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EndSARS White Paper: Posers for Prof. Onigbanjo

By Abolaji Adebayo

Is it true that the Lagos State lacks the authority to issue White Paper on the recommendations of a panel it set up? Is it true that the Lagos State Judicial Panel of Inquiry and Restitution for Victims of SARS Related Abuses should not have ebène set up at all?

These questions are being posed by senior advocates of Nigeria in the wake of the White papers issued by the Lagos State government on the panel of inquiry it set up to probe the cases of victims of the abuses inflicted in the public by the Nigeria Police 'Special ANTI-Robbery Squad, SARS and the Lekki Toll Gate incident.

The questions are for Mr. Moyosore Onigbanjo, the Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice of Lagos State who has the authority to advise the government on the pertinent issues.

Minister of State for Labour and pas Senior Advocate of Nigeria, Mr. Festus Keyamo raised the first poser in an interview with anchor Seun Okinbaloye on Channels Television.

He argued that the law of Lagos State on tribunals and panels of inquiry permitted the state government to probe matters concerning persons in its employment.

According to him, since the police and soldiers are not employed by the State, it should not have set up a panel to probe their roles in the EndSARS protests.

Although the Attorney-General has not addressed the argument, the government seems to allude to it when it referred recommendations of the panel regarding indicted police men and soldiers to the relevant agencies of the Federal Government.

Its words: « As contained in the White Paper obtained by ECHONEWS, the government stated: "Lagos State Government has no powers to investigate and "fish out" police officers as recommended by the JPI at pages 249-254 of its Report. The State Government will therefore forward the names of police officers listed as Nos. 1, 2, 4, 9, 11, 19, 22, 23, 24, 26, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 40, 41 to the Nigeria Police Force for further investigation and action. Thereafter, the Police should forward the respective casefiles to the Director of Public

Prosecutions, Lagos State for action.

"With regards to the police officers listed as No's. 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 25, 28, 38 & 42 recommended for Prosecution, the Director of Public Prosecutions, Lagos State shall request the casefile from the Nigeria Police Force, while names of police officers listed as No's. 7, 21 & 27 recommended for sanction and disciplinary action will be forwarded to the Police Service Commission for action."

But more challenging is the view of a member of the Panel, Mr. Egun Adegboruwa, SAN that the law setting up the Panel does not permit the government to issue a white paper.

The argument seems strange because, over the years, the convention has been that the government issues white papers as its opinion on the recommendations of a panel it set up.

Indeed, until this unprecedented development, the White Paper has always been the last word on the subject of an inquiry on the grounds that the government is authorised to evaluate if the report of a panel it set up has achieved its objectives. But radical lawyer and rights crusader Egun Adegboruwa disagrees with the government and has issued a statement against the government's white paper.

Adegboruwa, sworn in as a member on 19th October, 2020 by Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-olu is grounding his counter -arguments on the law of Lagos State on tribunals arguing that it gave the panel some powers beyond the state's controls.

His words:

"There is no provision for the issuance of a White Paper under the law setting up the Panel. Under and by virtue of section 15 of the Tribunal of Inquiry Law, upon conclusion of any inquiry, the Governor is only empowered to issue directive for the enforcement of any decision emanating from the inquiry. The Governor cannot issue a White Paper to overrule the decisions of a Judicial Panel of Inquiry."

The stage for this legal brick-bats was set on November 15, this year when the panel, chaired by Justice Roseline Okuwobi submitted two sets of reports to the Lagos State Government.

The LASG subsequently released two White Papers on the two Reports of the Panel on November



Prof. Onigbanjo

30, 2021 - White Paper on General Police Brutality Cases (WP1) and White Paper on Lekki Toll Gate Incident (WP2).

In the WP1, the Lagos State Government accepted only four out of 22 recommendations made by the JPI.

It stated that it will forward 18 to the federal government for consideration, stating that three out of the 18 recommendations overlap which the state also accepted.

On some of the recommendations by the JPI on the police matters, the state government said it has no power under the law to implement them but promised to forward them to the appropriate authorities such as the federal government, National Economic Council, National Assembly, Public Service Commission and Nigeria Police Force.

For the panel's recommendations on the Lekki incidents, especially on the death of protesters, the state government stated that it could not accept some of the findings and recommendations based on illogicality in the findings.

It stated in the White paper: "This recommendation is not acceptable to Lagos State Government for the following reasons: The finding of the JPI at page 288 paragraph M is that "The evidence of the pathologist Prof Obafunwa that only 3 of the bodies that they conducted post mortem examination on were from Lakk

and only one had Gunshot injury and this was not debunked. We deem it credible as the contrary was not presented before the panel." The JPI's finding of nine (9) deaths is therefore irreconcilable with the evidence of Prof. Obafunwa that only one (1) person died of gunshot wounds at 7:43pm at LTG on 21st October 2020.

"Having held that there was no evidence before not to the contrary of what Prof Obafunwa said. (sic) The question is where did the JPI then get its finding of nine (9) deaths?

"The findings of nine (9) deaths at LTG on 20th October 2020 is even more baffling because apart from listing out their names in tabular form at pages 297-298, the JPI offered no explanation regarding the circumstances of their death. The names simply sprang up at pages 297-298 of the report without any justification.

" On the basis of the above fundamental inconsistencies in the findings of the JPI regarding the nine (9) deaths at the LTG and particularly because the findings are clearly and manifestly not supported by evidence before the JPI as attested Toby the JPI itself, when it said there was no contrary evidence to that of Prof. Obafunwa that only one person died at the LTG of gunshot wounds on 21st October 2020. The State Government is therefore unable to accept the finding that nine (9) people died of gunshot wounds at LTG on 20th

October 2020."

On this presentation, Adegboruwa (SAN), disagrees. His words: »It is important to state from the outset that the panel did not sit on any petition dated 10th October, 2021, contrary to the facts stated on the Cover Page of WP1. Indeed, the panel stopped receiving petitions from the general public from 22nd December 2020.

This is a total misconception of facts from the Committee that reviewed the Reports of the Panel. It is necessary to point out this grave error or misconception, as the case may be, in view of the needless hullabaloo following the minor error of tabular alignments contained in one of the Reports of the Panel, as raised by the LASG.

Another matter that the Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice needs to address is Adegboruwa's contention that the government can not overrule the decisions of a panel it set up.

He had emphasised that there is no provision in the Tribunals of Inquiry Law of Lagos State which permits the Governor to overrule decisions of the panel conducted through open hearing, saying the decisions of the panel were self-executory and compensations were paid to victims upon the success of any petition.

According to him, it is improper for the state government to pick and choose which decision of the panel it would comply with, on the alleged ground that the soldiers/officers

involved are outside its statutory control, whereas the same government conveniently paid compensations awarded in respect of police brutality while the police are outside its statutory control.

Adegboruwa said the Lagos State Government provided the funds for compensations in support of the panel's findings and recommendations.

"Thus, decisions of the Panel on Petitions were self-executory and not subject to review or rejection by the LASG. This was the agreement and modality adopted from the very day of inauguration of the Panel and it is covered by the extant Tribunal of Inquiry Law section 15, under which the Panel was set up," he reiterated.

On the panel's findings and recommendations on the Toll Gate incident, Adegboruwa said the assignment of the panel in respect of the Lekki Toll Gate (LTG) Incident of 20th October 2020 was divided into two, being the general investigation and hearing of individual petitions.

He said: "This can be confirmed in paragraph 2.5 of WP2. It is instructive that it is the report of the panel on LTG that has been the source of attack from the government as it accepted and indeed commended the panel on the report on general police brutality, even though both reports emerged from the same process and from the same panel."

He noted that a total of 13 petitions were received by the panel in respect of the LTG, saying 12 were heard and one was struck out, while the total sum of N237,000,000:00 was awarded by the panel as compensation in respect of the petitions.

He said the state government did not make any comment on the awards, especially those of the individual petitions.

He also pointed some errors and misconceptions in the White Paper. According to him, WP2 overlooked critical evidence that the panel considered and it also misrepresented the findings and recommendations of the panel in many areas, to suit its narrative, such as Exhibit LLC A, which confirmed that soldiers shot at unarmed peaceful protesters at the LTG on October 20, 2020, the report of the forensic expert, Sentinel, that both live and blank bullets were fired by soldiers, the testimony of many doctors that treated victims of gunshot wounds.

Kendo, Olasoju, Obe jostle for Ajomale Award

By Abolaji Adebayo

The three council chairmen in Oshodi-Isolo LGA have been tipped for the prestigious "Chief Henry Oladele Ajomale 100 Days in Office Projects Award"

The award is organised category by The Accolades - the award organiser - to recognize and celebrate 'community heroes' at the grassroots during the award ceremony that will be held on Saturday, December 11 at Swiss International Hotel, Ajao Estate.

According to the organisers, Ajomale, the sponsor of the award, is the former APC State chairman in Lagos State and member of the Governor's Advisory Council (GAC).

They said the analysis of the projects and programmes carried out by the council chairmen, Otunba Kehinde Oloyede (Oshodi-Isolo LGA), Otunba Adebayo Olasoju (Isolo



Hon. Kehinde Oloyede-Amaroof



Hon. Adebayo Olasoju



Hon. Monsurudeen Oloyede

LCDA), and Hon. Monsuru Bello Obe (Ejigbo LCDA) in their first

100 days in office since they were sworn in on July 27 are

being assessed. Awards convener Gbenga

Owoyelw told Echonews that the chairman with the highest

number of projects will win adding that the voting process will decide the winner.

"Through Chief Henry Ajomale 100 Days in office award (Oshodi Isolo), we are evaluating the performances of the three executive chairmen under Oshodi-Isolo constituency. A team of engineers and other professionals are out verifying the quality of the projects and programs done in the first one hundred days they were sworn in. We are celebrating the executive chairman with the highest number of quality projects in their 100 days in office. We are showing the world the power of what can be done in 100 days. The award is endorsed and funded by Chief Barrister Henry Oladele Ajomale, Member Governor's Advisory Committee (GAC) Lagos State."

The management of Isolo General Hospital has commended the Redeemed

Christian Church of God, House of Grace parish, Abimbola Way, Isolo for equipping and furnishing a private ward for the hospital.

The church made the donation in honour of its parish pastor, Olaolu Oyeleke, who turned 50.

Commending the gesture, the Medical Director/CEO of the hospital, Dr Godwin Akhabhoa, who was excited, expressed deep appreciation to the Church for choosing the hospital for the kind gesture.

Dr Akhabhoa said the hospital is among the leading general

Isolo GH commends RCCG for equipping private ward

By Abolaji Adebayo

hospitals with adequate and well trained medical personnel offering affordable services to its clients.

He commended the members of the church who could have chosen to buy air ticket for a holiday abroad, but for the sake of humanity spent the money to provide a fully equipped private ward for the hospital.

The Medical Director assured that the facility would be properly taken care of and optimally

utilised.

Speaking to ECHONEWS over the facility, Pastor Oyeleke, who was highly elated, thanked the members of his parish who raised the funds and executed the project without his knowledge.

He said he was not too surprised because such gesture is what the Redeemed Christian Church of God, House of Grace parish is known for.

"Members of the church knew that I would be happy with this type of project that was why they went for it.

"When we were at Ile Iwe-Meta Estate, Isolo, we provided street lights for the community, renovated Ile Iwe-Meta Primary School and were regularly carrying out environmental sanitation," he said, adding that it is part of the vision of House of Grace parish to complement the effort of the government.

With the donation, Pastor Oyeleke said the House of Grace parish has adopted Isolo General Hospital as a place it will be supporting.

One of the members of the church

behind the initiative, Omolara Olaniya said when the idea was conceived, she called the hospital to enquire of some of its needs out of which they chose the equipping and renovation of the ward.

The items donated to the ward include two modern automatic

hospital beds, two suction machines, oxygen concentrator, two drip stands, two baby cots, two plastic cabinets, two standing fans, one electric scale, two plastic chairs, one over bed table and two window blinds, and total make over of the ward.

Group charges Muslim entrepreneurs on professionalism

By Abolaji Adebayo

Muslims in Isolo and Ejigbo communities have been advised to uphold professionalism and continuous learning in their various endeavours to achieve career growth and financial prosperity.

A Group of Muslim Professionals, Isolo-Ejigbo District gave the recommendations, stating the importance of professionalism to strengthen the economy.

According to the chairman of the District, Tajudeen Abdul-Ganiy Ogunbona, the Group recently organised a capacity building programme to help Islamic faithful in the communities to be better in their religious practice

and rise above social challenges such as religious discrimination especially in their workplace and entrepreneurial endeavour.

"As a Muslim, you must make sure you're at the highest level of competency at your workplace. When they see that, they will see that there's no problem with that person. If you're competent enough, there won't be issues about your religion. I see in the nearest future that we will have more qualified professionals amongst us that will join many professional bodies and they will be doing fine because it is said that he who cannot picture the future cannot feature in the future."

The Head, Project Management Office, Stanbic IBTC Pension

Managers, Mallam Qasimm L'awwal, claimed that Muslims professionals are being discriminated against.

He said: "We've been hearing a lot about discrimination against Muslim professionals. What we hear from the public is sad because people are being segregated due to their faith which shouldn't be. Faith is something personal to people and people can decide to be whatever they want to be and they shouldn't be discriminated against."

"First and foremost, as Muslims, Allah has ordained us to continue to grow and continue to learn better skills. We need to rely on Allah, Allah gives promotion, He gives everything because he's

the one in charge. We need to be competent. A lot of people claimed to be discriminated against but they are not even prepared so they need to continue to improve their skills and rely on Allah and He will help them."

Also speaking, the Head of Packaging and Technology Division, Federal Institute of Industrial Research, Oshodi (FIIRO), Dr. Ajani Sakirdeen harped on outright reliance on God, emphasising that Muslims must be active members of professional bodies relevant to their professions or entrepreneurial skills stressing that it increases their chances of career development.

Bello lauds Councillors 12 bill public hearing

By Abolaji Adebayo

The Chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Isolo LCDA, Barr. Gani Bello has commended the legislative arm of Isolo LCDA for « progressive governance" in the council area.

The party chairman was commenting on the public hearing on 12 bills organised by the councillors recently.

He said the councillors are living up to expectations of their offices by raising the bar of governance in the council area.

According to him, the public hearing is a big development and a sign of progressive governance. He noted that the previous legislature did not hold any public hearing on bills.

"During the four years of the last legislative house, there was no public presentation of any bill but barely less than 150 days in office, the 5th legislative arm has

presented almost 15 bills and that's development. They've been able to carry people along and everybody contributed. The residents felt being part of governance. If these bills eventually become laws and implemented, it will be better for Isolo LCDA."

Bello commended both the executive and legislative arms for synergising for the development of the community.

"Of course there's sincere synergy between the executive and legislative arms, the chairman encouraged them. The chairman came with so many agenda and within one hundred days he achieved so many things that people started praising.

The councillors too have recorded so many achievements within their few days in office and that further confirms that there's collaboration between the legislative and the executive," Bello said.

Oasis Ladies thrash Kadesh Queens 6-1

By Saheed Afolabi

Oasis Ladies have raised their tempo of preparation for their engagements in the second tier championship of Nigeria Women Female Football (NWFL) league.

Oasis Ladies defeated Ikorodu based Kadesh Queens 6-1 at Legacy pitch, national stadium, Surulere.

Oasis Ladies dictated proceedings for long period of the game in the first half and were guilty of squandering so many chances in the game.

Oasis Ladies took the lead with a swift strike. Kadesh equalized with a last ditch strike two inches from the goal line.

Oasis Ladies restored their lead with a brilliant strike from the edge of 18 yard box.

Oasis Ladies were on rampage in the second half as they crushed their opponent.

Oasis Ladies extended their lead with a terrific strike which Kadesh Queens goalie punched into the net 3-2.

Oasis went on rampage as they scored their 4th goal in an emphatic way.

Oasis Ladies netted their 5th goal

with a cool finish.

The 6th goal for Oasis Ladies came as an icing on the cake for a great performance.

Speaking with ECHONEWS, the coach of Oasis Ladies, Ayere Sylvester, said he was not satisfied with his team's performance as he aimed to work on the team lapses despite the huge win and focus on creating chances from the wings by using creative midfielders as wing back.

Oasis Ladies proved no match for Kadesh Queens as they scored their 6th goal to wrap up the game.



Oasis Ladies VS Kadesh

De Cappo FC became the champions of Jogo Talent Hunt after defeating Billionaire FC 3-2 at the final in Ogundele field, Ewutuntun Oshodi. Spectators thronged the Ogundele field to witness the match as it lived up to expectations.

De Cappo FC from Mushin drew the first blood of the game as they took the lead against Billionaire FC from Lagos Island.

Both teams played scintillating football to the admiration of lovers of the game present at the pitch.

The first half ended in a 1-1 draw as both teams went to the break sharing the spoils.

De Cappo showed their technical ability in the game by taking the lead again in the second half.

Billionaire FC pushed harder for the equalizer and it paid off as they equalized with a terrific strike which sailed off the hands of De Cappo FC goal custodian.

When it seemed the match would go straight to penalty shootout, De Cappo FC popped up with the winning goal at the latter stage of the match as they led with 3-2 goals.

Billionaire FC applied pressures to get an equalizer but met a brick wall of defense from De Cappo FC.

De Cappo FC emerge champions of Jogo Talent Hunt in five goal thriller



De Cappo celebrating their triumph

Ladipo Main Market emerge champions of Ladipo International Market Unity Cup

By Saheed Afolabi

Ladipo Main Market defeated Osoro United 5-4 via penalty shootout to emerge champions of Ladipo International Market Unity Cup 2021.

The match ended 1-1 at full time, where both teams displayed tenacity and great level of team play in the game.

Ladipo Main Market took the lead through a swift strike before Osoro United equalized through a header to extend the match to penalty shootout.

It was a tough opening half of the encounter as both teams did not give room for silly mistakes.

The goalie of Osoro United made some good saves to deny his opponent in the first half as it ended in a stalemate.

Ladipo Main Market took the lead in the 50th minute as the team erupted in a jubilation mood.

Osoro United pressured the defense line of Ladipo Main Market at the latter stages of the game and got their equalizer in the 90th minute through a terrific header to send their fans in ecstatic mood and encroached the field of play in the process.

The match went straight to penalty shootout after the regulation time ended in a 1-1 draw.

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JK Estate Inter Coastal Unity Cup: Rhode Island crush Valley Coast 5-2

By Saheed Afolabi

The 2nd edition of the Hon. Habeeb Anibaba Jk Estate Inter Coastal Unity Cup began on a good note as Rhode Island defeated Valley Coast 5-2 at the MKO Abiola mini stadium inside Jakande Estate Oke-Afa, Ejigbo.

Rhode Island's Yusuf Adetunji grabbed a haul (4 goals) in the encounter as he sent his team to the semi-final of the competition.

Rhode Island took the lead after their winger, Yusuf Adetunji went on a blistering run from the center of the pitch to the opponent 18 meter box before firing past the opponent

goalie.

Rhode Island doubled their score with a terrific lob by Yusuf Adetunji over the onrushing goalie via a great swinging pass.

Valley Coast pulled a goal back at the start of the second half to give their side a glimpse of hope in the game.

Rhode Island extended their lead from penalty spot through Yusuf Adetunji to complete his hat trick in the game.

Yusuf Adetunji proved a thorn in the flesh of Valley Coast as they could not handle his pace in the game.

He scored his team's 4th goal by firing to the bottom corner of his opponent net.



Hon. Anibaba in blue with match officials

Rhode Island netted their 5th goal in grand style as they tore their opponent apart with goals.

Despite playing with 10 men in the

vast majority of the second half, Valley Coast were able to score their second goal in the 89th minute.

The match ended 5-2 in favour of

Rhode Island as they advanced to the semi-final of the Hon Habeeb Anibaba Jk Estate Inter Coastal Unity Cup.

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Ashamu East, Promised Land bicker over transformer bills

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Two community development associations - Ashamu East and Promised Land- are bickering over the maintenance of the transformer that provides electricity to them.

While Ashamu East is accusing Promised Land of failing in its duty to share the cost of maintaining the transformer, Promised Land has refuted the claims.

The situation has led Ashamu East Chairman Toyin Saka to call on the Ikeja Electricity Distribution Company to intervene and resolve the impasse.

Accusing Promised Land of betraying the load sharing

arrangement, Saka told Echonews that both communities agreed to share the electricity and the cost of repairs following the purchase and installation of the transformer but it reneged.

The CDA chairman, Mr. Toyin Saka, while speaking to ECHONEWS, explained that the issue began to surface when the transformer they purchased and energised between 2014-2015 began to develop faults repeatedly within a year due to overloading as a result of increase in the population of residents of Promised Land.

He said there are more users who depend on the transformer in the other community but are not ready to pay for the maintenance of the transformer.

Saka said rather than contributing towards maintaining the transformer jointly purchased by the communities as agreed, the neighbouring community resulted to contribution to buy a new transformer for themselves not long after they were pronounced as a new CDA.

According to him, despite neglecting the maintenance, the residents under the new CDA still depend on the transformer which resulted in load-shedding on a 2-day on, 1-day off basis.

He explained further that the woes of the community were compounded after the declaration of Ikeja Electric that its electricity act does not permit it to help facilitate newly purchased transformer which has hindered



The electric transformer

Promised Land CDA from being disconnected from the old transformer.

He noted that the community needs N1,000,000 to facilitate the transformer before Ikeja Electric can help energise it.

He, therefore, appealed to the distribution company to help facilitate the newly purchased

transformer at Promise Land and to make sure the community is disconnected from the old transformer at Ashamu East community.

He said that Promised Land community was disconnected from the transformer due to the attitude of its residents

However, contradicting Saka's

statement, the Chairman of Promise Land CDA, Engr. Ebenezer Ekwebelem, disclosed that the CDA persistently contributed the supposed maintenance fees but were only negligent towards honouring joint meetings from Ashamu East CDA over the issue of overloading.

He said having written to IKEDC,

they were informed that the distribution company can only assist with free metering.

He appealed to Ashamu East CDA, philanthropists and IKEDC to support them financially to facilitate their own transformer, saying their CDA has no financial capacity to finish the project.

Yuletide: Ebitigha cautions residents against reckless spending

By Motolani AbdulGafar

As people enter into Yuletide season, the former Senior Special Adviser (SSA) to the chairman of Ejigbo LCDA on Employment and Job Creation, Mr Gbenga Ebitigha, has cautioned residents to be more prudent in their spending to avoid being bankrupt

Noting that people spend more during the Yuletide, he warned them to live within their financial capacity, saying no political office holders would be responsible for their debts as many look up to the politicians for help.

As an economist, Ebitigha said expenditure must not be more than income, advising the residents to reduce their expenditure below their income. He added that everybody must be guided by their financial capability and do away with unnecessary spending during this period.

He said self discipline is a key factor to avoid failure as some buyers despite possessing their budget list would still purchase more goods than necessary to meet up with the social class of their peers.

The former SSA also advised entrepreneurs to be guided in giving out season gifts to the people to avoid bankruptcy in the businesses.

He stated that good planning on the gifts would be a plus for entrepreneurs, saying it would give them a better edge to have enough for the coming month.

Doctor cautions pregnant women on mother-to-child disease

By Motolani AbdulGafar

A medical practitioner in Ejigbo, Dr Wasiu Adelodun, has urged pregnant women to be cautious of contracting diseases in their complicated state which could be transmitted to their children in pregnancy.

Adelodun, a parasitologist at Greenlife clinic, urged mothers to prevent the transmission of diseases from mother to the child as the infant has direct contact with his mother, noting that people are no more careful with some diseases after much efforts have been put in place by medical experts to prevent their spread.

He cautioned while citing the case of HIV mother-to-child transmission which he described to be a threat to the



Mother and child

existence of the infant.

He stated that for the safety of the newly born children, the mothers have to be treated with an intense antiretroviral drugs so as to prevent the HIV type 1 stages to be reduced and stopped

from producing more progeny.

He explained that the prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) programmes as scheduled in the medical field offers a range of services for women

of reproductive age living with or at risk of HIV to maintain their health and prevent their infants from contracting it.

He said the service should be offered before conception and throughout pregnancy,

labour and breastfeeding in women.

Adelodun disclosed that research has revealed that caesarian section eliminates the risk of contact with blood and vaginal secretions by the infant which gives a proposition that caesarian is a safer method to give birth, preventing the mother-to-child transmission of HIV due to the high risk factor of the infant's exposure to the amniotic sac of his mother.

He said most babies who get HIV from their mothers become infected at the time of delivery or during breastfeeding.

He appealed to women to get informed on basic things they ought to be knowledgeable about to safeguard their infants and reduce the spread of the disease.

Kendoo may contest for Lagos Assembly in 2023

By Edith Igbokwe

There are indications that the incumbent chairman of Oshodi-Isolo LG, Otunba Kehinde Oloyede (Kendoo) may be eyeing the position of the Lagos State House of Assembly.

The chairman, on his office Facebook page, wrote: "Our attention needs to be directed to

whoever we choose as our candidate for LAHA23, we need a house member that will support the works of our local government, not a house member that will be working against the interest of the people of Oshodi. Vote for people who you know their childhood in Oshodi not one who will try so hard to tell you they are from Oshodi. It is pertinent to note

that the good works we have embarked upon is making some people jittery.

OSHODILAHA2023 we move...."

One of his loyalists also wrote: "Kendo4LAHA2023"

Although he has not officially declared his interest in contesting for the post, ECHONEWS gathered that Oloyede's primary aim was to

contest for the House of Assembly but was persuaded to start from the local government chairmanship.

Oloyede had earlier aspired to contest for the position under the platform of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) before defecting to APC and subsequently contested for the local government chairman this year.



Hon. Oloyede-Almaroof

Make our job effective by visiting for corrections, INEC tells registrants

By Edith Igbokwe

The Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Oshodi-Isolo Local Government has urged all the Permanent Voter's Card (PVC) registrants to visit the center for claims and objections.

According to the Commission, registered PVCs will be displayed for claims and objections on Tuesday, December 21st till Friday, December 31, 2021 excluding Saturdays and Sundays.

Thereafter, new PVC registration exercise will commence in

January 2022 but the date has not been ascertained, ECHONEWS gathered.

The commission stated that the visitation exercise for claims and objections will help INEC to produce PVC devoid of mistakes. One of the officials who spoke to ECHONEWS said the exercise is for the registrants to claim names, date of birth and residential addresses that are well spelt and to make corrections if errors are detected, while the objection is to identify any non-resident of their houses who used their address to make registration by

filling form against such person's act.

However, the official disclosed that the people did not turn up for the first PVC registration displayed towards September ending 2021 for claims and objections.

With the second display exercise coming up, the commission appealed to the registrants to visit the center to avoid mistakes on the permanent cards to be issued.

The commission appealed to the registrants for their cooperation towards the exercise to prevent double registrations.

Kendoo highlights plans to improve primary healthcare

By Edith Igbokwe

The chairman of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, Otunba Kehinde Oloyede (Kendoo) disclosed his intention towards provision of quality health care services in all the Primary Healthcare Centers (PHCs) in Oshodi-Isolo as he donated two ambulance buses to the centres.

Kendoo reiterated that health sector is one of the core areas of

his administration and promised to properly reposition all the PHCs for good healthcare delivery.

He sought federal government intervention in building another PHC for Ogunoloko ward which he secured last week, disclosing that contractors will soon commence work on the site.

Oloyede said he has been working closely with the state government to facilitate General Hospital (GH) in Oshodi-Isolo, which he believes will become

reality very soon.

He said he is also planning with the Oshodi-Isolo Medical Officer of Health (MOH), Dr. Mrs. Osinachi Ubani to come up with elderly healthcare programme to address challenges of hypertension, diabetes and others among aged people.

He disclosed that he donated two ambulance buses at the council Secretariat (PHC) to enhance efficient healthcare service delivery to the good people of Oshodi.



The donation scene of two ambulance buses to medical Health officers at Oshodi Secretariat

How entrepreneurship training helped my fashion business - Abiona

By Edith Igbokwe

One of the 340 participants recently trained by the Lagos State Ministry of Wealth Creation and Employment, Bola Abiona has disclosed to ECHONEWS that the training was an eye opener to spread her business.

According to Abiona, as an apprentice under Temmy Fashion and Designing, she got the opportunity to be trained among 340 youths under Ikeja division at Oshodi-Isolo Secretariat.

She said she learnt how to use the social media platforms to get clients in the one week educative teachings on entrepreneurship/skill development strategies to create wealth.

In her testimony, she said she created a telegram platform to showcase her clothing designs after the training and got a client who requested to have one of her posted designs made for her.

She expressed a great joy to have

satisfied her online customer after delivering the short gown the lady requested.

"I am happy to have gone this far, this is my fourth year as an apprentice in fashion designing line and I will be graduating towards the end of December 2021 and with the acquired skills, I am confident to start up on my own."

However, she wished to acquire more digital training in various

aspects to improve on her online marketing strategies.

She appreciated the administration of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu for extending the training opportunity to youths through the Ministry of Wealth Creation and Employment.

She prayed for more strength for Sanwo-Olu for effective discharge of governance duty that will positively transform lives of citizens.



Bola Abiona doing what she knows how to do best - sewing

The Emergency Flood Abatement (EFA) officials are going on one month leave starting from Wednesday, December 15, 2021 to Saturday, January 15, 2022.

During the period, the team will be off duty in Oshodi, Isolo and Ejigbo, leaving the resident to take care of the drains and canals.

The team has been evacuating drains in the refuse prone areas such as Bolade, Mafoluku Oshodi and Okota road noted to be posing threat to the community members.

The exercise is to be completed on Monday, December 13, 2021 and all effort geared towards

EFA goes on leave, calls for proper refuse disposal

ensuring that the target time is met.

The EFA coordinator, Mr. Adeniyi Dairo, who hinted ECHONEWS about their leave, said the team has come a long way in ensuring that drains across Oshodi, Isolo and Ejigbo are cleared to avoid flood issues during downpours.

He, therefore, enjoined all community members to remain law abiding citizens, regards proper disposal of refuse generated within the festive periods as the team winds down

operation for the year.

He warned cart pushers to desist from the act of disposing their refuse into drainages at night to avoid the wrath of government.

According to him, adherence to proper refuse disposal will keep the community safe and prevent it from experiencing flood.

He, however, disclosed that the team has completed evacuation exercise in Bolade and Mafoluku Oshodi area, to round off with Okota road down to Cele Expressway.



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