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# Lagosians beg govt for proactive measures on imminent flooding

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Some Lagos residents now live in apprehension over the envisaged effect of the imminent flooding in November, this year, as announced by the Nigeria Meteorological Agency (NiMet).

The agency had warned of heavy rainfall in November which may cause flooding in some states of the federation, including Lagos.

This has raised panic among the residents whose areas are prone to flooding especially in the riverine side of the state; they are, therefore, calling on the governments both at the state and local levels to come to their rescue by

planning and setting up of an emergency response team immediately to cater for the people who will be affected or displaced by the flooding.

In September, the effect of heavy flooding was felt in some areas like Aborun in Alimosho Local Government, rendering many people homeless, while two people reportedly died during the flood

It was stated that the release of Oyan Dam might also add to the flooding for those living in the areas closer to Ogun river bank.

Earlier in October, the Commissioner of Environment and Water Resource, Tunji Bello had urged Lagosians residing along the bank of Ogun river to prepare for flooding which would be caused by the opening of the Oyan dam. He had warned that the release of the dam will worsen flooding in the state.

"The situation may also be worsened by the release of water from Oyan Dam



Flood

by the managers, the Ogun-Oshun River Basin Development Authority which has increased the level of water of the lagoon," he had also said. For instance, the residents of Ibeju-Lekki Local Government urged government authorities over the imminent flooding of the area to be proactive.

They noted that as a council located in the riverine area, much preparation should be made to arrest the situation.

They suggested to the government to embark on evacuation of drainages to prevent blockage of water movement. They also called for immediate evacuation and relocation of people in the low land of the community.

Other solutions suggested by the residents include campaign and awareness

programme to sensitize the public on the menace of the imminent flooding, immediate stoppage of all activities of water dredging both in the river, creek and also the coaster water.

They also called on political leaders and political flag bearers, irrespective of their political affiliation, as well as well-to-do people in the community to reach out to the local government and see how they can support in averting this imminent flooding.

Also, the residents of Ketu and some parts of Ikorodu are also calling for government's assistance to avert the imminent flooding.

They want the government to put in place proactive measures ahead of the flood in November as alerted by

NiMET., and urged their local governments to also prepare ahead of the menace.

Meanwhile, the Commissioner of Information, Gbenga Omotoso, has asked residents to be calm, saying the government is on top of the situation.

Speaking further in an interview with ARISE TV on Friday, Omotoso said the state government had cleared drainages to prevent flooding.

"The notice that you saw that people should move, that was what we said over a month ago when the weatherman said Lagos was going to experience more rains," he said.

The Lagos ministry's permanent secretary for drainage services, Olalekan Shodeinde, was also quoted to have said,

while speaking on Friday on a Channels TV interview, that the floods won't be massive but residents should be prepared explaining that the areas prone to the flood are those close to the Ogun river.

"We are not expecting a massive Bayelsa-like or Kogi-like situation," he added.

He also said if severe flooding happens in Lagos, "probably maybe 100,000 or 200,000 people will be affected", adding that "the areas prone to such incidents are low-line areas in River Ogun".

"The essence of the early warning is for you not to be caught napping; for you not to be caught trapped in that situation. That is why we are making the noise; that is why we are talking about this," he said.





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# 2023: Amuwo youths commence campaign for Tinubu

By Motola AbdulGafar

Youths in Amuwo-Odofin Local Government have embarked on political campaign for the realisation of the presidential aspiration of the All Progressives Congress (APC) candidate, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu. They have started to convey their support through social media and

other communication means in showcasing their stance ahead of the 2023 general elections. Speaking on the move by the youths, the council Chairman, Hon. Valentine Buraimoh noted that his support for their action is due to their aim of joining in fostering a new society which he said would be based on shared prosperity, tolerance, compassion, and an unwavering commitment

to treating each citizen with equal respect and due regard concerning Asiwaju's manifesto. He said as youths Tinubu's inclusion to improve Nigeria's economy and education which would be beneficial to them has settled the issue of education sustainability and employment/entrepreneurial opportunity for all youths. Buraimoh also noted that

they are in support of his intention to develop the nation into people of creators and not just consumers who would appreciate inter-talent individuals in the country as compared to the previous norm where Nigeria talents are not well encouraged. He urged all residents to emulate the action of the youths by supporting all APC flag bearers for better delivery of democracy.

## Party leaders task members to command 15 voters each

By Motola AbdulGafar

The leaders of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Amuwo-Odofin Local Government have tasked all party members to advocate and win a minimum of 15 people each in their areas. They said the essence of the task is to ensure that each member of the party can command 15 voters each to vote for the party at the polling units. Encouraging party members, the council chairman, Hon. Valentine Buraimoh

noted that the party has been putting in efforts towards the emergence of each flag bearer which members should be in full support. He assured that flag bearers' manifestos are not empty promises because the party rules with the formula of continuity through dividends of democracy which is favourable to the public. He promised to continue to cater for the well-being of the people while urging them to get their voter's Cards ready ahead of the 2023 general election.



Youths campaigning for Asiwaju in Amuwo-Odofin LGA



Hon. Valentine Buraimoh representing party leaders

The leadership of Arewa Group in Amuwo-Odofin Local Government has declared its reasons for supporting the All Progressives Congress (APC) presidential candidate, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu ahead of the 2023 general elections. The leaders of the group claimed that their opinion is not based on religious or ethnic interest as they have weighed all possibilities before declaring their support. The representative of the group, Alhaji Salisu Yahya described Tinubu as a nation builder, stating that his strategy entails community development which showcases his deep

## Why we're supporting Tinubu - Arewa Group

By Motola AbdulGafar

understanding of grassroots development. He also noted that as an ethnic group in Nigeria, they have noticed that Tinubu is a detribalised nationalist which gives them the privilege of engaging in governance in any political office of interest. Yahya encouraged all members to avoid disunity during this period and overlook the shortcomings of different caucuses in the party while urging that their primary goal is to canvass, support and vote for APC in all proposed political offices.



Alhaji Salisu Yahya declaring the association's support for Asiwaju



# 2023: Akinloye mobilises youths for Tinubu

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Chairman of Eredo LCDA, Hon. Ismail Akinloye, has mobilised youths to rally and canvass for Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu/Senator Kashim Shetima, and Babajide Sanwo-Olu/Dr. Kadri Hamzat presidential and governorship ambitions respectively. The youths were asked to support the rally organized by Seyi Tinubu at the Police College Ikeja. The event, which was

attended by youths from various governmental, non-governmental, cultural, sociological and other youth platforms across the state, was organised to solicit votes for Tinubu and Sanwo-Olu in 2023.

Akinloye, therefore, urged all young people to support all APC candidates in the state, charging them to come out to Vote during the elections.

He also pledged to take all necessary steps to ensure the success of APC at all levels.



The mobilization exercise

# Ikosi Ejirin LCDA boss appreciates Rep Raji's achievements

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Chairman of Ikosi-Ejinrin Local Council Development Area, Akogun Anomo has lauded the member representing Epe Federal Constituency at the House of Representatives, Hon. Wale Raji for the many projects he facilitated into the area and the many lives he has directly uplifted through his activities. The chairman made this commendation at the official handing over of the newly established Odo-Temu Community Junior High School facilitated by Raji to the Lagos State government. Anomo remarked that the good works of Raji has made him people's favorite which is why the people of Epe Federal Constituency have reposed their confidence in him to represent them at the Federal House of representatives for the 3rd term.

He stated that the people are ready to support him again

based in his many achievements.

The event which had in attendance the Commissioner for Education, Mrs. Folashade Adefisayo; the Tutor-General and Permanent Secretary, Education District III, Dr. (Mrs) Idowu Olufunke Oyetola; Hon. Akeem Shittu, Permanent Board Member LASUBEB; Epe Local Government

Chairman, Princess Surah Olayemi Animashaun; former Welfare Officer APC Lagos State, Alh. Ramotallahi Bankole; Chairman, Reps Advisory Council, Otunba Nurudeen Yusuf; APC Lagos State Welfare Officer, Chief Kehinde Adeniyi; Former APC Chairman Epe LG, Chief Bode Alausa; Council Manager Ikosi-

Ejinrin LCDA, Barr. Shobule Ladipo; Former Member of the Lagos State House of Assembly, Hon. Fariu Arebi; Education Secretary of Epe LGEA, Otunba Shittu Idowu; Regeant of Odo-Temu Community, Council officials, community members, pioneering students amongst others.

The council boss also appreciated the

Commissioner for Education, Mrs. Folashade Adefisayo for her charismatic drive of the educational programmes of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu and for the speedy opening of the school.

Anomo who has long been advocating for a public primary and secondary school in Odo-Temu community was elated that the

realisation of this dream came to pass under his watch as the chairman of the LCDA. He, therefore, urged the parents and students of the newly established school to see the citadel of learning as a treasure which must be guarded jealously by all, saying the cooperation of all stakeholders is needed to make the school a distinguished one from onset.



Rep Raji with Council executives



# Council sensitizes community on responsibilities of safeguarding children

By Saheed Afolabi

The council of Lekki LCDA has educated adult residents on basic principles in safe guarding and protecting the wellbeing of children. It decried the basis of abuse and neglect as one of the important ways in which adults neglects children. The council boss, Hon. Rasaki Kasali

represented by the Chief of Staff, Hon. Fatai Taiwo remarked that children are unique beings that requires adequate care for their loveliness. He said that the role communication plays in child care goes a long way as effective communication might in some cases prevent the manifestation of bad ideas in kids. He emphasized on

the confidentiality on how to protect discussed cases by children and how to handle complaints wisely without affecting parties involved. Taiwo appealed that the council expect to record more harmonious cases with the aim of treating children equally as they expect resident to key into the idea of the government.



Hon. Rasaki Kasali

## Olowa commends mothers, encourages self-care

The Chairman of Ibeju-Lekki Local Government, Hon. Abdullahi Olowa has commended mothers in the council for their rigorous efforts in catering for the wellbeing and development of their children. He said a healthy child would receive health education as the care he refers to is the important exclusive breastfeeding offer his mother makes available. He advised them to groom their selves

both physically, emotionally, and mentally and sustain a good health status. Olowa revealed that the local government is presently investing in health sector by improving the quality of healthcare delivery through the provision of basic amenities and support system. He sought more private partnerships with the government in the healthcare and other sectors saying the unification of able factions is what will bring about community development.



Hon. Abdullahi Olowa

## LG constructs drain on Ashogbon Street

By Saheed Afolabi

The chairman of Lagos Island LG, Hon. Prince Tijani Olusi has directed the works department of the local government to begin the construction of drains in the community to prevent flooding.

Olusi stated that the local government started the construction of additional drains just to curb flooding as he commends the residents of their cooperation. "In our strive to eradicate the problem of flooding within Lagos Island, our administration

has embarked on the construction of drainages within Lagos Island. "The works department has presently moved to Ashogbon Street, where drainage construction is ongoing. "This is the second phase on Ashogbon Street, the first had

been completed with drainage and interlocked stones. "We appreciate the co-operation and support of all residents and shop owners for their understanding, and we implore them to still bear with us as we strive towards the timely completion of the drainage."



Drain on Ashogbon Street



# Ojokoro LCDA to partner NDLEA on drug abuse

By Edith Obioma

The Chairman of Ojokoro Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Hammed Tijani (HID) has assured the National Drugs Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) of optimal cooperation and contribution to eradicate illicit drug use in the community. Tijani assured the agency of provision of office space and some other logistics for the edge time operation of the agency. The NDLEA agency

visited Ojokoro LCDA to discuss on how to put an end to all forms of drug-related issues affecting the LCDA and the state at large. The team was led by Agege Area Commander, Uwah Rapheal Lawrence to the council on official matters. Responding to the council chairman's request, commander Lawrence promised to do his best. "We are going to ensure we do our best to make drug abuse become a thing of the past within the LCDA," he assured.



Ojokoro, NDLEA partners

## Hamzat dedicates award to community members

By Edith Obioma

The Chairman of Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government, Prince Usman Hamzat has dedicated his outstanding meritorious award on poverty alleviation to the residents of the community. He appreciated the joint support of the people of Ifako-ijaiye towards achieving the great feat recorded. He said: "I dedicate this award to the good people of Ifako-ijaiye for their advise, support, fatherly love exhibited towards the development journey so far. "We are poised to do more, to ensure that our people is not subjected to poverty." During the award ceremony in Abuja, Hamzat was given a

merit award as Most Outstanding Local Government Chairman on poverty alleviation. He was judged based on series of empowerment programmes he held to support the community members. Such programmes include provision of support to 500 market women, financial programme for 300 traders, cash empowerment of N50,000 each to about 250 market women. Others include total number of 12 roads and drainages constructed for the Infrastructural development of Ifako-Ijaiye. Tijani was presented with 10-seater bus as the first category winner of Nigerian Local Government Chairman Merit Award.



Hon. Hamzat with his meritorious award

## Ifako-Ijaiye commends 35yrs meritorious service of HOD WAPA

By Edith Obioma

The entire Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government staff led by the chairman, Prince Usman Hamzat have appreciated the 35 years of service of Head of Department (HOD) Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation (WAPA), Alhaji Mosidat Abiola as she retired from civil service. Hamzat described the retiree as an excellent civil servant, a kind-hearted person and a diligent worker who gave her best to the service. The Vice Chairman, Mrs. Oluwatoyin Akerele praised her commitment and professionalism displayed during her service. The retiree joined the Lagos State civil service on 15th October 1987 as a clerical assistant at Epe Local Government and was later transferred to Alimosho Local Government in 2002. She further worked in Igando/Ikotun Local Council Development Area (LCDA) as a training officer and at Iba LCDA as an administrative officer.

She was appointed HOD, WAPA at Lagos Mainland Local Government in 2016 before she was transferred to Ifako-Ijaiye LG in 2021. In October 2022, she retired from Lagos State civil service after 35 years of meritorious service as an assistant chief administrative officer on grade level 13. Delegates from Epe LG, Igando/Ikotun LCDA, Iba LCDA and Lagos Mainland LG attended her retirement ceremony held at Ifako-Ijaiye multipurpose hall.



Alhaji Mosidat Abiola



# Ogunlewe synergises with Oworoshoki kingdom to foster community development

By Edith Obioma

The chairman of Kosofe Local Government, Barr. Moyosore Ogunlewe has synergised with Oloworo of Oworoshoki Kingdom, Oba Babatunde Saliu to develop the community. Ogunlewe recently visited Oba Saliu in his palace and they had a lengthy discussion on infrastructural development of Oworoshoki Kingdom

and the needs of the community members at large.

Among the proposed projects discussed was the proposed construction of standard market square in Oworoshoki to foster community development.

Other agenda discussed include provision of value to local businesses men, as well as support for local vendors and petty traders, and most importantly, to stimulate foreign investment within the local government.



Oba Saliu and Ogunlewe

## Flood: Ikosi-Isheri river areas residents urged to evacuate houses

The Lawmaker representing Kosofe Constituency II in Lagos State House Assembly, Hon. Femi Saheed has advised residents of Ikosi-Isheri whose houses are close to river bank to leave to avoid flood menace.

Following the capsized canoe incident that claimed lives and left residents in deep sorrow, affected residents have been advised to evacuate their buildings until the state of emergency is lifted.

The residents in the areas such as Agiliti, Maidan, Mile12 Odo Ogun, Owode Elede, Agbooyi 1, Agbooyi II, Agbooyi III along the river bank of Ogun river have been alerted by the state government to get ready to relocate at any time.

The lawmaker, who visited the families of the deceased to

commiserate with them, assured that immediate action will be taken to reduce subsequent flooding in the area.

He, however, donated undisclosed amount to build a make shift bridge across the flooded river to give residents easy access.

Residents commended his quick response at the critical moment.



Ikosi-Isheri river site

The chairman of Ikosi-Isheri Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Princess Abolanle Bada, has congratulated Oromidayo Balogun on his appointment as the deputy chief of staff (DCS). Princess Bada announced the appointment to him during his visit to the Council.

Balogun was 2021 chairmanship aspirant of Ikosi-Isheri

## Ikosi-Isheri LCDA celebrates Balogun's appointment

By Edith Obioma

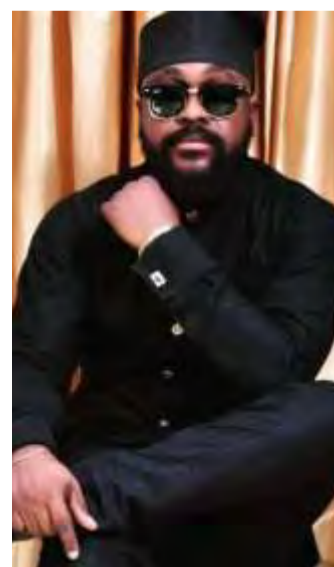
LCDA on the platform of All Progressives Congress (APC) party. He had contested for councillorship position in 2017 and for Lagos State House Assembly, Kosofe Constituency II by-election in 2020 but didn't get through.

He was once a staunch supporter of Kosofe Federal representative, Hon.

Rotimi Agunsoye before he aligned with Prince Bada.

As graduate of political science from Babcock University, a business man and currently a politician, he believes in effecting positive changes.

He noted that political positions is a call to service and with determination much will



Oromidayo Balogun

## Assembly commends Ogudu PHC

The maintenance effort of Ogudu Primary Healthcare Center (PHC) in Kosofe Local Government has been commended by the Lagos State House of Assembly Committee on health during inspection tour carried out recently. The oversight function inspection was led by the committee chairman, Hon. Hakeem Sokunle to ensure that health facilities in the 20 Local Government Areas (LGAs) and 37 Local Council Development Areas (LCDAs) in the state are in good condition.

According to Sokunle, the staff members of Ogudu PHC are doing well, urging them to keep up the good work.

He commended the maintenance effort of the council chairman, Barr. Moyosore Ogunlewe and the Medical Officer of Health (MOH), Dr. Oguntoyinbo towards the healthcare facilities.



The chairman of Mushin LG, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye, has given financial support to the elder residents in the local government area. This is said to be the 20th edition of giving out relief financial aid to the elders and it comes with healthcare benefits from the state government. He said: "As part of the promises I made in 2017 when I resumed office in my first term as Chairman, to take care of the aged, widows and senior citizens. "Today being the 20th edition of the programme tagged "Owo Arugbo" (financial support for the aged), we were able to still put some smiles on the faces of the vulnerable people in Mushin. "Today's programme came with Free Health

# Bamigboye extends welfare package to senior citizens

By Saheed Afolabi

Insurance from Lagos State Health Management Agency (LASHMA) known as "ILERA EKO", for the old people, sponsored by our amiable Mr. Sellable - His Excellency, The Executive Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu.

"The Health Insurance allows the beneficiaries to access free health care services in any of the Primary Health Care centres across Lagos, with the policy number allocated during registration."



## Bamigboye empowers 200 youths with various skills

By Saheed Afolabi

Over 200 youths have been equipped with trainings in various skills under the Youth Empowerment scheme of the Chairman of Mushin Local Government, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye. The skills which included Catering, Cosmetology, Makeup and Soap Making were acquired in a three-week training organised by the department of Youth, Sports and Agriculture, of the Local Government, in partnership with Lagos State Ministry of Youth and Social Development. Bamigboye reinstated that his administration will not relent in its efforts to accord priority to youth empowerment and wealth creation. He stated that the skills acquired by the youths will enable them to be self-reliant and useful for themselves and the society. The council boss said that he is optimistic that when youths are empowered, they would become active contributors and collaborators towards

exploring their impacts on the world around them. He, however, implored all the beneficiaries to show appreciation by exhibiting high sense of responsibility, competitive skills and portray themselves as good ambassadors of Mushin Local Government.

Bamigboye presented certificates to the

beneficiaries of the training programme and appealed to them to support continuity in governance in Lagos State by voting all the candidates of APC in the 2023 general elections.

Representative of the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Youth and Social Development, Mr.

Lukmon Ahmed, commended the Executive Chairman for the laudable programme.

Mrs. Taiwo Olaniyan of the Lagos State Employment Trust Fund explained that the beneficiaries can access loans to establish their businesses, explaining various categories of loans, ranging

from 250,000 to 5,000,000 for Small and Medium Scale Enterprises. She advised graduands to visit the website of the agency; , for more information or contact the liaison office at Mushin Local Government secretariat.

One of the beneficiaries of the programme, Ojuolape

Ariori, who spoke on behalf of her colleagues, expressed appreciation to the chairman for the opportunity given to them to venture into various lines of business through the skills acquisition programme. She also prayed for the success of the chairman and his team in their administration.

## Bamigboye to commission another road project

By Saheed Afolabi

Okuribido street, Karimu Taiwo street and Amodu street.

The project which commenced some months ago and has reached 90% of completion, has gone through different stages which included; sanitation, setting of kerbs, laying of stone base, compaction with rollers, sand bedding, while the project is currently at paving stone setting stage and will still undergo spreading of sand on the interlock and rolling of paving stone with rolling machine for proper

compaction and locking, before final painting of kerbs for aesthetics with giant specification.

Residents of the street and Itire community in general, have commended the

Executive Chairman of Mushin Local Government - Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye, for the giant stride and bold step taken to develop Itire community which has been neglected for many

years.

The project is due for completion and commissioning in the second week of November 2022, with great expectations and anxiety from the people of Itire community.



ljaiye Street



# Alaba International Market: Associations sign six conditions to reopen market

By Motolani AbdulGafar

An agreement has been reached between members of Alaba International Market Association and Lagos State Park Administrators over the turmoil that previously occurred in the area. Representatives from each faction have signed a 6-condition Memorandum of understanding for the reopening of the market.

According to a source,

who spoke to *Echonews*, it is unanimously agreed that: street trading would be indefinitely cancelled along the road, collection of money by members of Lagos State Park Administrators will be harmonised by Lagos State Government and Ojo Local Government respectively, payment at any approved pay point will be sufficient to avoid double payments while the approved pay points are Volkswagen bus stop, Sabo bus stop

and Sunny bus stop, collection of money from market customers would be cancelled, parking haulage vehicles on the road would be cancelled and that any party that breaches any of the above resolutions shall be prosecuted according to law. In the meantime, the chairman of Ojo Local Government, Hon. Rasulu Idowu has appealed to both factions to adhere to the MOU for peace to rein in the council.



Alaba International Market

## Why I participated in the competition - *Most Beautiful in Nigeria*

Winner of 2022 Nigeria Most Beautiful Girl award, Oluwaseyi Bababusola has disclosed that her participation in the activity is to enhance her intent on being a change maker to Nigerian girls at large.

She said as a girl child, her dream to become a change maker has been a drive to want to engage in more inspiring activities that do not restrict the freedom of females in society.

Bababusola promoted creativity, talent and expressiveness among girls saying these are the major behavioural criteria they need to excel in life.

As an alumna of Lagos State University from the Department of English Education, she noted that her interest ranges from education to sustainable fashion as she continues to tread the path to the peak. She, therefore, encouraged female youths to continue to be steadfast and determined towards achieving their aspiration in life.



Bababusola and her peers at the award night

**Market association appeals for government aid**

Members of Yoruba Market Association in Alaba Rago, Ojo Local Government have appealed for government's intervention on the prosperity of their trade in the area.

They said the intervention would bring about more opportunities that will be profitable to them despite their location.

The association expressed hope that political flag bearers of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Ojo would stick to their manifesto and help improve the standard of living in the community.

The association said their impact in the lives of the people is what showcases their credibility amongst their peers.

While canvassing for the support of the APC House of Assembly flag bearer in Ojo, Hon. Olusegun Ege, the association promised to put in its best to secure nine polling units for the realisation of his candidacy in the upcoming election. It implored Ege to fulfill his promise to earn more trust and continue to tread carefully as a politician.



# HOA to train 500 youths on ICT

By Saheed Afolabi

Hope of Africa (HOA), a non-governmental organisation (NGO), is organising entrepreneurship training on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) for youths and women across Surulere and Itire/Ikate and Coker Aguda axis of Lagos State.

The Founder of HOA, Mr. Olaoluwa Agbeyangi disclosed the plan by the organisation.

According to him, the training tagged "Empowering the African Business Gene" is an innovative training and empowerment programme, to support community-led initiative with the focus on using sustainable technologies.

The founder added that the programme was designed to

enhance development and to mobilise resources and establish educational opportunities for vulnerable children and assist business start-ups.

He said participants would be exposed to digital marketing opportunities that would grow their businesses and train graduates to proper Curriculum vitae (CV) writing, best ways of answering interview questions, work ethics and available jobs opportunities.

"The project aims at growing and providing holistic transformation of young people and disadvantaged communities by offering training, empowerment and exposure to life-changing innovations.

"The training will also assist to mobilise resources and establish educational



opportunities for vulnerable children, youths, men and women.

"It will also facilitate the rehabilitation of traumatised children

through sports, music, entertainment and drama," he said.

The founder listed others to include physically challenged persons, internally

displaced persons, unemployed and graduates of tertiary institutions.

Agbeyangi called for partnership and sponsorship from

reputable organisations and well-wishers to enable the NGO carry

out more of its community care programmes.

## Somolu chairman inducted Matron Woman in Governance (WIG)

By Edith Obioma

The wife of chairman of Somolu Local Government, Hon. Mrs. Maryam Omotanwa Salau, has been made matron of Women in Governance (WIG), Somolu/Bariga Chapter under auspices of Hajia Hafsat Kassim.

According to the group whose main focus is reaching out to strengthen women essentially for their general well-being and development of the society as well as building and enhancing the

leadership skill of women in the society saw the need to make Hon. Maryam Omotanwa its Matron in order to achieve its aims and objectives.

Reacting to the induction, Salau thanked the group for finding her so worthy to be inducted as the Matron of the group described such a gesture as a noble one and assured them of her support when and where necessary noting that the role of women in governance should not be underestimated.

She said, "I find this induction as a noble gesture and I'm so

delighted to be inducted as the Matron of the Association of Women in Governance (WIG), Somolu/Bariga Chapter. It's a call to serve; impacting positively in the lives of women by enhancing their leadership skills in order to live up to the task in the society," she stated.

However, Hon. Omotanwa admonished the women folk to validate their Permanent Voters Card (PVC) ahead of the 2023 elections in order to vote for the right candidates when the elections start in earnest.



Hon. Mrs. Maryam Omotanwa Salau



# Dream Star FC make players' dreams come true - Abolore Abdulrahman

By Saheed Afolabi

**D**ream Star FC recently had a week long scouting programme to scout for the best legs and integrate them into the club. The scouting programme which had players scouted within the age range of 10-19 was a success as so many bright superstars were picked by the management of Dream Star FC where they would continue their development in the game of football. Speaking to ECHONEWS, CEO and chairman of Dream Star FC, Abolore Abdulrahman said the

purpose of the scouting programme is to catch the players at a tender age and groom them into a superstar, where the players will achieve their dreams of becoming professional players.

"This programme is designed to scout for young talented footballers that in the coming years, they will make their country and family proud. "The aim is to establish a standard football structure in Ejigbo LCDA and it environs and having watched some of this youngsters play for their various clubs, we deemed it fit to scout

them from a tender age through scouting programme to select the best of them, who will now be integrated into the club of Dream Star FC programme and possibly through training and proper guidance, some of them will be available for the national teams in the nearest future.

"Actually, there will be weekly trainings for the players in the club and they will be trained regularly and camped. Contacts will be established with their parents and guardians, so that the players will be able to achieve their dreams of becoming future stars."



Abolore Abdulrahman

# Hubertha Kiddies Cup: Platform for kids to accomplish their dreams - Hubertha Nolan

By Saheed Afolabi

**T**he second edition of the Hubertha Kiddies Cup promises to be an exciting one as it is targeted at the improvement of kids and enable them to accomplish their dreams.

The sponsor of the tournament, Hubertha Nolan said the impact the tournament will have on the kids is to know how to have perseverance, respect, dedication and authority. He said: "We should be expecting more advanced kids to show off their talents that they have worked so hard to establish and accomplish.

"The benefits of participating in Hubertha Kiddies Cup, is to know that no matter what, where these Kids come from, they should be pride to themselves

and never give up on the endeavors they are chasing.

"The Most valuable impact that Hubertha's

Kiddies Cup has on these kids is knowing that they have perseverance, respect, dedication, authority

and someone is in their corner to give them the push that's needed without giving up on any expectation of life.

Nothing comes easy, the striving, being competitive, meeting each one of them, and making a dream come

true, no matter what the obstacles may bring, as long as they all reach and manifest their endeavors."

## Ate's Cup: King FC, Oshodi FC thrash opponents

By Saheed Afolabi

**T**he most talked about football tournament in Isolo LCDA, the Ate's Cup kicked off recently and two teams were able to grind out impressive wins to start the tournament on a good note.

In the opening game of the competition, King FC trounced Home FC 3-1 to earn their first 3 points in the competition.

King FC allowed Home FC to dominate possession in the game as they sat back to absorb the pressure and hit their opponent on the counter attack.

Two costly errors from Home FC allowed King FC to take the lead in the game.

King FC came out stronger in the second half and took a 3 goal lead before the hour time to stun their opponents.

Home FC were able to pull a goal back late in the game as they lost the game to King FC at 1-3.

In the second game of the competition, Oshodi FC defeated Legend FC 3-1 with the goalkeeper of Oshodi FC making 7 saves in the game to win the player of the match award.

It took an helpless own goal from Legend FC to player for Oshodi FC to



Ate's cup organizers

take the lead in the encounter.

Oshodi doubled their lead afterwards and Legend FC reduced the goal deficit to 2-1 to inspire a late drama

towards the end of the match.

The goalkeeper of Oshodi FC was at his best as he pulled up 7 great saves to deny Legend FC in the

encounter.

Oshodi FC sealed their win with a late goal to make the score line 3-1 and thereby restored their 2 goal lead in the game.





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