to ensure the success of various projects. He pointed out that although most projects still have outstanding payments, it is essential for the Local Council to generate sufficient revenue as credible contractors rely on the council's credibility.

To oversee revenue generation, the Council Treasurer, Mr. Yahaya Mufutau, will now lead the Council's revenue team, alongside Hon. Olufemi Ibine, the new Supervisor for Market and Revenue. Both will be supported by a qualified team.

Regarding payment



procedures, the Council Treasurer clarified that all payments should be made at the bank and not by hand. When making a payment, the person will receive two copies of the teller, one of which should be placed in a provided box. The revenue team will collect the tellers from the box, prepare receipts, and send them to the respective owners.

Furthermore, the new brand colour for Ejigbo LCDA has been revealed. The combination of White and Purple, would now be used for all the Local Council's projects, as against the Creme and Brown that has been used for a very long time. This would make the projects stand out and be more easily identifiable.

Responding to

comments and questions from the Stakeholders, the Chairman assured the people of Ailegun, that by March, he would put down a sum of Ten Million Naira to support the cause of partially rehabilitating Ailegun Road. He however encouraged them to raise more funds from within and utilise the fund adequately. This is to

ensure the road is manageable, until the State Government finally comes to give it a total reconstruction.

In addition, the landlords have been advised to pay attention to what their tenants/clients bring into the apartments, so as to avoid having explosives in residential areas, like the case of the recent explosion in Ibadan.



Universal Declaration Of **HUMAN** **RIGHTS**

— article 11

Presumption Of Innocence

You are considered innocent until it can be proved you are guilty according to law. If accused of a crime you have the right to a defence.

- “ Everyone charged with a penal offence has the right to be presumed innocent until proved guilty according to law in a public trial at which he has had all the guarantees necessary for his defence.
- “ No one shall be held guilty of any penal offence on account of any act or omission which did not constitute a penal offence, under national or international law, at the time when it was committed. Nor shall a heavier penalty be imposed



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Social Group in Agege Begins 2024 in Grand Style

Kehinde Adeleye

A social group in Agege Local Government known as Kasumu Progressives Like Minds in the Atobaje Community in Agege Local Government area started the year in a grand style, tagging 2024 as a 'year of blissful beginning'. The social group that consists of Youths in ward E of the local government brings together youths of the community who reside within and outside the community led by the Chairman of the planning committee, Mr. Adepoju AbdulGaniyu. The yearly get together which kicked off on Friday 19th January was a funfare as

various games ranging from Ludo, Table Tennis, Card games, Snooker and Ayo olopon were on display. The event which continued the following day kicked off with a Free medical screening for residents within and outside the community. Residents of the community witnessed a free medical screening exercise after which in partnership with Dufill Nigeria Limited, maker of INDOMIE noodles served the children of the community hot meal of indomie noodles. The party which was an all night event had prominent public figures in attendance. The immediate former



member of the federal house of representatives, Dr. Samuel Adejare was

present, a former sole Administrator of Oriade Local Council Development Area, Mr.

Abeeb Aileru, the majority leader of the house, Mr. Adesina Haruna, Mr. Afolabi Omotunde of Ward B

and Ala Mrs. Adewunmi Feyisara, Supervisory Councilors from Agege and Orile Agege.

Orile Agege LCDA Councillor Reaches Out To Elders

Kehinde Adeleye

The Councillor representing the Ward D of Oriole Agege Local Council Development Area (LCDA) Mr. Omotunde Afolabi, popularly known as Aphoo, hosted Community leaders, CDC, CDAs, youths, Party leaders and Zonal executives to celebrate the New Year. The programme tagged 'New Year Food Support For the Widows, Youths and Elders' was held at the residence of the enthusiastic and kind-hearted Councillor. Before the start of the program, a large number of residents gathered to take part in the Food Support program, which was organized and sponsored by the popular Councillor. The food items provided were well-packaged and included generous quantities of

Rice, Beans, and Garri, enough to sustain a family of four for several weeks. When asked how he chose the beneficiaries, the Councillor noted that he consulted with various groups such as the APC Party, Community Development Committee, Community Development Associations, and youth members to ensure that the food distribution was targeted towards those most in need. He expressed his gratitude to all the dignitaries who attended the program and promised to continue giving back to the people who supported his election as their Councillor. Furthermore, he took the opportunity to thank the Speaker of



the Lagos State House of Assembly, RT Hon Mudashiru Ajayi Obasa,

for giving him the chance to represent the APC Party and the people of Ward D.

Concluding, he promised to always give back to the people in his Ward and make himself

available to them whenever the need arises.

Oriwu Club Mourns the Passing of Pioneer President, Prince Odofin

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Members and executives of Oriwu Club in Ikorodu paid their respects to the late Prince Tajudeen Adedapo Odofin, a trailblazing figure who served as the esteemed club's pioneering president. Born on September 30, 1941, Prince Dapo Odofin's legacy extends beyond the confines of Oriwu Club. As one of the 23

founding members in 1973 and later as the Commissioner for Finance in Lagos State, he left an indelible mark on both the club and public service.

Expressing shock and sadness, President Otunba Amid Adekunle Oduborisa conveyed the community and club's sentiments upon learning of Prince Dapo's passing on January 23, 2024. Describing him as a warm and principled personality, President



Oduborisa highlighted Prince Odofin's roles as a loving husband, caring father, and accomplished

Accountant.

"As a dedicated member of Oriwu Club and the Board of Trustees, he played a

crucial part in the club's growth and success," remarked President Oduborisa, emphasizing Prince Odofin's significant contributions.

Colleagues in the Lagos State Executive Council remembered the late Prince Odofin for his affable, cooperative, and helpful nature.

Despite his notable background, he remained a modest and genuine gentleman, offering firm yet sincere advice on various matters.

President Oduborisa extended Oriwu Club's heartfelt condolences to the grieving family, acknowledging the difficulty of this painful time. He wished them courage and strength in coping with the irreparable loss.

In commemorating the life of the beloved pioneer president, Oriwu Club not only mourns but also celebrates a life well-lived—a life dedicated to family, community, and the broader cause of humanity.

Customary Court in Igbogbo Seeks Royal Support

By Nurudeen Adebayo

The President and Members of the Customary Court in Igbogbo, Igbogbo/Bayeku Local Council Development Area (LCDA) of Ikorodu Division in Lagos State, Nigeria, have continued their outreach exercise.

The focus remained on consultations and awareness creation regarding the court's existence, culminating in a royal visit to the Adeboruwa of Igbogbo, His Royal Majesty, Oba (Barr.) Semiudeen Orimadegun Kasali, in his palace in Igbogbo.

Barr. Margret Titilayo Solarin, the Court President and former Tutor – General/Permanent Secretary in Lagos State, led a delegation comprising Mr Murisiku Olowofela Odugbesi, Mrs Olatubosun Abosede Fakolade, Mrs Wasilat

Aina Ogundipe, Princess Adetope Adebola Kosoko (former Registrar, Lagos State Polytechnic), and Mrs Oluwabukola Suuru, the Court Registrar.

In the historical context of Ikorodu Division, the Oba Alagbe, serving as the Ayangbure of Ikorodu, used to preside over the Customary Court in Igbogbo.

However, changes implemented by the government in 1979 curtailed the traditional rulers' powers, leading to ongoing consequences.

Oba Kasali expressed the urgent need for constitutional power to be restored to traditional rulers, emphasizing the significance of their role in preserving customs, morals, and values. He pledged support to the Customary Court, highlighting the

court's legal authority and enforceable decisions.

"We are now clamoring for constitutional power for the traditional rulers, even though they have not granted that. Government is claiming some of our achievements as traditional rulers, which further underscore our importance. Now that you are here, we will assist you with cases that are meant for your court because it has the force of law, and your decisions can be enforced," stated Oba Kasali.

The royal palace, as a bastion of customs and values, committed to operating within its jurisdiction, ensuring collaboration with the Customary Court and providing assistance as needed.

The visit underscored the court's efforts to navigate its role amid evolving governance structures while seeking support from traditional institutions.

Residents Commend Jokomba For APC Rice Gift

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Dr. Muhydeen Jokomba, the State Secretary of the All Progressives Congress (APC), is earning praise from the party for his philanthropic act of donating raw rice to 500 party members and residents across the 30 Wards in Ikorodu Division.

The distribution of 5kg rice packages commenced on Tuesday through the Divisional structure of the ruling party in Ikorodu. Ward Chairmen and other executives were observed at the Anibaba House Secretariat on Obafemi Awolowo Way, collecting rice packages for their respective wards.

Dr. Jokomba, a former two-term Chairman of Ikorodu North Local Council Development Area (LCDA), explained that the gesture aimed to support President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's administration and Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu's palliative



measures to alleviate the impact of the harsh economy on the people.

He also expressed it as a way of giving back to the base that entrusted him with the mandate of representing them at the state level.

"I pledge to continue giving back to the party and residents of Ikorodu Division," stated Dr. Jokomba during the distribution.

Otunba Tijani Jimoh Olasunkanmi, Chairman of APC Ikorodu Division, lauded Jokomba's initiative, describing it as a thoughtful gesture towards the people of Ikorodu. He emphasized the significance of the

State Secretary's act in considering the less privileged and constituents.

"It is a nice gesture because he was thinking about other people; thinking about the less privileged and thinking about the people that he is representing. That is what I feel the State Secretary has done. The little he has been able to get, he chose to bring it back home and extend the gesture to his people and nice enough, he is distributing it round all the wards in Ikorodu Division," said Otunba Tijani.

He concluded by expressing gratitude to Dr. Jokomba, assuring him of continuous support from the party whenever needed.

Agboyi Ketu Council Boss Restates Commitment to Youth Development

Kehinde Adeleye



The Chairman of Agboyi-Ketu Local Council Development Area(LCDA), Mr. Dele Oshinowo has restated his administration commitment toward youth development in his Constituency. The Chairman who had recently created an atmosphere of convergence for football lovers to support the Super

Eagles in the ongoing 2023 African Cup of Nations going on in Cote d'Ivoire by providing a viewing center harps on youth development. During the halftime break, the chairman expressed appreciation for the BabajideSanwo-olu administration and their efforts to implement initiatives that prioritize the

needs of the people in Lagos. He also highlighted the successful sports accomplishments of his administration thus far.

The chairman then informed the audience that the construction of three recreational centers in Agboyi-Ketu LCDA has commenced, with work already underway in Agboyi

town and plans set for construction in the remaining locations of Thomas Football Field, Owode-Ajgunle, and Mechanic Village adjacent LAWNA Headquarters, Ketu.

Additionally, the chairman took the opportunity to encourage the youth of Agboyi-Ketu LCDA to take full ownership of the recently built and fully furnished ICT Hub

located at Agboyi-Ketu Area Office, Mascara. He explained that the ICT Hub when in operation will provide free technological training for youth in the LCDA, stressing that the main aim of the project was to expose youth in the locality to ICT, so that they can be self employed and be able to compete technologically with

their peers across the world.

The highpoint of the football viewing was the presentation of cash gifts to lucky winners of a question and answer session.

The viewing centre located at Plot 42, Doyin Omololu Street, Ketu attracted a large crowd of viewers, cutting across traditional rulers, community leaders, artisans and several youth bodies.

Students Commend Lawmaker For Free JAMB Form

Kehinde Adeleye

Students in Mushin Local Government have expressed their gratitude to the lawmaker representing Mushin Constituency I, Mr. Nureni AyindeAkinsanya over free purchase of JAMB form to over 350

students in the local government. Ajao Bello Abduquadri and Badmus Barakat Omolabake expressed their gratitude to the lawmaker for the opportunity to write the year's JAMB. They assured him that they would strive for success and hope that their achievements will

motivate him to continue supporting other students in the future. Nureni made the announcement to purchase free 350 JAMB Form for student on Tuesday during the launch of the registration process at his Constituency office in Lagos.

"Education forms the foundation of development for any community or society. I firmly believe that when our youths receive proper education and support, the entire nation benefits," said Nureni. Nureni's decision to provide free JAMB forms reflects his

commitment to the intellectual and economic growth of young individuals. The lawmaker hopes that by fostering such progress, a secure and prosperous environment can be built for all. Echonews reports that it's the fifth edition, focusing on

distributing free JAMB forms to the youths in Mushin community. In addition to this initiative, the lawmaker also revealed plans to implement various programs aimed at empowering farmers, fishermen, and individuals with disabilities within his constituency.

Mushin LG Screens Primary School Teachers



Bada, had also commenced screening exercise for prospective beneficiaries of the 2024 edition of Bamigboye Annual Free JAMB forms, for indigent students to also have the opportunity of securing admissions into Higher Instructions of learning.

The Emmanuel Bamigboye led administration is determined to reposition education in Mushin as the Council Chairman started the year with distribution of Free exercise books to pupils in primary schools across his locality and other programmes aimed at reviving the education sector.

Towards the end of 2023, the council mayor distributed School Bags, Writing materials and First - Aid Boxes to pupils and all the primary schools across Mushin, with the aim of building, equipping and nurturing healthy children for tomorrow's leadership position. On Tuesday 23rd

January, the staff of the education department in Mushin Local Government, commenced the distribution of FREE Exercise books across the Primary Schools in Mushin, visiting the following schools;

- Oduduwa Pry School
- Alaba Pry School
- Papa Ajao Pry School
- OduAbore Pry School
- Estate Pry School
- Nigeria Armed Forces Resettlement Centre Pry School
- Army Children Pry School
- Methodist Pry School
- New City Pry School.

The team, being led by the Head of Education Department - Mrs Bimbo Oguntoye, will tour round all the 50 primary schools in Mushin and ensure that the books are distributed directly to the pupils in their various classes.

Echonews reports that the programmes are targeted towards repositioning the education sector in Mushin Local Government and laying a good foundation for our children as a way to securing a promising and successful future for them, their families and society at large.

Kehinde Adeleye

The Chairman Adedeji has conducted a screening and audit exercise for teaching and non-teaching staff of primary schools in the Mushin Local Government, Mr. Dapo

The exercise also took inventory of staff in active service in order to plan towards balancing shortfall in the education sector.

Furthermore, another team, led by the Special Adviser to the chairman, on Education - Mr. Semiu Karaole and Mr.

Iba Legislative Arm Assures Effective Budget Defence

By Edith Igbokwe

To ensure effective use of resources, the Legislative Arm of Iba Local Council Development Area, all departmental Heads and Supervisors embarked on budget defence across all departments for the benefit of the residents. According to the leader

of the legislative arm, Hon. Rahman Obanla the aim of the process is to scrutinize the year 2024 budget for effective achievement of purpose. Obanla assured his dedication alongside other honourable members of the House to do justice to the work committed in their care. He promised a speedy

process of the defence and presentation to give way for implementation. The Departments in attendance include, the Department of Agric, Department of Education, Department of Health, Department of Environment, Department of WAPA, Legal Department among others.



LASU Awards Jubril For His Unflinching Support

By Edith Igbokwe

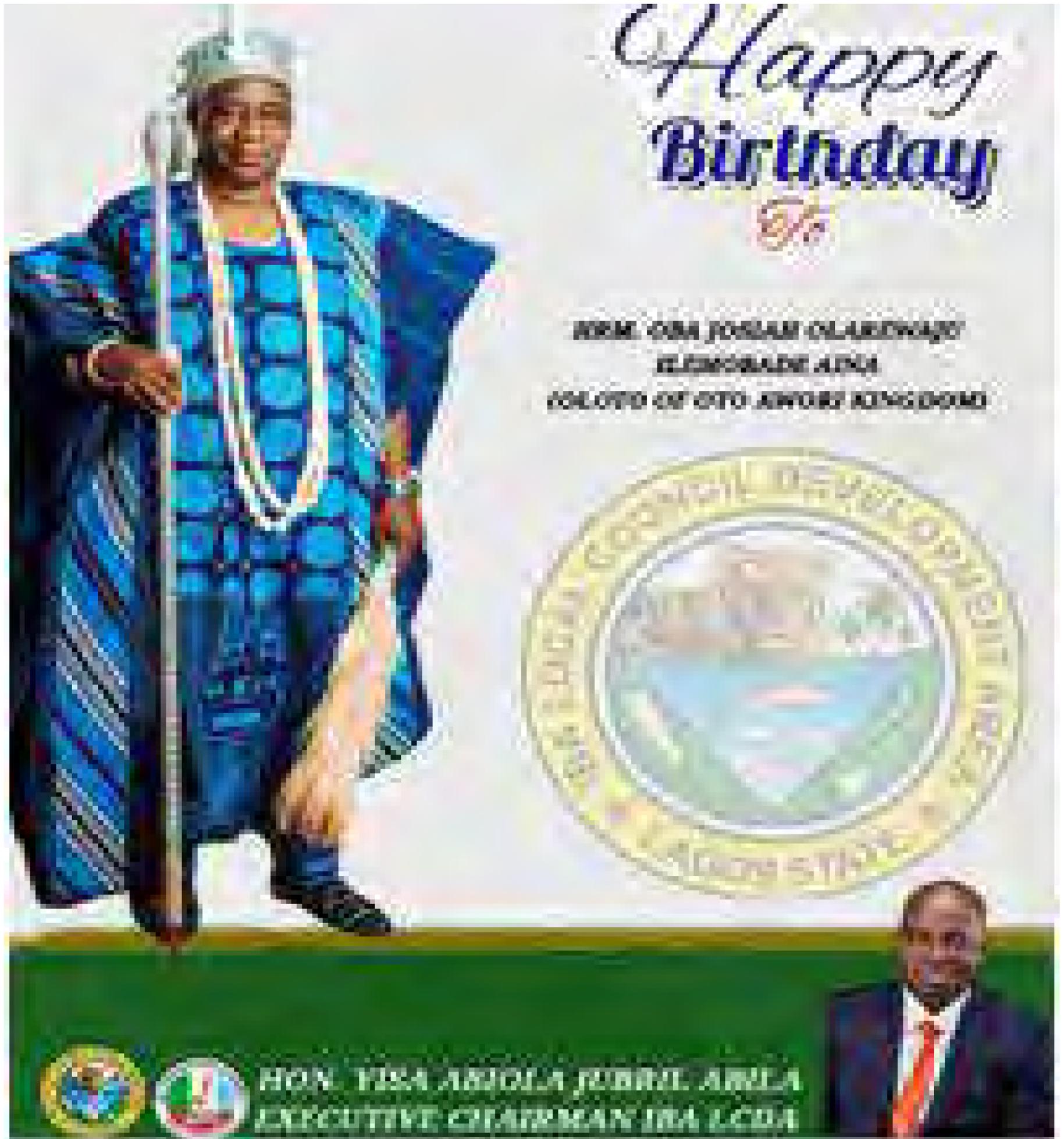


Lagos State University, Faculty of Management Science, was represented by his S.S.A on Youth and Students Affairs, Comrade Kuku Mutiu Olayinka who doubles as the 29th Speaker, Lagos State University, Students' Development Area Union, Student Parliamentary Council. Hon. Yisajubril towards the facility and the school. The Alma-Mata of Jubril deemed it fit to recognise his supports and contributions towards the development of the Faculty of management and other Academic activities of the institution. Jubril received the Award of Excellence with great joy and in appreciation for noting his good deeds towards the facility and the school at large. At the presentation event, the chairman

“It is our prayer that Almighty God continue to strengthen you for greater exploit, as you continue to toe the path of Community development, in Building the Nation within your space.”

The Dean, Faculty of Management Science, Professor Raheem Akewushola and the committee led by Associate Professor Alaka Sanusi, Chairman, Welfare Committee of the year's program found Jubril worthy of the valuable recognition considering his priceless support for the faculty and the school at large.

Jubril Celebrates Oba Kuyamiku's New Age



By Edith Igbokwe

The chairman, Iba Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Yisa Jubril has described His Royal Majesty, Oba Josiah

Olanrewaju Kuyamiku I, Oloto Of Oto Awori kingdom as a youth loving monarchy, a bridge-builder as he celebrated his birthday. Jubril praised Oba Kuyamiku for his dynamic ruler ship style in Ojo Local

Government and the State at large. He celebrated him and thanked God for adding another year to his age. He prayed that Almighty God should continue to extend kind and joyful moment with

Kabiesi until he clocks century and beyond. "May you live longer and wax stronger on the exalted throne till a century and beyond OGUNAWOO. "As the Kingdom is growing, we are glad

and grateful to celebrate your royal blessings and charismatic ruler ship of the communities. "Kabiesi, you are a known altruistic being and a gifted cerebral personality, we join the avalanche world to

celebrate your new age and royal sacrifices towards building the community, we wish you more wisdom and sound health in continuance of your blessings and good deeds

AFCON 2024: Lagos Introduces Predict, Win at Viewing Centres



As part of efforts to enliven activities, create a communal bond and a resounding AFCON experience among participants at the 20 designated AFCON viewing centres across the state, the Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu administration has introduced a predict-

and-win competition among viewers at the various locations. The strategic initiative of the State Government is to foster unity among Lagosians, especially the youth, to come together for a common purpose and create an atmosphere that transcends social boundaries, including

gender, tribe and religion. The predict-and-win segment, which cuts across all the 20 designated viewing centres, allows football fans to make predictions about different aspects and outcomes of any football match at the ongoing 34th African biennial football

showpiece in Ivory Coast. This includes the first half-score line, the first team to receive a yellow card, the first team to score, and the final score at the end of the match. The new initiative did not only add a layer of excitement to the activities at the viewing centres but also served as an

additional source of income for 20 lucky winners with a cash prize of 50,000 naira each. The predict-and-win initiative, which kicked off during the interesting encounter between the Super Eagles of Nigeria and the Elephants of Ivory Coast, witnessed several winners who

were later presented with dummy cheques of their cash prizes. It must be emphasised that the AFCON initiative underscores Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu's unwavering commitment to building a more united and prosperous Lagos through grassroots initiatives and community engagements.



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