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- Mechanic village
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- Abandoned buildings on sherriff str.

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- Holy School;
- Kunle Okunola/Pst. Ojediran junction;
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- The abandoned Ageke Primary School;
- Apata - down the street;
- Dabiri Street
- A house along Moshalashi Street
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- Pipeline shanties.
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- Oluopa b/stop up to airport fence
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- Agbede str
- Boundaries lines with ifoshi and kila Adegoroye street
- Olutimehin str
- Ona Ara and korobo in ifesowopo
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- Fayemi str
- Alaba/Anu Oluwapo junction
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- Adewoyin/ Ifoshi Junction.

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Security alert: beware of the black spots in Ejigbo

By Abolaji Adebayo

No fewer than 40 black spots where hoodlums commit crimes in Ejigbo have been uncovered by the Community Development Committee (CDC) of Ejigbo Local Council Development Area.

The discovery is the result of consultations with over 110 community development associations (CDAs), by the CDC to assess the insecurity in the LCDA following the destruction and clashes which trailed the #EndSARS protests. Shocked by scores of rampaging youths that burnt vehicles and looted public and private properties, CDC chairman Jelili Atiku led the committee on a fact-finding mission round the wards to engage residents on the threats in each neighbourhood.

The CDC kicked off the meetings by holding a joint ward assembly of Ifoshi and Aigbaka wards on Thursday, November 12 and another with CDAs in Ailegun and Oke-Afa wards on Friday, November 13, this year.

The final meeting, comprising the CDAs in Iamoshe and Fadu wards held Saturday November 14, this year.

Earlier, the committee had met with various stakeholders such as the councillors, the youth organisations like National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN), Police and Community Relations Committee (PCRC) as well as the coordinators of Oodua Peoples Congress (OPC) in each zone across Ejigbo LCDA.

At the meetings, various black spots were identified across the local council area.

Within Ifoshi and Aigbaka wards, the black spots include the shanties at Pipeline; Aderemi Street in Ganiu Olukotun community; Oluopa bus stop up to the airport fence; uncompleted buildings, abandoned vehicles and containers in Oboye area; Agbede Street; Ifetedo CDA - boundary lines with Ifoshi and Kila; Adegoroye Street where drinking spots are formed early in the morning; Olutimehin Street; a shop on Jemme and the football pitch in Caroline; Ona-Ara and korobo in Ifesowopo; Balogun Ogunde in Olorunsogo which serves as a haven to hemp smokers; a house beside bakery in Ogunseye CDA; the two entrances to Docas where smoking and drinking start by 9pm as well as Sewande links

to Oboye.

Others include Fayemi Street; Catholic Church to link Disu which has been taken over by narcotics drinkers who waylay innocent passers-by; Ifelodun lane; Oluwole in United CDA - a relaxation center providing abode for questionable characters; Alaba/Anu Oluwapo junction; entrance to Jubril Olabisi/Daуда Ilo; Adegoroye by Holy Cross and Adewoyin/Ifoshi junction.

In Ailegun ward the dens of the criminals allegedly include the public primary school which has no perimeter fence and has become an abode for miscreants to smoke, gamble and plan their activities; Brethen Street; Grace land to Pinckron up to Nnewi area; Duduyemi to Iseri Road which is dangerous at night.

Others are relaxation centres that harbour miscreants along Ejigbo -Egbe road and Mechanic village that, allegedly has criminals who specialise in robbery and car vandalisation; The list also covers uncompleted buildings on Ansardeen Street to Esan; Back of Oceanic bank and some abandoned buildings on Sheriff Street.

There are allegations of serious drug trafficking that the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency

must investigate at Graceland.

According to the report, exclusively obtained by Echoneews, the black spots in Fadu ward include the black areas include: loitering places around Holy School; Kunle Okunola/Pst. Ojediran junction; Agbayin Street, behind the school on Emilagba Street; the abandoned Ageke Primary School; Apata - down the street; Dabiri Street where notorious joints abound; a house along Moshalashi Street where the miscreants converge at night and Pipeline/Orole area where snatching of bags as early as 5am is rampant.

One of the factors hampering security in some communities was identified to be nonpayment of security levies. At these spots, robbery, maiming of innocent residents, car theft, car vandalisation, consumption of dangerous drugs, Indian hemp smoking, raping, etc are the common criminal activities perpetrated by hoodlums.

The major causes of the social vices in those areas were identified to include the negligence of the residents and noncompliance with security measures.

According to the stakeholders, there are many flash points as a result of lack of effective

policing, noting that a lot of idle hands exist due to high rate of unemployment.

"Some are not willing to work but prefer easy money coming from "orita" Yahoo outlet, etc." the report stated.

"On the part of residents, insecurity exists because of care free attitude to securing their environments; no security outfit in some streets; non payment of security levy even by some landlords and low attendance at CDA meetings.

The report also highlighted growing number of "paraga" joints which operate from early morning till dead night," they lamented.

"To reduce the impact of tough boys in Ejigbo as a community, we need to examine the causes which include the following: breakdown of home front, bad family upbringing resulting in breeding miscreants," the stakeholders suggested.

Proposing proactive solutions to the menace of insecurity in the community, the stakeholders said residents should know their neighbours, adding that security outfits and regular payment of levy must be sustained.

They further suggested that security should be the principal responsibility of CDA chairmen.

"Engaging the boys in leadership responsibility, lighting up the streets, organising programmes to educate the youths, effective parenting as well as empowerment/entrepreneurship programmes. Task force on security must be put in place at street and CDA levels." the report stated.

It was also suggested that bills on security should be sponsored by the executive council chairman.

In his remark, the CDC chairman said: "Peace and security is everybody's responsibility. Most of those who attacked Ejigbo during the protest are not residents of Ejigbo. It is therefore incumbent on all of us to be vigilant and demonstrate sense of belonging. The aftermath, casualties now are our responsibility. This is not palatable."

Correction of Name

I **adeyemi ibukunoluwa adeniran** whose name was wrongly written in my BVN as adeyemi ibukun math, now I wish to have the name corrected and addressed as **Adeyemi ibukunoluwa adeniran**. All banks, including GTB and the entire public should please take note

Community leaders honour Obe at LIGOMA Awards

A high calibre team of community leaders from Oshodi-Isolo constituency II rallied forces to honour Ejigbo LCDA chairman Hon Monsuru Bello, aka Obe at a well attended awards ceremony at the Nigerian National Merit Award Hall in Maitama, Abuja last Thursday. They include former Lagos State Commissioner for Information & Strategy, Hon. Kehinde Bamigbetan, former Commissioner for Home Affairs, Hon. Abdulateef Abdulhakeem and the Member, representing the constituency at the House of Representatives, Engr. Ganiyu Johnson.

Others are the APC chairman, Alhaji Fatai Kasumu, Chief Imam of Ejigbo Mukail Sanni, chairman of the Community

Development Committee, Comrade Jelili Atiku and chairman of PSP Operators in Ejigbo LCDA, Eminent Dotun Oriowo.

The high points of the event were the presentation of the awards and the prize of a branded brand new Sienna Bus to Obe for emerging the best chairman in Roads and Rural Integration nationwide.

Obe is among the 12 chairmen who were recognised for their excellent delivery of projects and programmes which add value to the citizens in their local governments.

Speaking to the press after the event, Obe thanked God for giving him the vision and the drive to serve the people diligently.

"I made up my mind very early to transform the council with



L-R: Engr. Ganiyu Johnson, Hon. Abdulateef Abdulhakeem, Hon. Monsuru Bello Obe and Hon. Kehinde Bamigbetan at the LIGOMA Awards held recently

developmental projects that will add value to the people

I thank the organisers for recognising our team's contribution. This is a collective

achievement," he said.

Also speaking on the awards, Hon. Bamigbetan who was once the chairman of Ejigbo LCDA, said he was happy that

Ejigbo LCDA was repeating a feat that was performed during his tenure by winning the LIGOMA awards.

He was his vice chairman when

we won the best chairman in the South West in 2010. I congratulate him for improving our track record."

Shammeh to rebuild Apena PHC soon

By Damilola Kushimo

The Chairman of Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye will rehabilitate Apena Primary Healthcare Centre (PHC) soon. He made the promise while responding to questions from journalists in his office over the legacy projects commissioned to commemorate his third year in office. He explained that having built two of the seven PHCs, his

administration will not stop at road rehabilitation which many people use to measure the performance of government.

He said he has decided to raise the bar of governance in the council area by positively touching all sectors of development before leaving the office.

Earlier, the council leader, Hon. Remy Shittu Remy, who represents Apena Ward had said he would intimate the council boss on the need to improve on some of the basic facilities at the PHC following his assessment visitation to

the centre last week.

Olaleye said: "People often lose sight of the fact that council, as it is, has the responsibility to ensure that our PHCs are running. People don't really know that the council has big responsibility to see that public primary schools are running, all of these are what we take care of."

"We have seven PHCs, two of those seven were actually built by this administration and what is the worth of our health centres if they are not functional. I am bold to say that all these PHCs are



Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye

working but, that is not to say that we are not sometimes faced with the challenges of rehabilitating them. We have just rehabilitated Oke-

Ogbere PHC. We are moving down to Apena PHC but right now, we are working on Ilesamaja PHC which is the flagship PHC."

We anticipate IVLP mentorship for our students - Principal

The Principal of Ijeshatedo Senior Grammar School, Mrs. Olayemi Adeola Olowogboyega, has expressed eagerness of the school for the forthcoming mentorship programme by the United State Mission through its International Visitor Leadership Programme (IVLP) Alumni Association.

Olowogboyega intimated Isolo LCDA leader, Hon. Remy Shittu Remy about the students' curiosity for the programme when he visited the school recently.

Remy had visited the school to familiarise with the 15 students who benefitted from the educational materials distributed by Field of Skills and Dreams VTE Academy and see how they have been making use of the materials.

Olowogboyega informed that the educational materials which include four textbooks, mathematical set and scientific calculator for each of the students have been helping them to study harder, become better in their educational pursuit and positively influence their contemporaries.

She said the distribution of the educational materials to the 15 students is a laudable initiative, believing that with the materials, their results will be better as they have already been showing in their performances.

On the IVLP mentorship programme coming up next January, Olowogboyega said: "We are always prepared. The students and members of staff are always on their toes. We are ready as we know that such programme would positively impact the lives of the students."

She therefore appreciated the council leader for facilitating the programme and other educational ones to the community.

Students of Ijeshatedo Senior Grammar will be the third set of students to be mentored by IVLP after Central High School and Ajumoni Senior Grammar school.

Community commends Shammeh for fixing Church Street

By Damilola Kushimo

The Chairman of Community Development Committee (CDC), Isolo LCDA, Hon. Segun Olatunde and the Chairman of Awoniyi Elemo Community Development Area (CDA), Mr. Wasiu Aiyelaagbe have praised the council Chairman, Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye for rehabilitating Church Street as promised.

The construction work, which

commenced earlier this month, is expected to be completed by January 2021.

The CDC chairman said the council boss had promised to rehabilitate the road when the CDA executives visited him some months ago.

He said the project would be one of the achievements which the local council chairman would be remembered for.

Also commending the council chairman over the project, the CDA chairman, Aiyelaagbe said the community has also enjoyed the dividends of



Ongoing construction on Church Street

democracy and good governance at the local level. He stated that it would attract more people to join the ruling party.

"I'm happy that our chairman is fulfilling his promise in our area. When we noticed the

presence of the contractor, I was informed that they are from Isolo LCDA and the entire community is happy that we would get our road fixed this year.

The company handling the project, Messrs Hansmag

Nigeria Limited, informed that the 256 by 6 meter road will be interlocked with one-sided drainage.

The site engineer, Mikail Abiola, said the company is making effort to deliver quality job within the stipulated time.

US trained youths on waste to wealth in Isolo ready for job

By Damilola Kushimo

The 140 young school leavers in Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) trained by the United States Government Exchange Alumni Association (USGEAA) in partnership with United States Consulate on how to turn waste to wealth are ready to start the job.

According to them, they have got the expertise to do the job and make money from it.

As earlier reported by ECHONEWS, the two-day programme tagged "Youth Empowerment for Climate Action (YECA)" with focus on promoting economic growth and development through youths engagement was held last Tuesday and Wednesday in the council secretariat.

The training was facilitated by

council leader, Hon. Remy Shittu Remy.

The trainees were presented with start-up kit and certificates after being practically lectured by more than six facilitators who took them on the ways recyclables could be profitably exchanged for cash or upcycled and traded during the two-day intensive skills acquisition exercise.

The council chairman, Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye, who appreciated that Isolo is the pioneer council area where the programme was held, disclosed the council's readiness to partner with recyclers in the community.

He said the council would provide a collection centre where recyclables such as pet bottles could be exchanged for cash and other



A group photograph of some of the trainees with the organisers and some councillors in the lawmaking arm.

worthy items in the council premises in order to further engage the youths, create employment opportunity and make the community cleaner and safer for all.

Commenting on the programme, the council leader explained that he was inspired to influence the programme to the council area having analysed and

gotten convinced that the enormous energy the youths invested in the #EndSARS protest could be better channelled into profitable engagement of this nature.

He, however, advised the trainees to make judicious use of the knowledge.

Also speaking, the USGEAA Vice Chairman, Dr. Rosemary Danesi, said the

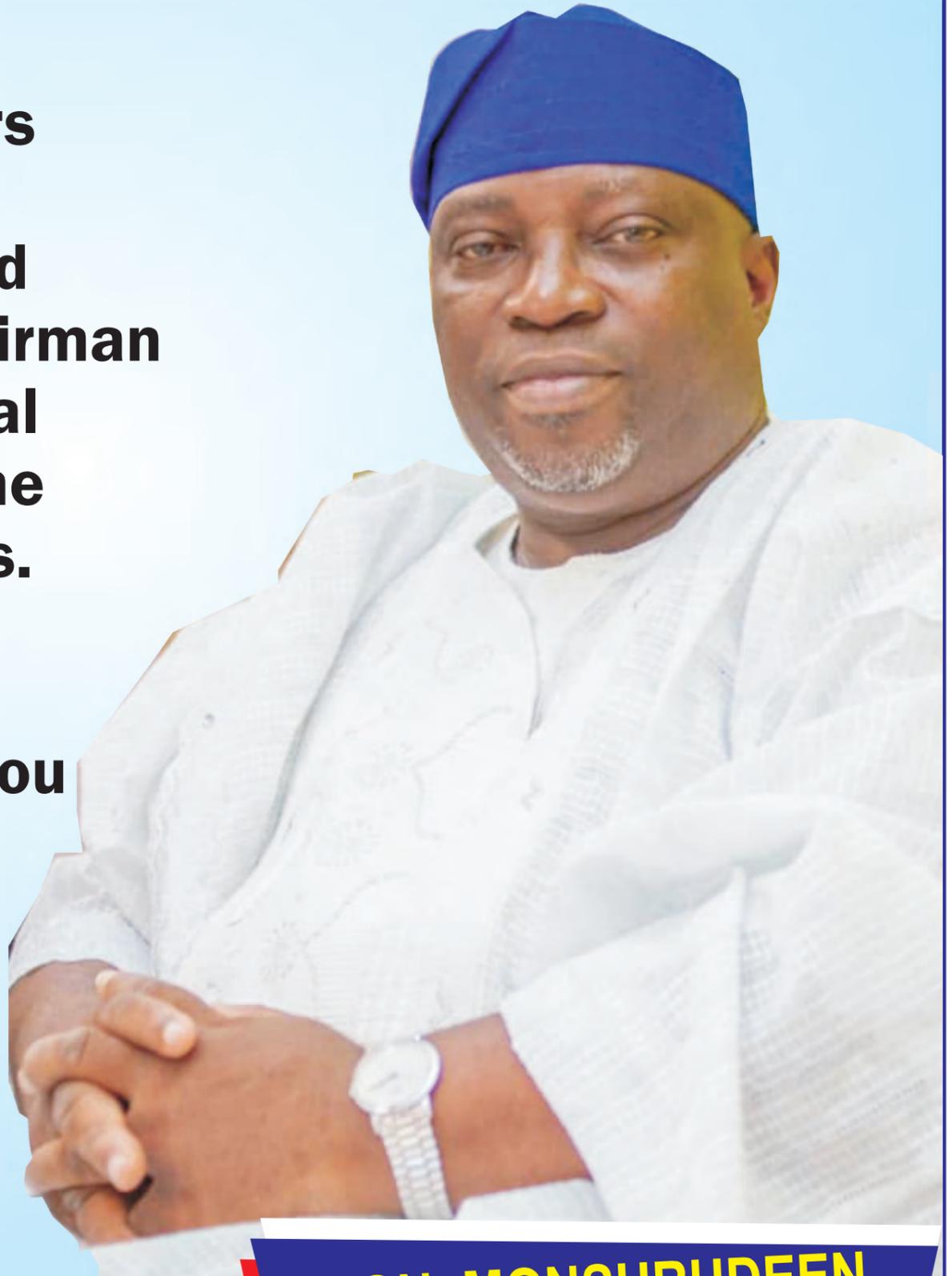
association would monitor the progress of the beneficiaries for further guidance as she urged them to make profitable use of the skills acquired and pass the knowledge across to others.

She emphasised that similar activities will be done for 100 youths in Ikoyi/Obalende January next year.

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**My Brother,
I join wellwishers
to congratulate
you on the award
as the Best Chairman
in Roads & Rural
Integration at the
LIGOMA Awards.**

**I wish you more
recognition as you
serve the good
people of
Ejigbo LCDA**



**HON. MONSURUDEEN
OLOYEDE OBE**
Executive Chairman, Ejigbo LCDA

**Fraternally yours,
Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye**
Executive Chairman, Isolo Local Council Development Area

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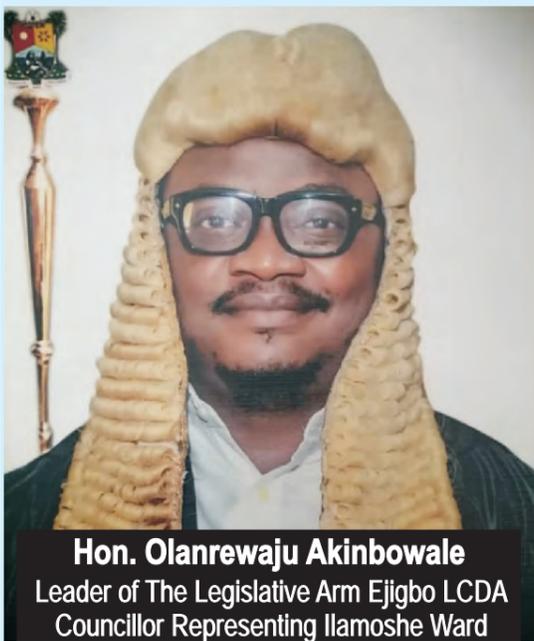
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1 2 3 Presentation of Food items to elders, widows and physically challenged in Ilamoshe Ward

Annual Empowerment & Skill Acquisition Programme

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5 6 7 Presentation of Make up kit for make up artist, 6 kg cooking gas cylinder, Pressing Irons & packs of scissors for tailors and welding electrodes for welder

8 9 Beneficiaries of Traders Fund Support

10 Presentation of Skill Acquisition Training Forms to Youths in Ilamoshe Ward



Leader promises start-up grants for best graduating trainees

By Saheed Afolabi

The Ejigbo LCDA leader, Hon. Lanre Akinbowale, has promised to provide start-up capital for the three best trainees among the beneficiaries of his skills acquisition and empowerment programme. While flagging off of the training at Iamoshe Ward last week, the councillor who represents the Ward also gave empowerment materials including cash, generators and other equipment to support some artisans and small scale business owners to grow their businesses. He also gave the elderly persons in the ward endowments for their

welfare.

Through the skill acquisition programme, the beneficiaries would be trained for a month on web designing, tailoring, Adire fabric making, soap making, auto diagnosis and screen printing after which the best three trainees would be given grants to start their businesses. Speaking, Akinbowale said he was doing that a give back to the ward and his people for giving him the opportunity and support by electing him to represent them at the local council. He said he empowered the youths with the skill acquisition programme and the small scale business owners who have no



L-R: APC Chairman, Alhajaji Fatai Kasumu, A trainee and Council Leader, Hon. Lanre Akinbowale

wherewithal with the necessary equipment to aid their work and provide source of living for them and also foods for the elderly ones who could not work again due to old age.

He disclosed that he purposely chose the vocations for the skill

acquisition programme having studied to to know what is trending and the particular vocations that are lucrative in the society which people patronise most currently.

He emphasised that he would provide start-up grants to enable

the best among them start the business immediately after the training so as to be financially independent, hoping that others would also get the needed supports.

Commending the councillor for his effort geared toward reducing

unemployment and poverty in his ward, the council vice chairman, Dr. Olatunde Olusunmade said Akinbowale has set a good precedent for himself.

He appreciated the council leader for empowering the youths in his own capacity and taking care of the elderly people in his Ward.

The APC party chairman of Ejigbo LCDA Alhaji Fatai Kasunmu who also graced the occasion, prayed that the skill acquisitions be beneficial to the youths who applied for the training while encouraging the youths to be good ambassadors of the community.

Foundation donates exercise books to Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu primary school

By Saheed Afolabi

Red Grape Foundation, a non-governmental organisation (NGO) founded by the former House of Reps aspirant in Oshodi-Isolo Constituency II, Hon. Habeeb Anibaba, has donated exercise books to the pupils of Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu Primary School as part of efforts to support their academic pursuit. The pupils and teachers, who were surprised at the gesture, received the materials with joy as they appreciated the goodwill shown to them by the

organisation.

The pupils happily displayed the books as it was evident that rarely receive such support from organisation and individuals. Speaking with ECHONEWS the vice Headmistress of the school, Mrs. Ogunfuyi G.O, said she was excited to see that such gifts could be extended to the school. She appreciated the organisation and its founder, praying for God's blessing beyond human imagination and the growth of the NGO. The Head boy and Head girl of the school, Shittu Malik and Rebecca Dada, who spoke on behalf of other pupils

appreciated the efforts of the Foundation, saying the gesture was a great honour to them and the school.

They therefore promised that the materials would be used judiciously by the pupils to their own advantage while appealing to other organisations and individuals in the society to emulate the gesture.

According to them, since government cannot do it alone, the education sector needs the such supports especially during the post Covid-19 when many parents are struggling to cater for their children in the face of the dwindling economy.

The Estate Youth Parliament (EYP), as part of its End-of-the-Year activities, donated food and clothing materials to the elderly and children at orphanages in the estate, Low Cost Estate, Jakande, Ejigbo. Speaking with ECHONEWS, the chairman of the group, Yusuf Adeyemi disclosed that the foods and clothes were donated to show love and support to the elderly people and the orphaned children in the community. He said it is part of the plans of the group to reach out to the needy in the community especially the elderly ones and the children, adding that they chose to donate foods and clothes being the essential things needed by the beneficiaries at this period.

EYP donates food, clothing items to elderly, orphanages

Appreciating the gesture, the Director of His Grace Children Home & Hostel at Bungalow area of Jakande estate, Mrs Titilayo Oyebanjo, said the group has done well by reaching out to the orphanage.

She prayed for the growth of the group, saying it is one of the youth groups to be reckoned with.

The Supervisor for the Center of Elderly Persons in Jakande

estate, Mr. Nicholas Obot, said he saw the gifts from EYP as a blessing from God, noting that there are so many organisations that do not have interest in caring for the elderly ones in the society. He said he appreciated the group for constantly visiting the centre with foods and other items.

He prayed for abundant blessing for the group for making it a point of service to take care of the elders in the society.



NGO passes vote of confidence on councillors, endorses them for second term

By Saheed Afolabi

Non-governmental Organization (NGO) based on advocacy, empowerment and education, EducationForAll, has passed vote of confidence on two councillors in Ejigbo Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) and another one in Isolo LCDA based on their performances so far. The councillors are the Ejigbo council leader, Olarenwaju Akinbowale, who represents Iamoshe Ward; Grace Nwankwo Okere, the majority leader of Ejigbo LCDA,

representing Ifoshi Ward and Abisodun Odusina Adeoye, the only female councillor representing Ishaga/Ire Akari Ward F4 who doubles as the majority leader of Isolo legislative chamber.

The organisation also endorsed Olusegun Oyegbemile, the Senior Special Adviser to Ejigbo council chairman on Special Duties.

It stated that having monitored and scrutinized their performances, the councillors deserved to be reelected into the office for second term.

Analysing their performances, the organisation in a statement signed by its founder, Ayanbajo

Ibidapo stated: "Hon. Olarenwaju Akinbowale, Leader of 4th Legislative Council of Ejigbo LCDA is a youth advocate who has empowered youths with 20 GCE Forms to students from 2018-2019, sponsored trainings of 10 youths in starting beverage business and 20 skills acquisition. As a Legal practitioner, since his assumption of office, he has ensured that bills that promote the safe running of educational facilities in the community are fully implemented via the bylaws at Quarterly Public Hearings.

"Hon. (Mrs.) Abisodun Odusina Adeoye is the only female

councillor in Isolo LCDA representing Ishaga/Ire Akari ward F4. She is the majority leader of Isolo LCDA legislative chamber. As a Girl Child advocate, she has over the years via her One Girl One Pad Project distributed free sanitary pads to female students in Lagos State in her bid to enhance their performances while at school. She is a lover of Girl Child Education, empowerment and Advocacy and a female counsellor. She has made available her listening ears to the plight of the young and younger girls.

Hon. (Mrs.) Grace Nwankwo Okere is the Majority Leader of

the Legislative Chamber of Ejigbo LCDA.

The Adatu Ugo Ndigbo 1 na Lagos is the first female Igbo councillor from Ifoshi Ward. She is a lover of Education, Youth and Empowerment. In her first term in office, she has successfully trained 20 young female cosmetologists and 30 fashion designers. She has unquenchable thirst for passionate youths who have been using their footballing talents in promoting peaceful coexistence across the communities by donating dozens of sporting jerseys for Ifoshi Ward football competition, encouraging the youths using

the round leather to promote and encourage team spirit, peace and unity.

"Hon. (Mr.) Olusegun Oyegbemile, SSA on Special Duties Ejigbo LCDA has never stopped putting smiles on the faces of the leaders of today through his reach out to the private and public school students by providing them with writing materials, trainings on safety, corruption and political education as a course with the theme "Catch them Young" in partnership with British Professional Society (BPS) and Community Disaster Mitigation Organization (CDMO)."

Post EndSARS: Dawodu to empower youths

By Edith Igbokwe

The Member of the Federal House of Representatives in Oshodi Isolo Constituency I, Hon. Dr. Bashiru Dawodu has pledged to empower youths in the constituency, noting that unemployment was the major cause of the EndSARS crisis and other criminal activities. According to him, the crucial thing to do now is to empower the youths to engage them in gainful jobs especially the vocational jobs to make them

financial independent.

He noted that the rate of youth unrests in the community would be reduced if many of them are engaged in jobs where they can make money. The lawmaker told ECHONEWS that he has plans for youth empowerment in his constituency programmes which would focus on capacity building/grants for unemployed youths.

He disclosed that the first phase of the programme is meant to empower the youths who have skills but are unable

to procure the needed equipment to function in their vocations.

He explained that the National Assembly is doing everything possible to make sure that the youths are in the forefront to implement the changes that will positively make impact in their lives.

Dawodu, who condemned the shooting of youths who protested against police brutality during the EndSARS protest, said the government could not allow the destruction of lives and prosperity to continue.

"The EndSARS protest started well as the youths agitated end to police brutality. We need to completely condemn the shooting of youths because it is not ideal in a sane society." He noted that the peaceful protest became bloody when some hoodlums hijacked it and destroyed government properties and Police stations as well as killing police officer, saying the innocent citizens have been affected by the action.

Emphasising that unemployment remains the



Dr. Bashiru Dawodu

major problem, Dawodu request known without violence. therefore appealed to the youths to always make their

LASUBEB, UBEC support sports in five schools

By Edith Igbokwe

Owseni Primary School Oshodi; Local Government Primary School, Shogunle; Kusoro Primary School, Ilesa Isolo; Ire-Akari Estate Model Primary School, Isolo and Ayoadeboyega Primary School, Ejigbo are among the five schools which benefitted

from the sport materials provided by the Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) in conjunction with National Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC).

The schools, two from each of Oshodi-Isolo LG and Isolo LCDA and one from Ejigbo LCDA are the lucky five among the 56 primary schools across Oshodi-Isolo-

Isolo community to be among the first batch to enjoy the gifts.

They received the materials last week.

The bodies have provided the materials as an effort to improve the psychomotor aspect of learning and to nurture their talents in sports at tender age.

The beneficiary schools received five packs of the

sport materials which contained 14 pieces of jersey for football team players; 20 skipping ropes; 5 Table Tennis boards; 5 Scrabble boards; 5 chess boards; 5 Monopoly boards and 10 footballs.

The Local Government Education Authority (LGEA) Sport Desk Officer, who is in charge of the distribution of the materials, Mrs. Beatrice Oyemakinde, explained that each school got 4 skipping ropes, one Monopoly board

one Chess board, one Table Tennis board, one Scrabble board, two footballs and one pack of jerseys which contains 14 pieces of jersey for a football team.

She informed that the second batch of the sport materials may be distributed in February 2021 to other schools across the state.

NUT fetes teachers with welfare materials

By Edith Igbokwe

The Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT) Oshodi-Isolo Branch has given some items termed 'welfare materials' to the teachers in the local government area.

The items which include T-Shirt and nose covers were delivered to the Executive Secretary (ES), Local Government Education Authority (LGEA), Barr. Femi Ogunwusi for inward distribution to the teachers.

While delivering the items to the ES, the Union chairman,

Oshodi-Isolo Branch, Comr. Salawu Kolawole, informed that the materials were given to commemorate the World Teachers' Day celebrates last month and to also appreciate the effort that teachers have been putting into the education of students.

He said the items would have been distributed last month but were delayed by the EndSARS crisis.

Kolawole, who doubles as the chairman of the Congress of NUT Chairmen in Lagos, said the items were provided as part of the union's efforts geared towards the welfare of

the teachers.

He stated that apart from its the other assignments expected from the union, it has also committed the welfare of the teachers to heart.

He commended the ES for his leadership, saying the Education District VI has been better under him.

Responding, Ogunwusi expressed his joy over the gesture, citing the mature leadership of Oshodi-Isolo NUT branch as a yardstick to be taken for a role model for others to emulate.



Mrs. Mujidat Olapo has dragged her husband, Sharafa, to Oshodi Customary court, praying the court to terminate their 10-year marriage.

She is accusing her husband of being negligent, uncaring and lying.

She claimed that there was no more love between them as he abandoned her and the two sons (ages 10 and 7 years) for five years for another wife.

She appealed to the court to separate them and grant her the custody of the children while demanding that the court should mandate the respondent to foot the responsibility of taking care of the school fees and the feeding allowance of the children and other things the court deemed fit for the children.

According to her, the marriage was contracted on June 17, 2010 during the naming ceremony of their first son, just to formally join the union, claiming that her husband paid only N1,000 as bride prize to her family.

"I got to know that my husband has another wife in 2013 when I was pregnant of my second born. I and the other wife fought at my mother-in-law's party in

Couples seek divorce in court after ten years

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July 2015 and since then, my husband had abandoned me and my children in a two-room apartment we rented and he has since been living with the other wife till date. None of his family members has ever come to reconcile us nor ask about my welfare and that of my children.

"Even when I was about to be chased out of the two-room apartment my husband left us in because I couldn't cope with the rent, I called my mother-in-law and she promised to come but didn't show up till now. I later got a room apartment which I can cope with and continued with life," she told the court.

Responding to the allegations, the husband, who also confirmed that there was no love lost between them any more, asked the court to separate them.

He however appealed to the court to grant him the custody of the children rather than keeping them in care of their mother.

The husband, who claimed that up to date, he pays the children's school fees and gives them N3,000 weekly for feeding, admitted that he has left them as claimed by his wife since 2015.

He said the marriage was no more working, asking the court to allow them go their separate ways in peace.

Meanwhile, the Court President, Mrs. Adebisi Oladitan ordered that the school fees receipts of the children be provided at the next sitting while the sum of N15,000 was approved for monthly upkeep of the children to be paid by the husband, while plan for the father to have access to his children was made.

She advised both parties not to make negative comments about each other in the presence of the children to avoid sowing seed of discord in the minds of the young ones.

Short adjournment was made to December 3, this year for the children to be brought before the court for examination before the final judgment.



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