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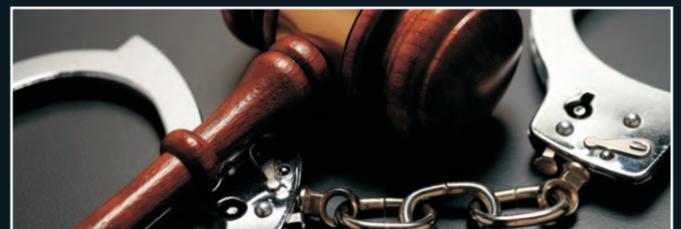
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Report confirms Oshodi crime status getting better

By Abolaji Adebayo

Things are changing for the better in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area (LGA), hitherto considered a den of bad boys, according to a report of the Lagos State Ministry of Justice. Only 171 inmates out of 30,107 inmates so far captured on the Lagos Criminal Information System (LCIS) come from the local government.

This represents 0.57 per cent of total number of inmates captured and places the local government sixth in terms of the number of inmates arrested per local government.

According to the first quarter of 2020 report of the LCIS, Oshodi-Isolo is trailing local governments such as Ibeju Lekki, Alimosho, Apapa, Ikorodu and Ojo which placed first to fifth on the ladder respectively.

The report, which took the count of inmates who passed through the criminal justice system in the five Custodial Centres (prisons) of the Nigerian Correctional Service in Lagos State records that Ibeju-Lekki has the highest number of persons arrested for various crimes with 300 (1.00%); Alimosho, 245 (0.81%); Apapa, 229 (0.76%); Ikorodu, 201 (0.67%) and Ojo, 178 (0.59%).

ECHONEWS gathered that the common crimes in Oshodi-Isolo include breach of peace, cultism/unlawful society, fraud, robbery and defilement.

The LCIS report released by the

Office of the Lagos State Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice stated that there are five Custodial Centres (Prisons) in Lagos State with built capacity for 3,872 inmates, while the actual total number of inmates at the Centres as at the time of filing the report was 9,053, about 140% over the official capacity.

The custodial centres, located in Ikoyi, Kirikiri, and Badagry include the female, medium and maximum custodial centres in Kirikiri while others serve as

medium custodial centres. The reports indicated that 54 per cent of the suspects processed during the period under review do not have legal representation, and majority are for minor offences.

This, according to the report, is an improvement over last quarter data of 82 per cent.

The status of the inmates processed through the system between January and March, 2020 further showed that 86 per cent are awaiting trial, 6 per cent have been convicted, 1 per cent on remand while 7 per cent have

so far been released. A breakdown of the inmates per other local governments where crimes were committed include location of crime committed is as follows: Ikeja, 175; Oshodi, 171; Eti Osa, 126; Lagos Island, 117; Kosofe, 95; Mushin, 90; Lagos Mainland, 88; Surulere, 82; Somolu, 79; Agege, 77; Amuwo Odofin, 65; Badagry, 59; Ajeromi Ifelodun, 48; Epe, 16; and Ifako Ijaiye, 10.

The report further indicated that the prevailing offences committed by inmates in Correctional Centres within the

period under review included stealing, breach of peace and cultism. The inmates by offence type are as follows: stealing, 42%; breach of peace, 16%; cultism/unlawful society, 9%; assault, 5%; obtaining by false pretence, 5%; armed robbery, 4%; murder, 3%; fraud, 3%; defilement, 2%; and tampering with oil pipeline, 2%.

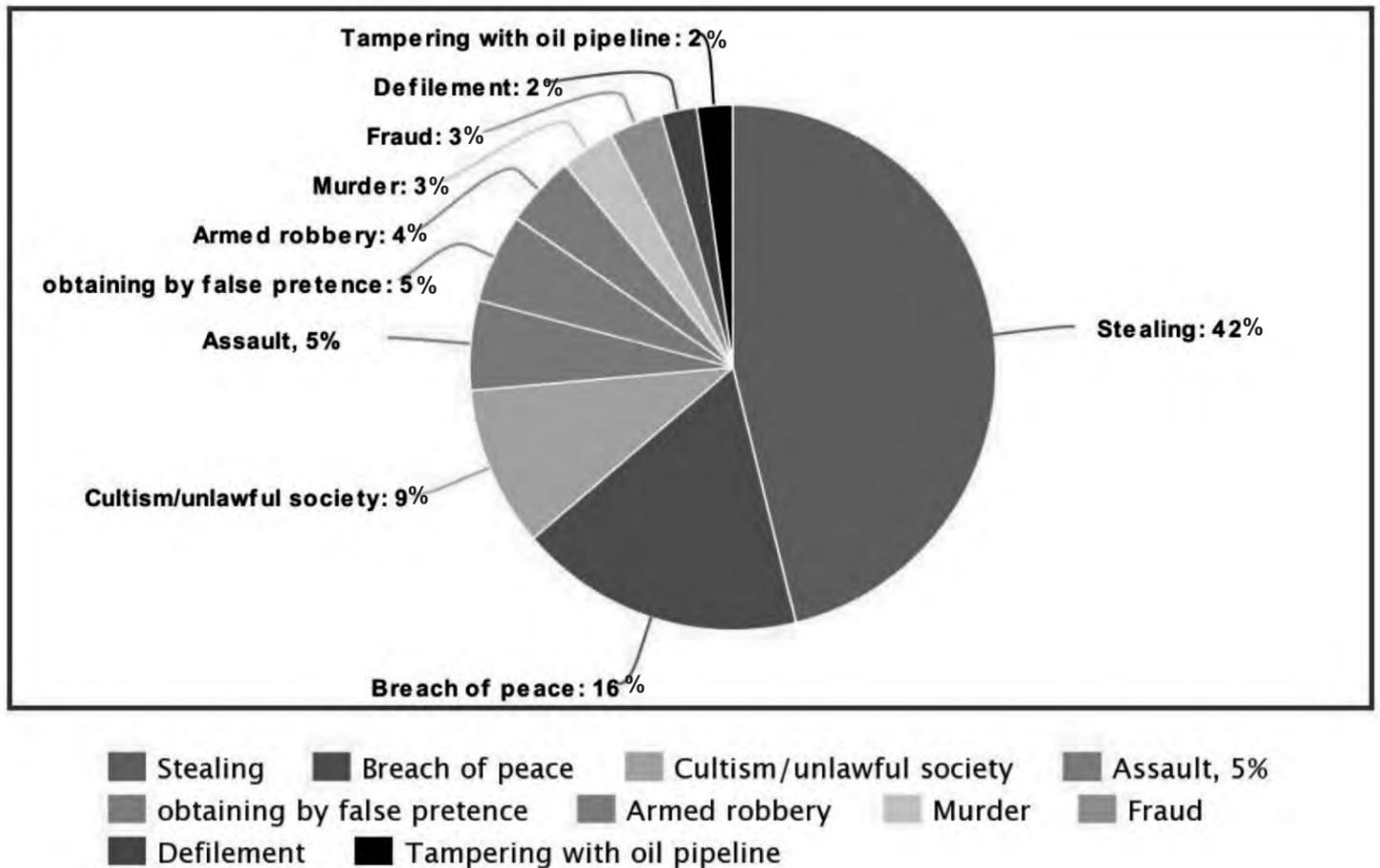
The statement also noted that the report contained important information showing the status of Domestic and Sexual offenders and efforts of the

Directorate of Public Prosecution at ensuring prompt issuance of legal advice.

The Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Mr Moyosore Onigbanjo (SAN), stated that the Lagos State Criminal Information System is designed to improve the administration of justice and strengthen the Rule of Law.

He reiterated that Lagos state and Lagos State Ministry of Justice will continue to be the Leaders in the Justice Sector Reform in Nigeria.

CRIME CATEGORIES



National ID card officers resume enrolment of applicants

By Damilola Kushimo

It was a moment of relief for applicants of National Identity Card as the local enrolment centre in Isolo resumed operations last week. The exercise, which is being handled by National Identity Management Commission (NIMC) - a Federal Government Agency had ceased to operate since Covid-19 pandemic broke out in compliance with the lockdown protocol.

The agency had earlier informed ECHONEWS of its resumption, stating it was

expecting the government's directive and the provision of some infrastructures by the local government.

Following the provision of a conducive office within the council's customary court with basic facilities including hand sanitizer and hand washing equipment by the Isolo LCDA, the coast became clear for the agency to continue its operation.

According to the Secretary to the Local Government (SLG), Hon. Emmanuel Olojede, the council provided the facilities as requested by the agency to spur its resumption for the benefit of the applicants.

One of the applicants, Stephen Obasi, said the resumption was timely as the ID card registration slip met his needs.

His words: "I am very happy that they've resumed the registration. As a matter of fact, I need it today before 3pm to upgrade my account in the bank. Their resumption is so timely. If they have not resumed, it would have been very difficult for me to carry out any bank transaction. From my assessment, their operation is satisfactory."

Mr. Sunday Okafor who now wishes to be known as Sunday Ajah explained how important the registration is to him in

order to perfect all formality as regards his new last name, emphasising that the resumption was at the right time for him.

However, some applicants recalled how their inability to provide the ID card for some important official registrations had cost them fortune prior to this time.

"Their resumption is still timely because I still have the opportunity to apply for Nigerian Navy or Army since I couldn't put in for Nigerian Airforce due to the fact that I didn't have the national ID Card which is a major requirement. I hope I get my

registration done today anyway," Amadi Uzoma stated. Another applicant, Mr. Shamsudeen Bello said: "I need it to request for my pension. I should have collected it before now but I didn't have National ID Card and I was told it is one of the

compulsory requirements. Some of my colleagues have been given their own 25 per cent but I am yet to get mine due to the fact that I don't have National ID Card and that's why I have been here since 5am, but the network hasn't been favorable since they began their operation for the day."

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LSDPC Estate executives visit Osolo

By Damilola Kushimo

Two months after emerging as the new executives, leaders of the Lagos State Development and Property Corporation (LSDPC) Estate Residents' Association (ERA), on Thursday, paid a courtesy visit to the Osolo of Isolo, Oba Kabiru Agbabiaka.

The president of the association, Alhaji Kehinde Ojuri, explained that they honoured the monarch with the

visit to appreciate the leadership role he is playing in the development of the community by sustaining love, peace and unity in Isolo Kingdom.

In his words: "We have come to show our act of great respect and admiration to our king, for the distinct and sacrosanct role he plays in Isolo kingdom and also to appreciate him for ensuring that LSDPC Estate benefits from various governmental programmes from the state, especially during the lockdown."

The Public Relations Officer (PRO), Miss Oluwatosin Oshinkayode, added that the visit became important in order to introduce themselves as the new executive members of the estate residents' association to the monarch.

It would be recalled that ECHONEWS reported the proceedings of the election that saw the emergence of the 7-man executive in June this year which took over the affairs of the estate from the caretaker committee that had been put in place since January.



LSDPC Estate executives with HRM Oba Kabiru Agbabiaka during the visit

I'm contesting for councillorship to reposition my Ward - Ikugbayigbe

By Damilola Kushimo

One of the councillorship aspirants under the platform of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Ajao Estate, Adeolu Ikugbayigbe, has explained that his aspiration is centred around repositioning his ward by facilitating developmental infrastructures into the community.

Ikugbayigbe, a Medical Microbiology graduate of Olabisi

Onabanjo University decamped from People's Democratic Party (PDP) to APC after losing to the incumbent councillor, Hon. Magnus Childiebere in 2017.

He explained that with his wealth of leadership skills, exposure and political knowledge, he intends to maximize the influence of the office to facilitate development in all sectors into his ward if elected as the councillor in the local council poll next year.

"I have been a resident of this

community for almost two decades and I've been part of happenings since then. Beyond any reasonable doubt, as the commercial hub of the constituency, Ajao Estate should be the face of the constituency in the area of infrastructural development and youth empowerment but, it is unfortunate that we are far from that position. With my exposure to governance in other countries and my leadership skills, I will

ensure I use the office judiciously to facilitate growth into my ward in all aspects to make sure we regain that respect-commanding status.

Meanwhile, he refuted the claim that he defected to APC because he needed a viable platform to achieve his ambition having lost out in the last election.

He said he and his numerous supporters decamped to the All Progressives Party in 2018 because they shared in the



Hon. Adeolu Ikugbayigbe

greater Lagos vision of the state contribute their own quota to the government and wished to achievement of the vision.

Be part of community devt, Aligbe urges residents

By Damilola Kushimo

The Chairman of Residents' Association of Awoniyi Elemo Street, Ajao Estate, Mr. Uche Aligbe has charged fellow residents and business owners to be part of developmental projects going on in the community by exhibiting greater sense of patriotism.

He appealed to them to contribute to the proposed reconstruction of the drainage channel to ensure that the recently upgraded road is not damaged by flood.

The community has recently repaired Awoniyi Elemo Street to decongest and guard against further damage of the street.

Aligbe disclosed that more than N1million contributed by only nine residents was expended on the project.

He, however, warned the traders on the street, who, he said, contributed nothing towards the execution of the

project, to desist from frustrating the communal efforts with their indifferent attitude and reckless disposal of recyclable wastes into the gutter.

"If the proposed drainage upgrade is achieved, flood will be properly channelled into the vast drains at the end of the street. We will not experience a situation whereby water will spill over from the gutter onto the streets and get our road submerged. The project is a huge one and that is why we are appealing to everyone to come on board in order to make the project and others come to reality. If this is achieved, Awoniyi Elemo will be a conducive place to reside and do business and it will attract great respect to the traditional seat of our Baale."

He also appealed to the local council authority to support the efforts of the residents on their proposed drainage reconstruction project.

Community Child Protection Committees from Isolo, Ilasamaja and Ajao Estate, with the code name ISOILAJ have partnered with SOS Children's Village, Isolo to enlighten parents and caregivers in the community on qualitative parenting and protection of their children against being abused.

At the sensitisation programme held at Isolo and Ishagatedo Town Halls, over 300 parents and other caregivers gathered from the three communities were enlightened on how to protect their children from all forms of abuses and how to instill moral virtues and sense of responsibility in them.

While enlightening the participants, the vice chairman of ISOILAJ, Elder Tundeola Falujo, said lack of good parenting caused the various forms of child abuse recorded during the lockdown.

He stated that the rate of the social vices informed the decision of the organisation to call for partnership in putting resources together to organize

SOS partners with child care givers on good parenting

By Damilola Kushimo

such programmes in order to raise the standard of guardianship among parents and also help them draw the line between child discipline and abuse.

His words: "Of course we know what is affecting our families, Covid 19 has further exposed some of the issues that have to do with child abuse amongst children in the community where we stay, this training is meant to enlighten caregivers on the right process and what step to take in terms of protecting their children from issues of physical abuse, emotional abuse and sexual abuse and the issue of neglect and negligence.

No doubt about the fact that the children are the leaders of tomorrow and if we don't protect them, they will turn out to be something we won't like. At the end of the day, the blame

will not only be on their parents alone but the community as a whole.

He noted that children who are physically abused tend to become abusers adding that the programme would prevent parental abuse of children.

"We've read a lot on the Internet about people who are not well informed or do not know how valuable the children are. We've seen people who go to the extreme to punish children with irons, knives and cutlass.

The enlightenment exercise was handled by Taiwo Akinlami Academy - a social enterprise that specialises in child's rights and protection.

Commenting on the programme, the participants attested to the new knowledge gathered about parenting.

Mrs. Olawunmi Dayspring-Taiwo said: "The programme has really broadened my knowledge on qualitative

parenting. Although my children are now adults, I will ensure what I've learnt is passed across to them and it reflects in my influence on my grandchildren. I will also spread the knowledge around for the benefit of all and the growth of the community."

Mrs. Callista Chikanele appreciated the organisers of the programme and promised to ensure the knowledge and enlightenment which she said covered all manner of parenthood would be shared in order to ensure that societal menace like thuggery and cultism are put in check.

Meanwhile, the Family Strengthening Coordinator of SOS, Mr. Smith Osaruyi commended ISOILAJ for putting up the programme.

He therefore appealed to the participants to make sure that the knowledge garnered on child protection is shared to others in the community.

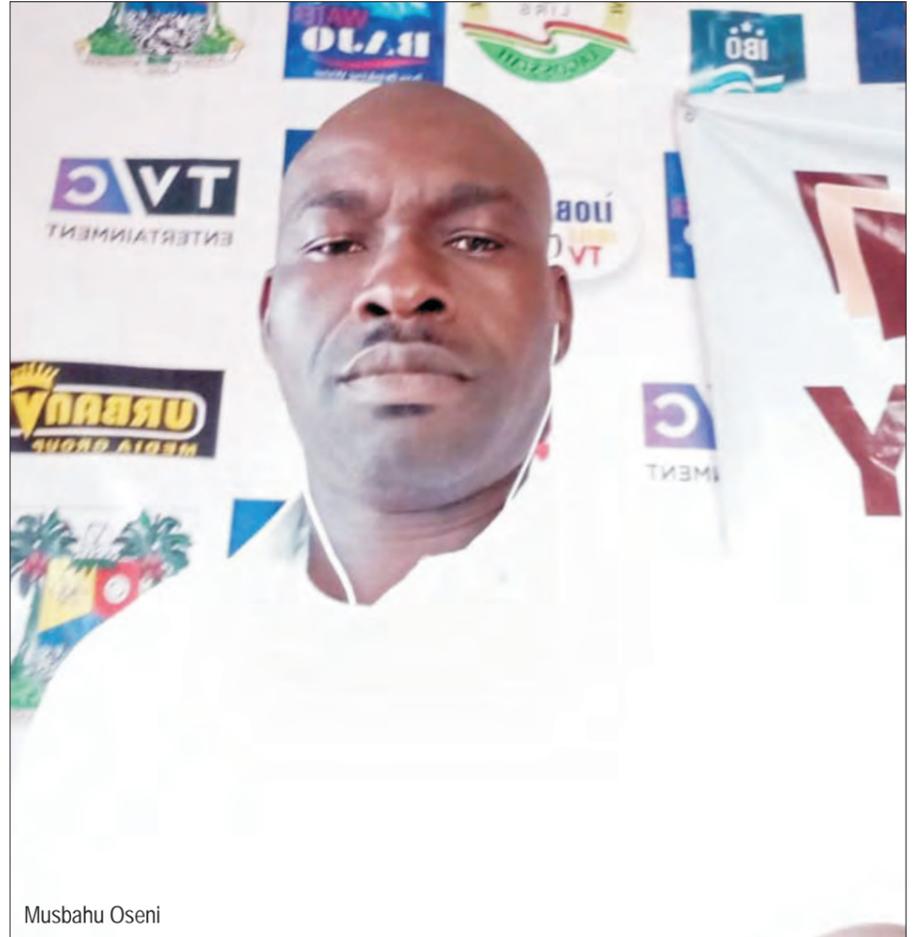
Stakeholders appeal to govt to build standard sport facilities in Oshodi-Isolo

By Saheed Afolabi

Sport stakeholders in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area (LGA) have appealed to the Lagos State Government to build standard sport centres in the local government area while urging the local governments to renovate the existing ones which have been neglected. According to them, the grassroots is the moulding stage for any athlete before they are known at the higher level, stating that lack of standard sport facilities may hinder the growth of athletes at the grassroots. Speaking with ECHONEWS, the coach of Ms Success FC, Musbahu Oseni, said the few sport centres in Oshodi-Isolo are not standard to

accommodate all kinds of sports and athletes. He said: "We have few sport centers in Oshodi-Isolo which are in bad shape due to being neglected. Lack of standard sport facilities is really affecting the development of athletes at the grassroots. As the state government is renovating the national stadium, we will be glad if the same can be extended to the grassroots to build more World class facilities because before you can become a great athlete, you have to pass through the grassroots." Christopher Ogar popularly known as Obeleze said if he has the opportunity to meet the governor of Lagos State, he would appeal to him to develop the sport centres at the grassroots across the

state by providing artificial turf to improve the playing style of footballers. He said the artificial playing turfs would help the players to adapt to standard playing turfs and make them grow quickly in the game especially when they have the opportunity of going to Europe. He said however, the players are bound to commit errors when they move abroad if they continue playing on sandy pitch with no sight of green grass as they find it difficult to adapt to their new environment. Yemi Fortune said the State government needs to come to the rescue of the grassroots and provide more standard sport facilities to engage the youths.



Musbahu Oseni

Why lawn tennis attracts more players at Adejumo Sport Center, Ejigbo

By Saheed Afolabi

Addejumo Lawn Tennis Club and Sport Center houses four different types of games which are lawn tennis, table tennis, squash and badminton. Lawn tennis is the favorite game among the sport men at the club though the game is mostly enjoyed when it is not raining. There are three types of court at the centre which are clay court, grass court and hard court. The hard court is mostly used by the players. When it rains, the players move to play table tennis, badminton and squash. Speaking with ECHONEWS, the former assistant captain of the club, Babatunde Adebayo, affirmed that lawn tennis is the favorite game among the players at the club. According to him, table tennis serves as the option for players who are not able

to play at the lawn tennis court, adding that table tennis is played during the rainy season because of the unavailability of lawn tennis. "Table tennis is situated beside the lawn tennis court and it has a shade over it so that sportsmen can enjoy the game when it is raining. "The badminton and squash courts are located inside one of the buildings inside the sport center. These also

attract interest of the sport men during when it is raining just like table tennis. "Competitions in lawn tennis are held in the month of January every year to avoid the rainy season. "The sport center looks scanty during the week but always filled up at the weekends as members of the club come with their families to play lawn tennis," he explained.



Lawn tennis court at Adejumo lawn tennis club and sport center

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Residents, IKEDC disagree over solution to power outage

By Edith Igbokwe

The residents of OOSAA Community in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area (LGA) have cried out in protest against persistent power outage as their transformer is switched off due to shortage of transformer oil. Their worry was heightened as

Ikeja Electric rejected the community's offer to provide the oil needed to assist, insisting that such assistance is not accepted by the company. Due to shortage of the lubricant, the transformer through which power is supplied to the community has been switched off for more than three weeks by Ikeja electric to avoid total

breakdown. However, the residents have lost their patience as they waited endlessly for the company to respond to the challenge. Speaking on the issue, the vice chairman of the Community Development Association (CDA), Babatunde Ebofin said the residents were worried

because they did not know how long it would take the electricity distribution company to get the oil available as they have been in darkness for three weeks. He explained that the community has made a move to provide the oil but the effort was rejected by the company. He stated: "We have tried to offer assistance to provide the

oil but it was rejected by the Oshodi branch of IKEDC. We also contacted the Okota Headquarters, they referred us back to Oshodi to rectify the issue yet, all we hear is that the oil is not available and the transformer cannot be switched on to avoid risk of further damage." Meanwhile, the Oshodi

undertaking manager, Adebayo Adesanya, appealed to the community to be more patient for the company to provide the oil. He said it is not in the ethics of the company to accept such assistance from the community, promising that the challenge would soon be fixed.

Ajanaku cautions youths against ill-gotten wealth

By Edith Igbokwe

The President of the Association of Oshodi Town Indigenes, High Chief (Dr.) Rasaan Fassasan Ajanaku, the Alakoso Apena of Oshodi Town, has cautioned the youths to desist from seeking to be rich through diabolic means, saying the consequence of such action is

brutal. He gave the warning in his message during the celebration of 2020 Isele Day held in Oshodi. Ajanaku, who noted the rate at which the youths seek wealth through various illegal means, warned that their actions would have negative impacts on the society. He also warned the parents to

guide their children in the right path so that they do not deviate from good characters to involve in criminal activities. "Our youths should be patient. They should desist from looking for money by all means. Majority of them pursue what is beyond them and that is why they are involved in Yahoo yahoo. "All these cannot make the

society grow. The youths are supposed to be agents of development but reverse is the case in our own society. The cause of all these is idleness, many of them don't have jobs and they want to live big. My own advice is that all youths must learn a vocation at least so that they don't become jobless after their schooling." He therefore appealed to the

governments at the state and local levels to give the traditional worshippers full support in term of recognition by declaring August 20 holiday for them and also in term of finance to be able to procure the necessary materials to make the sacrifices during the festival which, he said, cost million naira.

SUBEB to rehabilitate Temidire Primary School

By Edith Igbokwe

The Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB) has demolished an old block of six classrooms to pave the way for the construction of a new block at Temidire Primary School, Shogunle, Oshodi.

According to the Education Secretary (ES), Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Education Authority (LGEA), Barr. Femi Ogunwusi, the demolition of the building was the first step, saying the second phase of the rehabilitation would soon commence.

He said though SUBEB has not informed the Education Authority when the second phase of the rehabilitation would commence, he was sure it won't be long.

He noted that the demolition exercise was carried out before the pupils resumed so as not to subject them to risk of being hit by the rumbles during demolition.

Apart from the classroom building, the school gate which was pulled down has been reconstructed.

ECHONEWS gathered that some hoodlums had been taking advantage of the damaged gate to gain entrance into the school compound to perpetrate their nefarious activities while turning the dilapidated building into a toilet.

It was learned that the building has been abandoned by the school management due to its deteriorating state in order to safeguard the pupils against danger.



The school gate under repair

Police intensify patrol to curb motor parts theft

Following the report of constant stealing of vehicle parts in Odutolu, Adedeji and Olusoji Streets, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Makinde Police station, CSP Francis Ebhuoma, has mobilised the officers to patrol the community to curb the menace.

The residents of the concerned

streets had reported to the police the incessant stealing going on in the community. They complained that the robbers specialised in stealing car brain boxes, noting that many vehicles parked on the streets were tampered.

According to them, the brain boxes of about nine Toyota

Corolla vehicles and a Lexus Jeep 470 parked in front of the houses were removed within the month of August.

They alleged that the robberies were carried out around 2am when the owners were asleep. Meanwhile, the DPO said he has sent his men to the streets where the stealing took place

to take necessary details for further investigations.

The chairman of Isokan Community Development Association (CDA), Mr. Kazeem Fawole confirmed that policemen have been carrying out the daily patrol as promised by the DPO.



One of the vehicles with stolen brain box

Covid-19: Oriade charges residents on precautions, donates face masks

By Edith Igbokwe

The former youth leader of All Progressives Congress (APC), Afariogun Ward, Mr. Olawale Oriade, has implored the residents to continue complying with the precautionary measures set by the government to fight against the virus.

He said this while donating face masks to the CDAs in the community to support the government's efforts to curtail community spread of Covid-19. He warned that the virus might not be conquered if people continue to flout the government directives, noting that the virus is still much in the society as against the notion by some people that the virus is no more.

Oriade lauded the State and

Local Governments for the efforts made towards curtailing the spread of the virus, imploring the residents to keep wearing their face masks and comply with other regulations against the spread of the virus.

He emphasised that the donation of face masks was to support the policy of the State Government in the fight against the virus as part of measures to curb the communal spread of the virus amongst the people.

Taking the delivery of the items, the APC Ward chairman, Mr. Ganikale Hameed, appreciated the Oriade for his ceaseless support to the party and the community at large.

He described the donor as a community builder, whose passion for the growth and development of Afariogun is unrivaled.

Also commending the donor, the Financial Secretary of the



Olawale Oriade presenting face masks to CDAs in Afariogun Ward

party, Alhaja Jemilat and the Ex-Officio, Mr. Ayodele Omotayo, described the donor as a man who places a premium on the well-being of the people regardless of their

religion and tribe. The chairman of Isokan CDA, who took delivery of the face masks on behalf of other CDAs, Mr. Fawole thanked the donor for his continued support in the

fight against the virus through the kind gesture exhibited to the community at large through the CDA's, charging him not to relent in his service to humanity.

Councillors introduce gallery to proceedings

By Olushola Okewole

Councillors of Ejigbo Local Council Development Area have introduced a gallery for members of the community to observe its proceedings. The maiden event, which happened during the deliberations of the Legislative Arm last week was attended by a delegation of the Community Development Committee (CDC) led by its chairman, Prince Jelili Atiku. To mark the historic event, the CDC chairman was honoured with an award of excellence by the Ejigbo councillors in recognition of his contribution to the community. While presenting the award to the chairman at the council's legislative chamber, the council leader, Hon. Lanre Akinbiwale, explained that the award was in appreciation of

his efforts towards the Ejigbo community development. He added that the councillors were monitoring his exemplary leadership style, selfless service and the good initiative to reach out to the indigent during Covid-19 pandemics. In response, the awardee dedicated the award to other CDC executive members who have been working with him to achieve good results. He appreciated the councillors for the surprise award given to him in honour of his service to the community. He noted that the initiative of organising palliatives for the needy in the community during the Covid-19 was borne by the entire CDC executive members. He therefore promised that the CDC would come up with more programmes that would benefit the entire residents.



Hon. Larry presenting Excellence award to Ejigbo CDC chairman, Jelili Atiku

Return our transformer, residents charge IKEDC

By Olushola Okewole

The residents of Daleko/Lafenwa Area of Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) have appealed to Ikeja Electricity Distribution Company (IKEDC) to return the transformer which has been taken away from the community since February this year. They lamented that the community has been in total blackout ever since the transformer was taken away

by the electricity company to be repaired. According to them, all efforts made by the community to have their power supply restored in the community were not successful. One of the elderly residents, Mr. James Ezejinle, explained that when they visited the company, they were told that there are debts on the transformer which the community has to pay off before having their transformer back. He informed them that they

have been paying the debts and the company promised to restore the transformer but has refused to do so. He therefore appealed to the local council government to come to their aid, saying all efforts to have the power supply back have been exhausted. However, the business manager at Okota headquarters, Mr. Taofeek Obasanya, said he would check to ascertain what the real issue was and act accordingly.



CHANGE OF NAME

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A 48 year- old married man, Ben Mbanefo, will be charged to court for allegedly defiling a 10 year-old girl in Ejigbo. Mbanefo was said to have lured the little girl, his neighbour's ward, into his apartment and engaged her in sex. He was subsequently arrested by the Police operatives from Ejigbo Division following the report of the incident at the police station. The Divisional Police Officer (DPO), CSP Olabisi Okuwobi,

Man faces trial for allegedly defiling minor

By Olushola Okewole

said the suspect has been transferred to the Gender Section of Area D Command in Mushin, Lagos for further investigation and prosecution. The incident was said to have happened at Taiwo Street, Ejigbo, where they reside. It was gathered that the little girl had visited her aunt to spend Covid-19 lockdown holiday with her. The police said: "The

suspect's wife had gone to work and the victim was playing with other children in his house. Mbanefo deliberately sent all the children away from his apartment and called the 10-year old girl back to send her on an errand. "When the girl went back to his house, he took her to his matrimonial bed, removed her pant and had carnal knowledge of her before he allowed her to go. "The dubious act was



exposed after the little girl suspect, Mbanefo, had treated while the matter was complained of stomach upset engaged her in sex. reported to the Police and he and started vomiting. It was "She was taken to the was arrested for then she revealed that the hospital, where she was being interrogation."

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How Covid-19 affected our celebration of Isese Day - Baale

By Edith Igbokwe

The Baale of Ishagatedo Community, High Chief Razak Ishola Owodeyi has explained that though the necessary sacrifices were carried out, the ravaging coronavirus pandemic limited the celebration of this year's Isese Day, a Yoruba traditional worshippers' annual celebration. He said the traditional worshippers could not throw crowded celebrations as they were cautious of breaching the protocols against the

spread of the virus in the community.

According to the chief, Ishaga remains one of the communities in Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) where Yoruba cultures and traditional religions are highly regarded and accorded respect as other religions.

He noted that due to the restriction of social gathering, the community only offered sacrifices as rites to appease the gods without any fanfare as it used to be.

Owodeyi further explained

that 2020 Isese Day would be remembered as one celebrated unremarkably, not only by the Yoruba traditional worshippers in the community but in Nigeria as a whole giving the reasonable limitations it experienced.

He said: "I warned and ensured that our Egunugun worshippers did not put up any parades due to the directives by the government which restricted such, but we did all the necessary sacrifices we were meant to do for peace and love to continue reigning.

"Coronavirus cannot get a

chance in Ishaga because we abide by the precautionary measures and we do our sacrifices as expected of us from the gods.

"As far as I am concerned and with the history I am aware of, there hasn't been any traditional festival done in this unceremonious manner. This is just the first one. Even our yearly Egungun festival that was supposed to be done in May, we couldn't do it due to what was on ground. If by next year, the virus is not outrightly wiped off, we might have to suspend our festivities and

just do the necessary sacrifice."

He further gave the account of how the virus was being controlled in his community as he commended the paramount ruler of Isolo Kingdom, Oba Kabiru Alani Agbabiaka; the Osolo of Isolo on how he has effectively managed the situation in the whole of Isolo community.

He therefore urged the federal government to ensure that people comply with the directives at the airports as it relaxes lockdown on international flights.



High Chief Razak Ishola Owodeyi

Family appreciates Gbeleyi for giving scholarship to Nwaze

By Edith Igbokwe

It was a dream come through for Miss Favour Chiamaka Nwaze, an 18-year old student residing in Oshodi, who got admission into University of Benin, Edo State but could not afford the school fees because of the financial position of the family as the former Lagos

State House of Assembly aspirant in Oshodi-Isolo constituency I, Hon. Adebajji Gbeleyi (Skibanj) offered her a scholarship.

The scholarship, according to Gbeleyi, covers school fees and other expenses throughout her course of study.

He said the scholarship was necessary to lessen the burden

on the family, adding that there are many people in the community who need such assistance.

Gbeleyi said Nwaze was just fortunate that God used him to help her and the family.

He noted that there are many good people like him in Oshodi who could render such assistance, charging them to

assist the poor in the community and putting everything to the government.

He particularly charged the wealthy members of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) to always portray the goodness of the party by rendering help to the needy in the community, saying they would attract more people to

the party by doing so.

Appreciating the gesture, Miss Nwaze's mother, Mrs. Mary Nwaze, who was shedding tears of joy, said she was not expecting the assistance.

According to her, being a family from Eastern part of the country, the highest they expected from Gbeleyi when they met him for assistance was

to support them with part of the school fees but were surprised why he offered to take up the whole bills.

She said the family was grateful to its benefactor for giving their daughter a future.

The beneficiary, Miss Nwaze also promised to make her benefactor and the family proud by studying hard to be successful academically, saying she would reciprocate by impacting more lives.

Birthday Felicitations to an Amazon;



MRS OLUFUNKE JOHNSON

The entire South South United People's Forum of Oshodi/Isolo Constituency II heartily rejoice with you as you celebrate your birthday today, 1st September, 2020.

We appreciate your supportive and motherly care for the entire South- South in Oshodi/Isolo constituency II through your hand of generosity and heart of meekness.

We congratulate you on this auspicious occasion and we pray that all your divine attributes and qualities infused with grace, joy, peace, love, prosperity and longevity find utmost expression in every facet of your endeavours.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !



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