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GAC leaders endorse Obe for second term

By Ladapo Kolade

The coast towards second term ticket is getting clear for Ejigbo Local Council Development Area chairman Hon. Monsuru Bello Obe with his endorsement by the two members of the All Progressives Congress most powerful organ, the Governor's Advisory Council. They are former Deputy Chairman of the Alliance for Democracy, 84 year old Chief Imran Taiwo and immediate past chairman of the Lagos State APC, Chief Oladele Ajomale.

The journey to secure Chief Ajomale's support began at 11am on Thursday when delegation of APC leaders in Ejigbo LCDA rode in a convoy of six vehicles to the Ayoola Street residence of Chief Ajomale.

Arriving there about 3pm, they were hosted to a warm reception by the man who chaired the ruling party for 16 years.

Former chairman of Ejigbo LCDA and the immediate past Commissioner for Information & Strategy, Mr. Kehinde Bamigbetan presented the case for the endorsement of Obe on the basis of the development of infrastructures, execution of welfare programmes and



Chief Henry Ajomale

consolidation of the party. Endorsing Obe for second term, Chief Ajomale marvelled at the wizardry of the chairman in transforming Ejigbo LCDA particularly the upgrade of the council secretariat, construction of the multi-purpose centre and the on-going construction of a new primary school. "I don't think there is any other chairman who can beat Obe in performance in Lagos State. His second term is assured."

Recalling that Obe's father, the late Alhaji Nurudeen Obe was one of the earliest supporters of Asiwaju Bola Tinubu when he ran for the Senate in the Lagos West senatorial district in 1991, Chief Ajomale said Obe has demonstrated integrity in his dealings with party leaders and embraced all groups with open arms. He commended Bamigbetan for standing by the chairmanship candidate during the first campaign and



Hon. Monsuru Bello Obe

Chief Imran Taiwo

Hon. Kehinde Bamigbetan

still supporting him on the re-election campaign.

Chief Ajomale formally held Obe's hand to endorse him. As early as 10am on Friday, the APC leaders set out in two buses for Abeokuta, Ogun State to visit Chief Imran Taiwo.

The team arrived at 2pm and was well received by the octogenarian.

Bamigbetan once again made a speech extolling the virtues and achievements of Obe and seeking the blessing

of Chief Taiwo.

Replying, Chief Taiwo went down memory lane recalling how Alhaji Nurudeen Obe, the late father of the chairman, was the most influential politician in Ejigbo in his days.

He praised Obe for building on the foundation he met on the ground by transforming the council secretariat, building the multipurpose centre, introducing welfare programmes and empowering various groups

within the party.

"I am recommending Obe for second term based on what he has done. I urge him to deliver more when he gets the second term." He said.

Echoneews learnt that the endorsement campaign is going to reach other critical stakeholders in and out of the constituency to ensure wide acceptance of Obe's candidature and boost his popularity during the forthcoming primaries.

Rotary Club repairs water channels in Ijeshatedo Gram. Sch

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Rotary Club of Okota has renovated the Water and Sanitation projects it carried out in Ijeshatedo Grammar School, Okota 10 years ago. It re-channelled and re-piped the water supply from the borehole in response to the report that water has stopped running into female toilets in the school.

According to the club, it based the decision on the report provided by the President, Rotarian Gabriel Ogugua from his discoveries through continual monitoring of the projects done in previous years.

Speaking to ECHONEWS over the project recently commissioned by the club's Assistant Governor, Rotarian Kefe Adedibu, the Project Service Chairman, Rotarian Titilope Okubadejo-Oladipo disclosed that Rotary Club International focuses on sustained commitment

towards humanitarian services for the development of the nation and instilling the spirit of caregiving among members without the intention of getting back.

"As a body, we encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help build goodwill and peace in the world which is why we do projects to ease the affairs of every community we find ourselves. It's the duty of every Rotarian to encourage the personal, business and community life of an individuals, taking our contribution in this school for example, our contribution would directly awaken the spirit of giving in the minds of the students," she said.

Appreciating the gesture, the school principal, Mrs. Olayemi Adeola Olowogboyega thanked the club for the commitment towards the development of the school, stressing that its maintenance culture of all its projects is worthy emulating.

She noted that the development would make the students' routine handwashing exercise easier without having to compel them.

She informed that the school stakeholders had earlier made effort to re-channel the water supply but were

restrained by the high cost.

"Our school's population is a few less than 500 students with a toilet facility of 36 and we try to maintain a proper hygiene by assigning a hygiene manager to monitor the students to fetch water and flush the toilet after use but God willing, we've moved

a step further to greatness because Rotary Club Okota has been a partner in progress with us from years back."

Appreciating the school's stakeholders, the incoming president of the Club, Prince Taiwo Akanimodo commended the school for

maintaining the borehole dug 11 years ago by the club, promising that the club would as well include the renovation of the Water Closet to a more classic one in the toilet while planning for the provision of computer sets in the computer lab as its next projects in the school.

Medical expert explains factors causing recurrent miscarriage

By Motolani AbdulGafar

A Senior Medical Officer at the Lagos State Maternal and Child Center, Amuwo Odofin, Dr. Wale Farayola has said that exaggerated care, using drugs on self-prescription as well as infection are some of the factors causing recurrent miscarriage among some women.

The medical expert explained that about 12 to 20 per cent of pregnancies end in spontaneous miscarriages.

According to him,

approximately 50 per cent of miscarriages occurring early in the first three months of pregnancy is associated with chromosomal abnormality warning women to be more cautious during pregnancy.

Giving the warning at a medical outreach organised by Estate Youth Parliament (EYP), Ejigbo, Dr. Farayola explained that having a recurrent miscarriage would not only cause damage to the body system but can also affect the patient psychologically and lead to certain mental abnormalities in women.

He said: "A spontaneous

abortion is a consecutive loss of 3 or more fetuses due to chromosomal abnormality, cervical incompetence, antiphospholipid syndrome, uterine anomaly and many more.

"A woman can also experience septic abortion associated with clinical evidence of infection of the uterus or womb while others would have consumed cytotoxic drugs that can damage their wombs.

"In any case of threatened, incomplete or inevitable miscarriage depending on whichever one a patient experience, a proper pelvic

ultrasound scan should be carried out on the patient and prescribed drugs should be carefully consumed. It is pathetic that many women's thinking is to cover up the shame of abortion without giving themselves the opportunity to be treated in a more advanced method despite our present level of exposure," he said.

He, therefore, encouraged women to do a comprehensive medical checkup before attempting pregnancy as they might have been infected earlier.

CDAC chairman commends Isolo CDC for honouring political leaders

By Damilola Kushimo

The Chairman of Lagos State Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC), Alhaji Amusat Azeez, has lauded the Community Development Committee (CDC), Isolo LCDA for appreciating the efforts of the political office holders urging other CDCs in Lagos State to follow its example.

Azeez gave the commendation when the CDC honoured the wife of the council chairman, Alhaja Sadist Ibironke Olaleye; wife of Member of the Federal House of Representatives representing Oshodi-Isolo Constituency II, Mrs. Olufunke Johnson as well as the wife of the Member of the Lagos State House of Assembly representing Oshodi-Isolo Constituency II, Mrs. Roseline Enitan Idimogu, with 'Pillar of Support Awards'.

The CDC Chairman, Hon. Segun Olatunde said the awardees were conferred with the honour in appreciation of their supportive roles to their husbands which have transformed into various

developmental activities in the council area and the constituency at large.

Azeez, who lauded the decision, called on other CDCs across the state to emulate the gesture by identifying and rewarding progressives political and community leaders in their various communities, advising them to create cordial relationship with the political office holders in their constituencies.

"I feel happy about the programme. It is a welcome development. If people are rewarded for being active and performing, I think it is a nice idea which will serve as encouragement for them to do more. The Isolo CDC is doing well because one of the things I noticed in them is their ability to identify good performance and reward such performances. That is what we should all know, it is very good to reward hard work. If a CDC can organise this kind of occasion for the political class, it means there are synergy and good working relationship between the community and the political class and that's what we are clamouring for."



Lady Roseline Idimogu holding her award

APC, PDP lock horns ahead of July 24 council polls

By Damilola Kushimo

Following the release of the election timetable by the Lagos State Independent Electoral Committee (LASIEC), the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) and the major opposition party, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) are already throwing brickbats ahead of the July 24 council polls.

While waiting for guidelines to conduct primaries for their aspirants, the APC Chairman in Isolo LCDA, Barr. Gani Bello told ECHONEWS that there is no automatic ticket for any aspirant.

He maintained that all aspirants would go for primaries and the party would fully support anyone who emerges as the party's candidate

He said: "In APC, we give the party back to the people, it is the people that will choose with transparency. So, the people must be ready to choose their representatives after four years. There's no automatic ticket. The serving councillors who have done only one term are entitled to seek re-election. Everybody will go through the primaries. That's the essence of democracy, give the party back to the people."

He also boasted that the opposition party, PDP cannot win any political seat in the community base on his party's preparedness for victory.

Reacting, the PDP Chairman in Oshodi-Isolo LGA, Hon. Sunday Olaifa claimed that his party is gaining momentum on daily basis which, he said, is an indication of victory at the polls, stressing that PDP will field consummate candidates for all the 26 elective posts in the LGA.

His words: "Concerning the just released election timetable, it is a welcomed development in the sense that political parties will now have a direction on what to do. We now know how to prioritise event in terms of getting ready for the election. But one would have loved it if the chairmanship is not more than N50,000, vice chairmanship N30,000 and councillorship shouldn't be more than

N20,000 as against what was announced by LASIEC but by and large, it is a welcome development.

He promised to give the ruling APC a fight.

"I can tell you that it is not going to be easy as APC thinks because it is a community-based election. We are ready. We are set to defend our votes. Talking of intimidation based on APC's ruling status, we are not. Instead, we will defend our votes. We are not bothered. For Oshodi-Isolo, we will field reasonable and consummate candidates for all 26 elective positions. We are good to go. We will follow the guidelines of the umpire. Very soon we will fix a date for the primaries, it will be within the limit of the space given by LASIEC."



Hon Sunday Olaifa



Barrister Gani Bello

NURTW rolls out JAMB forms, promises support for successful applicants

By Damilola Kushimo

As part of effort to support indigent students, the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW), Isolo-Ejigbo Branch A has purchased forms for 100 students in the community to write the this year's Unified Tertiary Matriculation Examination (UTME) organised by the Joint Admission and Matriculation Board (JAMB).

The branch chairman, Comrade Musiliu Oriyomi Fatai told ECHONEWS that the Union purchased the forms, promising more financial support for the successful applicants.

He stated that the gesture was inspired by the state chairman of the Union, Alhaji Musiliu Akinsanya MC Oluomo and out of the desire of the branch leadership to extend its usual Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) to the education sector, noting that education is the best

legacy.

He explained that the forms were given to the stakeholders including the Osolo of Isolo, Oba Kabiru Alani Agbabiaka, the DPOs and drivers and members of the branch for onward distribution to the expected beneficiaries in the community.

His words: "In the union, especially in our branch, there are some graduates among us and we observed that there are some who would have preferred to be educated to being driver and that has encouraged us to expand the scope of our usual CSR by supporting promising children in their academic pursuit. The idea of CSR was initiated by our state chairman, Alhaji Musiliu Akinsanya a.k.a MC Oluomo. He always encourages us to be impactful in our various areas.

He said the decision to extend the policy to the education sector is deliberate.

"We have been doing the little we

could in the area of CSR before now but we felt we have to extend it to the education sector this time around and do things differently. We realised that there are countless children out there who have strong interest in furthering their education but their parents are financially incapacitated and that is why the idea of purchasing and distributing JAMB forms became appealing.

"We bought 100 forms to be distributed in the community to the indigent students through some stakeholders in the community which our king, Oba Kabiru Alani Agbabiaka, the Osolo of Isolo is one, the DPOs in the community, our state chairman, drivers and members in our branch. Our prayer is for the beneficiaries to become successful in their attempt because we hope to support the best among them in our little way especially those whose parents do not have the financial capacity."



(NURTW) Isolo-Ejigbo Branch A chairman (middle) Comrade Musiliu Oriyomi Fatai presenting the form to Osolo of Isolo (right) the Senior Special Assistant to the monarch Hon. Adeleke Adegboye looks on.

Ramadan Cup: Rocky Star silence Peculiar FC 2-0

By Saheed Afolabi

Rocky Star FC secured a place in the round of 16 of the Ramadan

Ayuba taught the Peculiar FC side a great lesson in the match with good display of tantalising football.

Rocky Star affirmed their

side in the game.

The second half was a balanced game between both teams and as they ruffled it out to take the commanding

ground by taking the play to their opponent half.

Though they had numerical advantage in the match, Peculiar FC, failed to score as

they fired blanks leaving their coach with a frustrated figure.

Rocky Star finished off Peculiar FC with a counter attacking move which was

scored by talisman Ayuba to give his side a comfortable win and a passage to the next round.

Ramadan Cup: Ghetto Tigers return to winning ways

By Saheed Afolabi

Ghetto Tigers defeated Auxano FC 2-1 in the Ramadan Cup but still need a win in their last match to go through to the round of 16.

Ghetto Tigers came from a goal down to win the match as Junior Itundu took the lead in the 15th minute for Auxano FC before a double from Habeeb Adeniran secured a win for the Ghetto Tigers. Junior Itundu shocked Ghetto Tigers by scoring the opener in the match in the 15th minute from a ferocious right footed strike to give Auxano FC the lead.

Ghetto Tigers' performance improved after conceding the goal from Auxano FC with a composed side who were playing their hearts out in the

match.

Habeeb Adeniran equalised for Ghetto Tigers in the 40th minute to keep hopes of winning the game alive.

Both teams matched their playing abilities with great technical display of good football.

Ghetto Tigers pressed more in the second half and displayed hunger for more goals in the encounter which was eventually recorded in the 75th minute through Habeeb Adeniran, who completed his brace for the match.

Auxano FC picked up their pieces after conceding the goal but they could not get the equalising goal as Ghetto Tigers put up a strong defense to deny their opponent any chance in the game.



Ghetto Tigers vs Auxano FC

Cavani is more than a goal poacher - Ole Solskjaer

By Saheed Afolabi

Manchester United Manager, Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, wants forward Edinson Cavani to stay at the club for another season, describing him as a goal poacher.

The Uruguay international joined United on a one-year deal in October with the option of an additional 12 months.

However, the 34-year-old player is undecided about whether to remain in England after a difficult first year.

He initially had to spend time in isolation and then got banned for three matches by the Football Association for a social media post.

The post was deemed offensive. Argentina's Boca Juniors are known to be keen to bring Cavani back to South America.



R-L: Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, and forward Edinson Cavani

But after he scored twice and secured three assists in United's 6-2 Europa League semi-final first-leg victory over Roma, Solskjaer said he is trying hard to keep Cavani at the club.

"He knows my feelings," said Solskjaer. "He knows I would love to have him here."

"Edinson is more than just a goal poacher. He is excellent at running the channels being the focal point and bringing others into play.

"He is making up for lost time and I am delighted with him. Hopefully we will see him here for another year. I am doing my

best. I promised him Old Trafford is a different place with fans.

"He must try to get that feeling, to be on our side. Manchester is a fantastic place to live. Of course nights like this, hopefully we can get to the final and hopefully he can see himself being here for another year."

I will twist off Tyson Fury's knees in a cage fight – Whyte

By Saheed Afolabi

Dillian Whyte – the interim champion for Fury's WBC heavyweight belt – has a background in kickboxing and has recently talked up a return to mixed martial arts.

The Brit won 20 of his 21 professional kickboxing fights and held national titles, while he also won his sole MMA bout via knockout in 2008.

In contrast, Fury's only 'professional' fight outside the boxing ring came during an appearance on WWE in 2019, while he is currently preparing for a unification tilt with Anthony Joshua this summer. Dillian Whyte has declared

that he would bet his house on Tyson Fury turning down the offer of a cage fight with him.

Whyte could be due to a shot at the Gypsy King's WBC championship if he is victorious over Joshua, although Fury may have to vacate his belt in order to take part in a second mega-fight with AJ later in the year.

But the 'Body Snatcher' is open to another form of contest with his heavyweight rival and said he would "twist him up" in a cage fight.

"Tyson Fury would never fight me in a cage. I would bet my house on it, Tyson Fury would never fight me in a cage."

He added: "I would twist off his little lanky knees. His knees are bendy already, I'll twist

Extra Quality Ramadan Cup maiden edition kicks off

Eight clubs would be at loggerheads as the maiden edition of the Extra Quality Ramadan Football Championship kicks off.

In a fixture released by the organisers, MS Success FC would play the opening match against Brenner Sports FC, while FC Robo Warrior would keep a date with Divine FC,

De Lapel FC would face the energetic Utility Sport side as FC Brave battle it out against Diadem Stallion as the game of the Titans.

The tournament is a knockout one which is devoid of group stage organised by Musbahu Oseni.

Oseni said the tournament was put together to keep the players busy during the

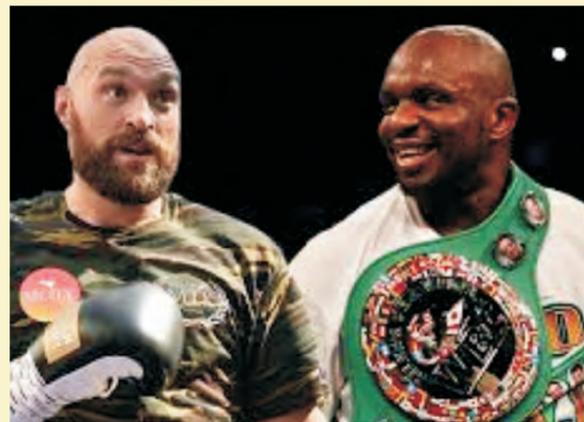
Ramadan period, urging them not to see the tourney as a do-or-die affair.

He also charged the football fans and club owners to desist from any form of social vices that can tarnish the image of the competition.

"There is nothing at stake. All participating teams are champions. This is an invitational tournament and I

don't see any reason the club owners or football fans should go on violence during or after the competition.

"As we all know, the tourney is on a knockout basis so if you are beaten, take the match like that instead of taking the law into your hands. I wish all the teams all the best in their outings," he said.



Dillian Whyte and Tyson fury

Osolo, 46 chiefs back Mojeeb Adam for chairmanship

By Damilola Kushimo

The Osolo of Isolo, Oba Kabiru Kolawole Alani Agbabiaka and 46 chiefs chiefs-in-councils, community leaders and some political stakeholders in Isolo LCDA have endorsed the former vice chairman of the local council, Hon. Mojeeb Adam as the chairmanship aspirant to contest under the platform of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in the July 24 local council elections.

Adam, who doubles as the Balogun of Isolo, is to represent the indigenes' effort to have their son as the next chairman of the local council.

If he succeeds, it would be the first time an indigene will be chairing Isolo LCDA.

Last week, a letter was sent to the party leadership and other political leaders in the community and across the state

communicating their endorsement of Adam's chairmanship aspiration.

Through the letter, the monarch and the chiefs called on all political leaders in the community and state levels to support the candidacy of Mojeeb Adam for the chairmanship in the forthcoming local council election.

The letter titled "Resolution on Hon. Chief Mojeeb Adio Adam as a Consensus Candidate for the Position of Chairman of Isolo Local Council Development Area in the Forthcoming Local Government Election" dated Friday, April 23, 2021, was signed by the monarch and 46 chiefs and political stakeholders in the community.

It was learnt that the stakeholders had earlier screened six aspirants jostling for the indigenes' flag before Adam emerged.

The other five aspirants are the

former member of Federal House of Representatives; Hon. Akeem Munir; former vice chairman of Isolo LCDA; Hon. Soji Balogun; Hon. Toheeb Aregbe; Hon. Agboola Agbabiaka and the former councillor representing Akinbaiye Ward, Hon. Shakiru Sadiq.

The letter emphasised that the unanimous decision was reached on the need to have a common front and have a son of the soil as the next council chairman as well as to facilitate structured development in Isolo LCDA.

It further stated that the decision of the stakeholders was also influenced by the fact that Adam is a committed and diligent politician and the right person to represent the indigenes having previously served as the Vice Chairman of the council when Mrs. Modupeola Fafowora Oseghale was the Chairman.



Hon. Mojeeb Adam

Speaking about the letter, Osolo explained that it confirmed that Isolo kingdom and the entire chiefs-in-council as well as political stakeholders and ethnic leaders have thrown their weight

behind Adam's aspiration as he urged the party leadership at the community and state levels to consider their plea. His words: "You see that letter you're talking about is from my

chiefs, ethnic leaders, the baales and other prominent stakeholders in the community. They really participated in that decision-making process. They did it in order to let the political leaders know that this is what they want; this is whom they want. But there is nothing we can do without the support of the political leaders, Tinubu, Ajomale and many others and that is why they wrote to all of them, to ask for their support; to ask if they can do it. We know the best. Because they believe that they don't want any other political party to hijack their system and that's why they are appealing.

I think it will be better if they consider the appeal because since he (Adam) has been ratified by all the stakeholders in the area so, what do you think? It will be better. To me, he is well known, I trust him and he has my support."

Taiwo joins the race for Isolo Chairmanship

By Damilola Kushimo

Former Sole Administrator of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area, Hon. Taiwo Taoreed has announced plans to contest the chairmanship of Isolo Local Council Development Area "on merit".

Taiwo is the son of Political bigwig and member of the Governor's Advisory Council Pa Imran Taiwo and was the Special Adviser on Chieftaincy Affairs in the Hon. Kehinde Bamigbetan administration of Ejigbo LCDA between 20011 and 2014.

Announcing his ambition on his Facebook page at the weekend, Taiwo said;

"After consulting with my Creator, my Political Leaders and Members of the greatest Party in Africa, the All Progressives Congress... I have accepted the Call of my People in Isolo Local Council Development Area to Serve them as the Chairman of the LCDA.

I have joined the race not because I think I'm perfect or more better than other aspirants, but to contribute my own quota for the development of our Local Council Development Area using my past Experience, my little Knowledge and Skills to improve on Governance and all aspects of delivering the dividend of democracy to the People of Isolo LCDA.

I seek for your Endorsement and Support"

Taiwo will be banking on the



Hon. Taiwo Taoreed

achievements of his tenure while serving the public at the local government as well as his exposure to politics at home.

His achievements as Special Adviser include the organisation of the annual Lailatul Quadri prayers, the sponsorship of pilgrimages to the holy lands by Muslims and Christians and maintaining cordial relations between the Council and traditional authorities.

He holds a Bachelor's of Arts in History & International Relations of the Ekiti State University, a Diploma in Law of the Obafemi Awolowo University and currently pursuing a Master's programme International Law & Diplomacy.

Taiwo, a former Students Union Leader at the Ekiti State University, is married with children.

Patronise PSP, LAWMA co-ordinator urges residents

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Lagos State Waste Management Agency (LAWMA) has insisted that residents should patronise the government coordinated waste managers - private sector participants (PSPs) rather than the cart pushers to keep the environment cleaner.

The agency stated that the proper way to keep the environment clean and hygienic is to dispose refuse through government-approved channels.

Speaking to ECHONEWS, the LAWMA Street Captain Coordinator in Oshodi-Isolo, Mrs. Oreofe Oniyide, said LAWMA as a body is responsible for managing waste generated in Lagos state through waste collection, transportation and disposal that has been duly structured right from the onset.

According to her, Ejigbo has been strictly monitored by the

agency in the last few years as one of the communities where people still patronise cart pushers, polluting the environment with refuse.

She said: "Our duty is to go round and ensure strict compliance to government directive on waste disposal within Oshodi-Isolo. Over the years, we have noticed that residents do not patronise PSP but cart pushers whereas, they spend more by patronising the cart pusher. While the cart pushers charge per service, PSP charges monthly irrespective of the volume of their refuse collected throughout the month and they are issued payment receipts. We keep educating residents that the receipt can be used for many things because it is recognised everywhere. You can use it to open an account in banks, for registration in finance institutions."

She disclosed that there are more cart pushers in Oshodi-Isolo LG especially Ejigbo that

the cart pushers can only be flushed out of the system if the residents cease to patronise them.

"If you go round the community, you will notice that there are so many dumping sites in this area. This is so because cart pushers usually dump refuse at night indiscriminately in various locations and we have caught them many times. The adverse effect of this is that the environment becomes polluted

even after LAWMA keeps cleaning the area but the cleaning is not really effective because they keep throwing dirt at night.

"We keep advocating that we want cleaner Lagos but we really can't achieve that if there is no co-operation between us and the residents. We want an environment that is healthy and we pray that we can all achieve it," she said.



A refuse dump site along the road

Terrorists are not Muslims, Sheikh Zugloul insists

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Director of Academics, Daaru-d-Dawah Arabic and Islamic School, Isolo, Sheikh Is-haq Zugloul, has called on Nigerians to desist from ascribing terrorism to Islamic religion, insisting that terrorists are not Muslims.

Sheikh Zugloul made the call during the public Ramadan lecture organised by the Muslim Community of Low-Cost Housing Estate, Ejigbo.

While giving a lecture on the topic 'Terrorism: Islamic Point of View', the Islamic scholar absolved Muslims of terrorism as he strongly condemned the act, saying anybody who involves in terrorism is anti-Islam.

Sheikh Zugloul said there is a

need for the Islamic scholars to continuously enlighten the Muslims and the non-Muslims as well on the teachings of Islam which preach and promote peace in the society, to correct the wrong notion by some people about Islam who see Muslims as a terrorist group.

He said terrorists should not be seen as Muslims even if they claim to be, emphasising that the religion of Islam was brought up on the basis of peace while cautioning the society to avoid tagging Muslims as terrorists.

"Technically in an Islamic perspective, terrorism is any act that people engage in to cause discomfort to others. It is the use of violence against innocent citizens. Our religion was named by Almighty Allah as a religion of

peace which is what we promote. "In everything, we portray and promote peaceful coexistence, our greeting to people, the last words after solat, the Muslim names, the name of the paradise which is our final abode and many more all have the word 'peace' in them. To be frank, it is very unnatural for anyone that practices this religion to engage in critical demoralising acts in the society at large," he said.

He further clarified the misconception of the non-Muslims about jihad in Islam, saying it was a fight back after some enemies attacked Prophet Muhammad (SAW).

His words: "We do not dispute the fact that jihad was practised by Prophet Muhammad (SAW) but, it should be noted that it was

practised after preaching in Mecca for 13 years in pain, discomfort and agony before moving to Medina where many conspiracies were made against him by the Meccans in order to overthrow him. He only fought back to repel the attack and to restore human dignity.

"Allah has created mankind in the best fashion and has also elevated us amongst all other creatures so, I see no reason the world need to belittle or demoralise us by falsely stigmatising the Muslims as terrorists."

Also speaking, Dr. AbdulHameed Sholate, the keynote speaker, advised the Muslims to take the advantage of the holy month to increase their faith and pray for the nation.

Wetlands: Town planners advise builders to observe 15metre setback from canals

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Officials of Lagos State Ministry of Physical Planning Permit Authority have advised the residents of Ejigbo to observe the mandatory 15 metres setback from canals and get layout approval from the government before building their houses to avoid demolition.

They gave the advice during a stakeholders' meeting facilitated by the Chairman of Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Monsurudeen Bello (Obe) involving the Community Development Associations (CDAs) in Bucknor area and the government over the ongoing development at the boundary between Elemu area of Ejigbo LCDA and Isheri (under Ikotun-Igando LCDA).

It was noted that there is massive development going on in the area which is hitherto a Greenland but the layout is not yet captured by the authorities in charge.

The council boss had invited the officials from the Ministry of Physical Planning and eight CDAs around Bucknor area to address the issue of the land layout of residents of the community before development is completed in the area.

Obe disclosed that the purpose of inviting the town planners was to ensure every part of the area is accessible to residents and that the meeting would afford the officials to educate the residents on how best to go about developing their property in the best interest of the residents and government.

He further said the meeting was summoned to also afford property owners to ask questions and give vital information about their community.

"People have built in wrong locations and even on water channels because they do not have a proper layout of their land. This is because they do not consult the government to get approval or even make some corrections in their layout.

"We are concerned because we believe that an environment that is full of elite must have an appropriate layout of their roads, investment establishments, houses and the likes for the

safety of the community at large."

The District Officer, Town Planner Yusuf Ademola, who led the Ministry officials, while addressing the residents, gave an illustration of labelled green areas in Ashamu Swamp and Divine CDA respectively that are presently going through development but which a government-hired consultant had for a long time made a layout for when the places were still underdeveloped.

He said they had to visit in order to make a more comprehensive layout of the area and ensure appropriate representation of the sacred areas and other important places within the community and to also educate the people on how to regularize their property.

"We are here to correct the haphazard construction of buildings within this community because it is not in line with the government's order.

"In the modern city plan of Oshodi-Isolo which Ejigbo falls under, the swampy area of Divine CDA was tagged as a massive area because it is very close to the canal but then we discovered that some buildings are not well constructed. Some of the roads are not properly laid as some are blocked while some are not connected properly."

In contribution, a stakeholder from Ashamu Swamp CDA, Engr. Hakeem Lawal explained that engineers around Ayanyan area had earlier made a layout of the place while proposing to the town planners to make copies of the existing layout available.

Also speaking, a stakeholder from De-Harmony CDA, Mr. Samuel Okoye appealed that the council chairman should facilitate the visitation of the town planners to individual CDA rather than a joint one to give each CDA better access to express themselves and to

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Hon Monsuru Bello Obe with Officials of Lagos State Ministry of Physical Planning

also give them the opportunity to chat one on one with the town planners.

Assuring stakeholders, Town Planner Sherifat Onileere explained that the issue of LBIC is for the concerned residents to get their clearance or approval for marked buildings from the state government while advising them to always seek planning information on every new landed property.

Onileere also noted that houses around the canal ought to have at least about 15meters of setback from the canal to their buildings in

order not to affect the buildings whenever government intends doing road expansion.

Town Planner Yusuf, while disclosing resolutions made from the suggestions, informed the gathering that the Ministry of Works would be contacted to work on the turning point at Elemu junction in order to save the community from accident while assuring that the ministry would take into account the suggestions and proposals of the residents before making a final layout.

Ejigbo CDC inspects PHCs

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Community Development Committee (CDC), Ejigbo LCDA is set to support the health sector in the community as it inspected the primary healthcare centres.

The CDC Health and Environment subcommittee led by Elder Amos Johnson, last week, visited three out of the six PHCs to note their pressing needs.

According to the committee, the inspection became necessary for the CDC to ascertain the real needs of the health centres so as to know where to come in and what to provide for the PHCs.

Elder Johnson told ECHONEWS that the inspection of the healthcare centres would afford the CDC the opportunity to easily contribute to the health sector in the community.

He said the CDC formed various sub Committees to find out where it could assist government in different sectors.

"We have earlier met with the MOH, informed him of our visit to inspect all health centres and we started with the popular

lyana Ejigbo centre then to Jakande Estate and Onaiwamimo centre.

"So far, we noticed that a part of the roof of a centre has been blown off by rain, some centres need ambulance while others need generator and our next step is to reach out to philanthropists through our central body to collaborate with the CDC in order to get the pertinent needs met," he said.

He further said the CDC aimed to standardise the health sector in the community by rendering the assistance within its capacity.

Also speaking, the secretary of the sub-committee, Pastor Biodun Idris said: "Covid-19 pandemic has been a great lesson for us all and we at CDC want to strengthen the health sector in our community in order to serve as a first-aid medium in period of emergency.

"The MOH made a great effort in sensitising the community through outreaches but we noticed that those who benefited from the message were very few and that is why we are strategising now to reach out to our members by partnering with the PHCs to make themselves available for health sensitisations."

Ilori leads Aladura churches in Ejigbo LCDA

By Saheed Afolabi

Rev. Mother R. O. Ilori is the new chairman of the Organisation of African Instituted Churches (OAIC), Ejigbo branch.

She was inducted alongside other executive members over the weekend at the Celestial Church of Christ Cathedral, Jakande Estate, Ejigbo to oversee the activities of the organisation.

OAIC is the combination of white garment churches and other African churches.

Reacting to her appointment, the elated chairman said she felt great as she was not expecting to be named the chairman.

"Well, I feel great about this appointment because it was something I wasn't expecting. I was just doing my best to see the smooth running of the group and as God would have it, I was appointed as the chairman of the OAIC. It was a shock to me but we thank God for everything."

The Rev. Mother promised to promote unity and love among the members, adding that she would put more effort to ensure the smooth running of OAIC.

The 2nd Vice Chairman of OAIC, Superintendent Apostle (Engineer) Isiah Adebayo Osho popularly known as apostle of politics in Ejigbo LCDA, who

was also excited over his new position, said his exemplary achievements as the treasurer of the organisation earned him the new position.

"This appointment is from the state chapter of OAIC to acknowledge my efforts. I am delighted with the appointment as it speaks of my honest dealings as the treasurer of OAIC before my new appointment as Vice Chairman so, I count this as a promotion.

"I have devoted my life to worship and service to God and I will continue to do so with the help of God."

Other appointed executive members also expressed appreciation to the church as they promised to do their best in discharging their duties.

During their inauguration, the organisation also honoured with awards the Chairman of Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Monsurudeen Bello (Obe) and his Vice, Doctor Olatunde Olusunmade.

Other awardees include the Head of Management Team of SMA College, Vulnerable Superintendent Evangelist G. O. Jerry (Chairman, Prophet and Prophetess Celestial Church Worldwide); Her Eminence, Archbishop V. O. Fagbusoro; Assistant Vulnerable K. M. Olubode and the PRO of Police Trust Fund, CSP Olabisi Okuwobi.



Girls learn to build gadgets at steminist workshop

By Edith Igbokwe

Female teenagers who learnt how to build gadgets such as flashlights, solar panel and hydraulic machines during the vocational training tagged 'Steminist Training are ready to utilise their skills. The two-week training was organised by Auxillium organisation and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Oshodi-Isolo Local Government for girls between 12 and 18 years to educate them on the concept of Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics.

The programme focused on the unique creativity and capability

of participants and moulded them to express their talents through project designs and to learn the importance of teamwork to help build their dreams.

Speaking to ECHONEWS, a trainee, Khadijat Lawal said it was her first time of attending a training that boosted her competence and confidence. Her words: "This is my first time of attending training and it was a very interesting experience for me. I am bold to say that I can build the solar cooking equipment, a project taught through the help of our team leader, Mrs. Sophiyat Sadiq who is an inspiring person. Although I was a novice and shy, she helped to boost my competence and I have chosen her as my biggest

role model."

Yetunde AdulRahman said: "Regards the teachings imparted, the knowledge acquired has opened my eyes to science project development in the aspect of using disk and other materials to build a motor car that weighs about 3gms and how we can use scrap items to invent household equipment."

Haolat Lawal said: "It was an eventful experience that drilled us from teaching to practical. Many of us were novice in the teachings but we got blended into the training as the assimilation rate increased."

ECHONEWS gathered that the participants would be given a follow-up teaching through a competition that would be initiated during every holiday to keep their creative minds alive.



Abdul- Rahman Yetunde, khadijat Lawal and Haonat Lawal , the female Participants of Steminist training with their certificate

Jaiyesimi canvasses support for second term

By Edith Igbokwe

The majority leader of the Legislative Arm of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, Hon. Seyi Jaiyesimi, has announced plans to run for the second term as councillor representing Ewu ward.

Speaking to ECHONEWS, he said he has to unveil his plans to contest again on time to consolidate on his campaign strategy already put in place to make the second term possible. As a majority leader, Jaiyesimi explained that his first term of four years in office was a mixture of comfort and challenges which have reshaped the perception of his duty as a councillor.

"It is the desire of every elected politician to go for the second term and mine is not going to be different, I am counting on God,

the good people of Ewu ward which I represent and the entire Oshodi to make my dream of coming back for the second term become a reality.

"At the moment, we are consulting with the All Progressive Congress (APC) party leaders and stakeholders for direction since the Lagos State Independent Electoral Commission (LASIEC) has released the guidelines for the 2021 Local Council elections. The four-year experience has been beautiful and challenging. It has been a learning curve for me which has made me better as a person in terms of knowledge and administrative work.

Speaking on his own personal achievements within his four years in office, the councillor said he facilitated projects such as refurbishment of bad roads as to his ward. Besides, he created avenue for the people



Hon. Seyi Jaiyesimi

of Oshodi to have direct trading access with the Relish Noodles company.

Other personal projects, according to him, include palliative support (food items and face masks) to the people during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Special Adviser Macarthy says Ariyoh's support critical to his success

By Edith Igbokwe

As the Special Adviser on Community Affairs to the Chairman of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, Mr. Ade Macarthy has disclosed how challenging the task has been and how he was able to carry out the job successfully with the support of his principal and other stakeholders.

According to him, handling different categories of people in the community for four years is a bit difficult but he was able to surmount the challenge with the help of God and the support of the council chairman, Hon. Bolaji Muse-Ariyoh.

Recounting his experience in a chat with ECHONEWS,

Macarthy said he was able to gather the community members to manage the happenings within the community without allowing issues to degenerate into c. He said he was able to manage the challenges of the existing 64 Community Development Associations (CDAs) in Oshodi-Isolo LG ranging from security, electricity, cleanliness of environment to ensure peace and development.

Regarding the security of the community, he said the security bylaw made it compulsory for residents to comply with the security bill payments.

"Human beings are very difficult to handle and control especially when there is lack

of co-operation but, with the help of stated guidelines and regulations, community members are tailored towards one direction to achieve common goals of development.

"On the security bill payment, defaulters were reported to the Community Development Committee (CDC) who informed the local government, the local government then prosecuted the defaulters at the customary court. But since the emergence of the security bylaw, the compliance has been very good though I can't say that it is 100 percent."

He explained that he also intervened in issues concerning electricity in the community especially the

Community commends Mustapha for water project

By Edith Igbokwe

Members of Shogunle community in Oshodi-Isolo LGA have commended the Councillor, Hon. Femi Wasiu Mustapha for drilling a borehole at Ayinke Street for public use.

According to them, the gesture is a timely intervention to end water scarcity in the community and relieve them of water hunting, noting that the challenge of potable water has been a major concern in the community for several years.

Speaking their mind, the Community Development Committee (CDC) chairman, Alhaji Adisa Olawoyin, appreciated the councillor, saying he deserves more than commendation for ensuring

that the community members have access to potable water.

One of the All Progressive Congress (APC) leaders in Shogunle, Elder Dele Ogunsakin, encouraged the councillor to keep up the good work.

Also speaking, the Chairman of Fabukade Shogunle Community Development Association (CDA), Chief Tunde Tunbu said the councillor has really attended to the community's pressing need and urged him to do more as there was need for more boreholes in other strategic

places across Shogunle community.

Mr. Akeem Are aka Adedibu of Shogunle also applauded the councillor for the project, explaining that it would ease the stress of moving from one place to another in search of water.

Meanwhile, the councillor promised to intensify effort in his own capacity to provide more development projects while striving to facilitate more infrastructures into the community for his people to also enjoy the dividends of democracy.

Councillorship aspirant, Akindele promises better representation

By Edith Igbokwe

A councillorship aspirant soliciting for the support of party leaders under the platform of the All Progressives Congress (APC), James Akindele, has said that the development of his ward is the focus of his ambition.

Akindele, who is known as Alapoti in his community, is running to represent Afariogun ward D2B in Oshodi-Isolo LGA. He said he is aspiring to ensure that his ward is properly represented in governance and that it is not denied its share of development.

He stressed that his people deserve to enjoy the dividends of democracy and that is the main reason he stepped out to give the people the proper representation they need in the matters pertaining to law making that will positively affect their community development. "I am going for the

councillorship position to contribute positively to the laws that will bring about development in my ward which will meet the yearnings of my people."

He promised to facilitate road and drainage rehabilitation which, he said, are of paramount importance to his community, adding that he would also embark on programmes for the women and youths to take the people out of poverty.

He said: "I can't promise a lot but I will do my best within my capacity to ensure that my ward is well represented in the governance of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government.

"I'm waiting for the party's guidelines for the primary election, once it is released, I will immediately kick off my campaign. And with the support of the people, my desired aim to give good representation to my ward will become a reality."

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