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In the next few weeks, Lagos State will experience another election as residents in communities across the State will exercise another voting right to elect new sets of executive members of Community Development Associations (CDAs) and Community Development Committees (CDCs).

No fewer than 61,824 will be elected into CDA executive posts while 798 posts will be occupied at the CDC level across the state.

In addition, candidates from all parts of the state would jostle for 14 posts at the Community Development Advisory Council.

Seeing as the fourth tier of government in the state, the CDA, CDC, and CDAC elections in Lagos State are as tough as the local government election.

Aspirants canvass for votes in a similar way political candidates seek the mandates of the residents to be represented in government.

The elections for the CDAs and CDCs are conducted by Local Government and or LCDA authorities.

The Chairmen and Secretary of each 57 CDCs constitute the membership of CDAC out of which 14 are elected to occupy the posts of executive members of the council.

The CDAC election comes last after the CDA and CDC might have been conducted across the state.

According to the Lagos State Community Associations Law, the executive council of a CDA, CDC, and CDAC shall comprise a chairman, 1st vice chairman, 2nd vice chairman, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, financial secretary, auditor, social secretary, welfare official, public relations officer, and three ex-officio members.

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Abolaji Adebayo

Section 4 (1) of the constitution stated that: Members of the Executive Council shall hold office for two years subject to re-election for a further term of two years.

Last week, following the expiration of their tenure the State Government ordered that the current executive members of CDAs and CDCs be dissolved today, Monday, July 7, 2023, and that new elections be arranged and conducted.

The government, through the Ministry of Local Government and Community Affairs, ordered that caretaker committees be constituted to steer the affairs of the CDAs/CDCs in their LGAs/LCDAs pending the determination of new executives through the election and subsequent inauguration of the elected members.

The announcement was contained in the circular issued on July 31, 2023, by the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government and Community Affairs, Mrs. Kikelomo Bolarinwa to the Head of Departments of Agriculture & Social Services of 20 Local Governments, and 37 Local Council Development Areas.

It was stated that the executive members of the CDs and CDCs were elected to hold office for a period of two years.

The dissolved executives were inaugurated in 2019, hence their tenure elapsed in 2021 (See CDA/CDC Constitution part XI (28)).

"To this end, Mr. Governor has approved the dissolution of the present Executive members of CDAs/CDCs across the 20 LGs and 37

LCDAs in the State," she said.

Consequently, the Heads of Agric and Social Services Departments were directed to dissolve all executive members of CDAs/CDCs in their Local Government Areas/Local Council Development Areas with effect from August 7, 2023.

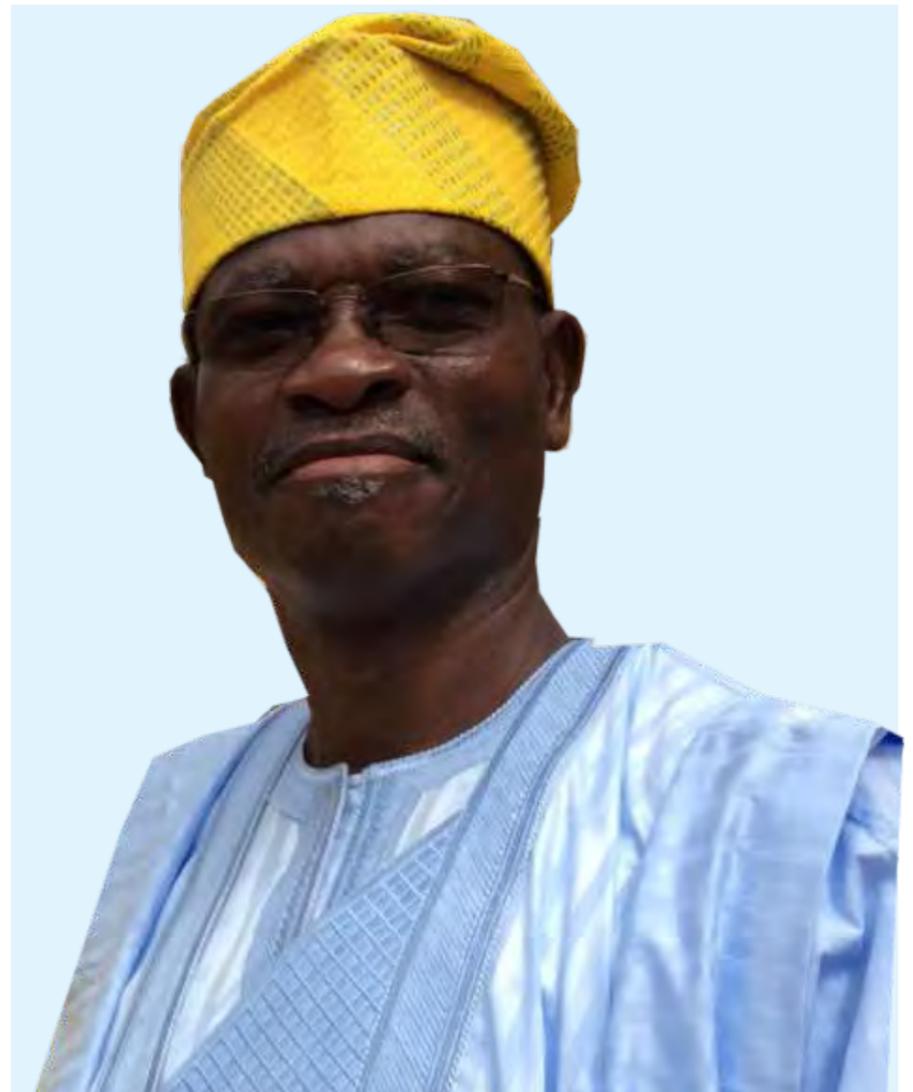
They were further requested to constitute a caretaker committee to steer the affairs of the CDAs/CDCs in their LGAs/LCDAs pending the determination of new executives through the election and subsequent inauguration of the elected members.

"In compliance with the above, you are to note that only duly registered CDAs with the State are eligible for the conduct of election to usher in new Excocos. Similarly, the CDAs must have settled all outstanding renewal payments (See CDA/CDC Constitution part IV. Section 131 – IV).

"Please, be informed that petitions/complaints emanating from the election should be submitted to the Director, Community Development Department not later than a week after the election. Petitioners are expected to pay the sum of N10,000:00 to the Lagos State Community Development Advisory Council Account for Investigation & further necessary action. (See CDA/CDC Constitution part IV. Section 121 – III).

"Kindly give the above the deserved publicity and ensure strict compliance to the schedules," the circular read.

Speaking to ECHONEWS, the Chairman of the Lagos State Community Development Advisory Council, Alhaji Azeez



Alhaji Azeez Amusat



Amusat, explained that the caretaker committee will automatically comprise the chairman, the secretary, and the treasurer of the CDC.

"For now we don't know when the elections will be held. Truly our tenure has expired since including the CDAC but the CDAC election will come last after all the CDs and CDCs might have conducted their elections.

"Automatically, the

chairman, the Secretary, and the treasurer of the CDC are the ones to constitute the caretaker committee.

"The number of CDAs has increased to 4,416 from 3,000+ when we took over. CDA Law C27 stipulates that not less than 20 voluntary members can form a CDA.

"The election is expected to take place in the 57 LGAs and LCDAs and it

will be conducted by the local governments. They cannot conduct the election for all the CDAs at the same time, the government will choose different days for different CDAs until it covers all the CDAs in the local council area. So, we cannot say when the election will start and end.

"I'm only appealing to each CDA to make sure they do it in peace."



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# Transport Management: Lagos Govt Preaches Uniform Documentation across 36 States

By Kunle Awosiyun

The Permanent Secretary, Lagos State Ministry of Transportation, Engr. Abdulhafiz Toriola has called for concerted efforts among all Federating States, including the Federal Capital Territory, to establish a robust regulatory framework for road traffic regulations. Toriola mentioned some of the instruments deployed by the State Government to regulate its transportation sector, including the Non-Motorized Transport Policy, Lagos State Transport Policy, Transport Union White Paper, Lagos State e-Hailing Taxi Business Regulation, Operational Guideline on the Ban of Motorcycle Operations in 10 LGAs, 15 LCDAs, Highways, and Bridges

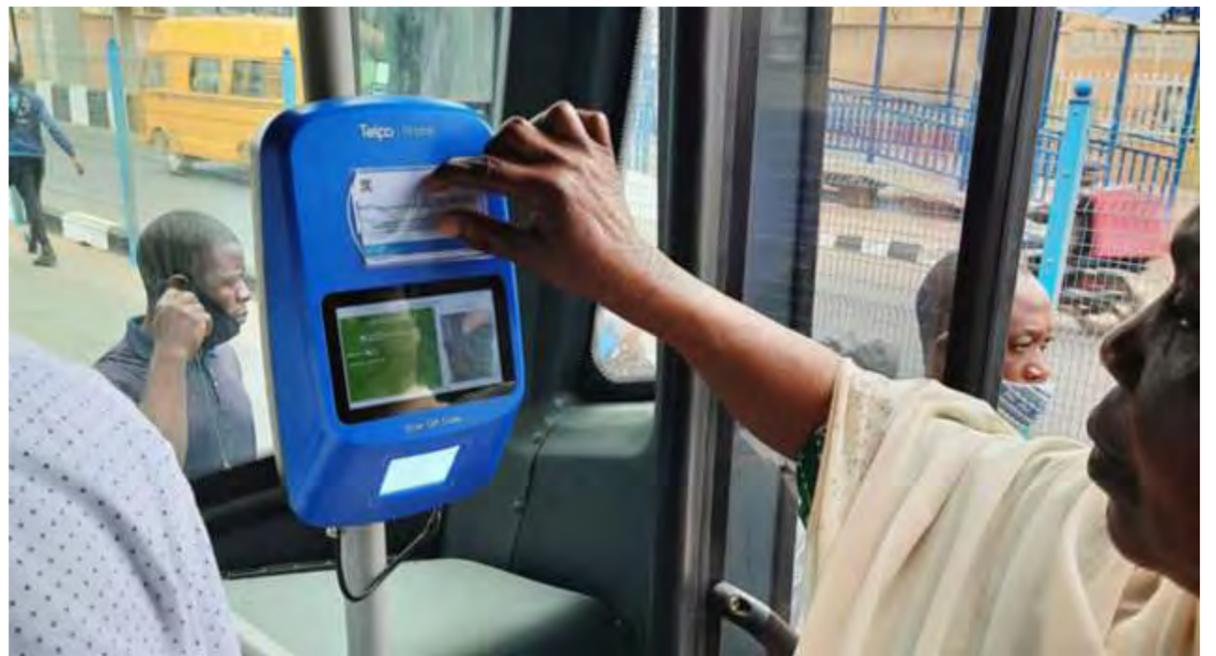
in the State, Tow Trucks Operational Guidelines, Lagos State Courier and Dispatch Regulation, and Operational Guideline for Vehicle Registration and Commercial Operations, among others. The Permanent Secretary made the call while presenting a paper at the Transport Managers Conference organised by the Chartered Institute of Transport Administration of Nigeria (CIOTA) with the theme: "National Road Traffic Regulations: Explained", held in Abuja at the weekend. Toriola emphasised the need to consistently promote policies that enhance traffic regulatory uniformity and voluntary compliance with traffic rules and regulations in Nigeria. He urged

CIOTA to utilise its mandate in championing the cause for this uniformity as the umbrella Transport Institution. He further encouraged all Federating States to adopt a uniform documentation process and traffic regulation guidelines, saying

"Doing so would ensure unified traffic education, compliance without double taxation and unwarranted traffic violations". The Permanent Secretary highlighted the efforts of the Lagos State Government in enacting laws, operational guidelines

and interventions to shape traffic management and road safety in the State, in accordance with the Federal Republic of Nigeria's constitution. He cited the Transport Sector Reform Law (TSRL), 2018, from which the State draws its regulatory powers.

He acknowledged that traffic violations have adverse effects on the global environment and socio-economic growth, advocating for the enactment of a uniform Traffic Law, strictly enforced with a strong political will to ensure sanity and safety on the roads.



Cowrie card POS inside BRT Bus

The General Manager of Lagos State Coconut Development Authority LASCODA, Mr. Dapo Olakulehin' has emphasized on the need for the government to plant more coconut trees in the state. He made the call during his visit to the state ministry of information and strategy as he urged civil servants, retirees and entire Lagos residents to capitalise on the huge opportunities embedded in the coconut value chain, disclosed that coconut is important to Lagosians and the Lagos economy. According to him, "Coconut is a very important food crop with over 200 items that can be gotten from

## Lagos Tree Planting: LASCODA Boss Makes Case For Coconut Tree

By Kunle Awosiyun

it. And with its many health benefits, nothing in the coconut is a waste". "Instead of planting trees without fruit benefit, I want to encourage Lagosians to start planting coconut trees as a replacement. Today, LASCODA has trained over 2,000 youths on how to make bags, bangles and key holders from by-products of coconuts. Even retirees are advised to come into the coconut value chain as LASCODA is ready to give them the needed

assistance". Speaking the ministry's permanent Secretary, Mr. Olumide Sogunle said his department is ready to throw its weight behind the Lagos State Coconut Development Authority (LASCODA) in its quest to have more civil servants and Lagosians seize the myriads of opportunities in the Coconut Value chain of the State. In his remark, the Director of Features Unit, Ministry of Information, Mr. Tayo Ogunbiyi suggested that LASCODA should partner with Donors and Foundations who



are keen on empowerment and thus take the training initiative of the authority to the nooks and crannies of the five

divisions of the State. The highlight of the visit was when the LASCODA team presented key holders, flowers and other

usable items made from coconut by-products to the Permanent Secretary and members of his management team.



**Newly Created Lagos Ministry of Tertiary Education Begins Visitation to Institutions**

A team of the newly created Ministry of Tertiary Education has embarked on visitation to the state owned tertiary institutions in the metropolis. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ibiyemi Ibilola Olatunji-Bello, mni, NPOM has received the Monitoring Team from the state secretariat, Alausa, Ikeja. The Deputy Vice Chancellor, (Administration), Prof. Adenike Omotunde Boyo received the team on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ibiyemi Ibilola Olatunji-Bello, mni, NPOM. The team was led by the Director, Inspection and Monitoring Department, Dr. (Mrs.) Yemisi Omoloye to discuss matters concerning the staff, students, university growth and development. Other members on the MTE's team were: Deputy Director, Mrs. Ibidapo - Obe Olubunmi, CEO, Mr. O Ajilore, ACEO, Mrs. A.O Adebisi, EO1, Mr. Edu Bayo and EO1, Mr. Oyafunke Oluwaseun. The Vice Chancellor was joined at the meeting by the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), Prof. Olufunsho Abayomi Omobitan, representative of the University Bursar, Mr. Adekunle Odunlami (Deputy Bursar, Budget & Lagos State Government Matters) and University Librarian, Dr. Emmanuel Layi Adebayo.

The Deputy Registrar, Vice Chancellor's Office, Dr. Lateef Shekoni, Special Assistant to the Vice Chancellor/Deputy Registrar, Dr. Lateef O. Salami, members of the Vice Chancellor's Office and Centre for Information and Public Relations (CIPR) were equally in attendance.

**NDLEA Raises Alarm Over Sale and Use of Illicit Drugs, Firearms In Lagos Nightclubs**

Stories by Kunle Awosiyan

The National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, NDLEA has raised the alarm over the sale and use of illicit drugs and firearms at some Lagos nightclubs. NDLEA Officer in charge of operations at the Lagos State Command, Superintendent of Narcotics, Maijama'a Abdullahi lamented that illicit drugs are being used in most night clubs from his findings after undergoing a secret tour of some clubs in Lagos. He said that in many nightclubs, there were no signages to warn people against doing drugs, decrying that drugs were being used excessively. "The drug dealers visit most of the nightclubs to sell drugs. Some of those selling drugs are friends with the bouncers. We need the help of club owners, it is getting out of hand", he lamented. However, the Lagos State Safety Commission (LSSC) has decried the increasing use of drugs and firearms in nightclubs in Lagos and has vowed to shut down any club involved with in such lawlessness henceforth. Director-General of the Commission, Mr. Lanre Mojola, warned nightclub owners that the State Government has zero tolerance for the use of illicit drugs and firearms at nightclubs and would no longer tolerate the lawlessness of owners and patrons of such clubs. In his words: "The purpose of this meeting is to address certain concerns that have come to our attention which includes the use of drugs, firearms and other illegal items in most nightclubs and this has become a major cause of concern for the Lagos State Government".

"On the issue of firearms in clubs, last year we had an incident with a superstar, we are also aware of a shooting accident that happened at a club recently and these give us serious concerns. There should be scanners that can detect firearms and other weapons. Of what use are your security operatives and cameras if they cannot come in handy in situations like this", he stated. Mojola emphasised that the use of illicit drugs and

firearms have become rampant in several nightclubs across the State and the Commission is ready to stamp out the illegal practice and would collaborate with relevant authorities, such as the Nigerian Police and NDLEA, to stop such lawlessness. Noting that most club premises have been turned to drug sales outlets, he implored owners and operators of nightclubs to use proper

signages to pass on the message of no-drugs-no-firearms and no-underage to club-goers. He warned nightclub owners to respect the laws of the State as the government would not hesitate to wield the big stick on those flagrantly violating the law regarding the operations of nightclubs. Mojola, therefore, called on all stakeholders to take responsibility and work together to tackle the issues of drugs and

firearms usage as well as the presence of underage children in many nightclubs in the State, saying that it is against the law to allow minors in such an environment. He revealed that the Commission, in conjunction with officials of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency and the Nigerian Police Force, will commence regular visits to nightclubs in the State to bring violators to book.

The Lagos State Government has vowed to publish in national newspapers, names of nightclubs that have not obtained operating licence or renewed the old ones in the state. The Permanent Secretary of the state Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture, Mrs. Oloruntoyin Atekoja said this as she called on owners of adult nightclub and other hospitality outlets in different parts of the State to register their establishments with the State Government. The Permanent Secretary stated that a list of recalcitrant establishments and those defaulting in renewing their licences will soon be published in the Newspapers. The Ministry also implored already registered adult nightclub and other hospitality establishments not to default in the annual renewal of their operating licences. Atekoja expressed displeasure with the low level of compliance among hospitality practitioners regarding the registration and renewal of the

**Adult Nightclub: Lagos Govt to Sanction Unregistered Outfits**



A nightclub in Lagos

operating licences for their establishments. She noted that the development runs contrary to the law guiding their operations, especially Section 4 of Lagos State Hotel and Tourism Establishments Licensing Law as amended in 2023.

Atekoja stated that the Ministry would not hesitate henceforth to close down any erring establishments and those defaulting in the renewal of their licences. The Permanent Secretary informed that a list of recalcitrant establishments and

those defaulting in renewing their licences will soon be published in the Newspapers. She advised members of the public to stop patronizing unregistered establishments as their existence is not known to Government and their operations classified illegal.

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# Sanwo-Olu's Wife Opens Alimosho General Hospital's Chapel

## ... Says God Uses Health Workers As Instrument For Healing

Story by Kunle Awosiyani

The Wife of the Lagos State Governor, Dr. (Mrs.) Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu on Sunday, commissioned a newly built Chapel within the premises of the Alimosho General Hospital, Igando by the Lagos State Health Service Commission. The Chapel, under the Workers and Patients Christian Fellowship Chaplaincy, was built for patients, clients and members of staff as a designated place for fellowship.

Addressing health workers and participants during the dedication of the new chapel which also coincides with the 37th annual thanksgiving of Lagos State Health Service Commission (HSC), Dr. Sanwo-Olu said that the dual events show how HSC has been in appreciating God's faithfulness and showing forth His goodness on all members of staff and the entire health family in Lagos State.

She said "I am very pleased to associate with the various giant strides being witnessed across the various general hospitals under the supervision of the Lagos State Health Service Commission.

"Permit me to also acknowledge the dedication, sense of duty and uncommon commitment to the delivery of quality healthcare to residents of Lagos State by the entire management and staff of the Lagos State Health Service Commission over the years".

The Lagos First Lady advised health practitioners to always

acknowledge the healing power of God even when all medical expertise fails, stressing that health workers only care while God heals.

Speaking on the theme for the event "Goodness of God", the Wife of the Governor averred that the testimonies of the Goodness of God abound all around us, either as individuals or as a State, noting that beyond every doubt, God has been good to us all and this we must remain thankful for. She maintained that the dedication of the new Chapel of the Lagos State Health Service Commission family is a testimony of God's goodness in the lives of all the health workers in Lagos State.

In her words, "The concept of this Chapel shows the importance which HSC attaches to the place of God, the Supreme being in healing. The construction of this Chapel emanates from our belief as medical



Lagos first lady, Dr. Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu unveiling the chapel

practitioners in the healing power of God. This means that God has a solution to some health issues that is beyond what the knowledge of medicine can explain".

The Governor's wife expressed the hope that the chapel will serve as a haven for the sick and a point of restoration for the faint-hearted and a soothing balm for the distressed and most importantly, complement the holistic healing

process for all health seekers in this environment and beyond. Earlier, the Medical Director of Alimosho General Hospital, Dr. Ayodapo Soyinka acknowledged the immense support received from the First Lady since the idea of the new chapel was conceived, revealing that the wife of the Governor was instrumental to the construction of the Chapel.

He said that the hospital has witnessed tremendous transformation under the present administration in the State due to the importance which the Governor and the entire cabinet attach to quality healthcare delivery. The preacher at the event, an Inter-Continental Evangelist of the Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) Pastor Johnson Kalajaiye, urged

Christians and non-Christians alike to show appreciation to God when things are good, bad and ugly, saying that thanking God should be a way of life and not for any intended benefit.

He listed Praise, Thanksgiving and Gratitude as the three things that make God happy with men, advising that the trio belongs to God exclusively and should not be shared with anyone.

## LIRS holds summit on boosting council revenues Tuesday

The Lagos State Internal Revenue Service will hold a summit with stakeholders in the revenue collection system in the local governments Tuesday. The summit will address the operations of the local government revenue committees, efficient revenue collection in the informal sector and collaboration between the LIRS and local governments to harmonise taxes for taxpayers' convenience. LIRS chairman Mr. Ayo

Subair will give the keynote address.

Other lead presenters at the summit are Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Local Government & Chieftaincy Affairs, Mrs. Kikelomo Abolarin, LIRS Director, Informal Taxation & Special Duties, Ms Folashade Coker and LIRS Revenue Manager, Mr. Segun Tijani.

The brainstorming session will feature chairman of the Association of Local Governments of Nigeria, Hon. Kolade Alabi, Chairman of the

Local Government Service Commission, Hon Kamal Baiyewu, Chairman of the Committee of Council Managers, Mr. S.A. Olujobi, Chairman of Committee of Council Treasurers, Mr. A.A. Adebisi, Chairman, Committee of Human Resources Officers, Mr. Isiaka Ijaile and chairmen of Local Government Revenue Committees. The summit, which holds at Osun Hall of the Lagos Airport Hotel, Ikeja is strictly by invitation. According to a press



statement by Kehinde Bamigbetan, Lead Consultant, Korke & Associates, the event builds on the achievements of the seminar on

professionalising the revenue functions in local governments also sponsored by the LIRS on November 4, last year.

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Lagos State has been given an award as the Best State in Procurement Compliance at the 5th Africa Procurement and Supply Chain Awards 2023, held at Oriental Hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos.

The Director-General of the Agency, Mr. Fatai Idowu Onafowote, also received an award as the Public Sector Procurement Personality of the Year at the event which was attended by business and professional leaders from various African countries, including Nigeria, Ghana, the Gambia and Tanzania.

Three Procurement Officers in the Civil Service of Lagos State, including Mrs. Bolanle Riskat Adeniran, the Director of Procurement in LAWMA; the Director of Procurement in the Ministry of Justice, Mr. Jijoho Kappo and the Head of Procurement of the Office of Transformation, Creativity and Innovation (OTCI), Mrs. lyabo Okoya-Adelanwa were also given awards at the event in recognition of their exemplary performance as professionals in procurement practice in the public sector.

The Procurement Officer of Kosofe Local Government, Mrs. Niniola Rasheedat Balogun-Are and her counterpart in Igando-Ikotun Local Council Development Area, Mrs. Rafiat Amoke Abijo-Aregbe also received awards for their distinguished performance.

Other awardees at the event include Lafarge Plc., MTN, Volta River Authority, Ghana, Nigerian Bottling Company Plc and CRDB Bank, Tanzania, among others.

Speaking at the event, tagged: "Celebrating

# Lagos Declared Best State in Public Procurement Compliance

Stories By Kunle Awosiyan

the Achievements of Africa's Supply Chain and Procurement Sector", the National President of the Association of Public Procurement Professionals of Nigeria (APPON), Mr. Emem James Kanico, stated that sound procurement practice holds the key to good governance.

He, therefore, urged governments at all levels to provide the enabling environment for due process in public procurement to thrive.

Mr. Kanico also commended the Director-General of the Lagos State Public Procurement Agency, Mr. Fatai Idowu Onafowote, for the giant strides the Agency had recorded in public procurement in the State.



The Director-General of the Lagos Public Procurement, Mr. Fatai Idowu Onafowote receiving the award

## LAWMA Academy Organises Summer School For Pupils



Pupils at LAWMA summer school in Ijora)

LAWMA Academy, the educational arm of Lagos Waste Management Authority, has organised a four-week summer school, for children aged 8 to 12, to teach the younger generation the fundamentals of effective waste management. The

four-week programme began on 31st July 31, 2023, at the Authority's Headquarters, Ijora-Olopa.

Commenting on the programme, the Managing Director/CEO of LAWMA, Dr. Muyiwa Gbadegesin, noted that the Summer School was

organised to educate the younger generation, on the need to imbibe the culture of proper waste management, to teach arts and crafts, upcycling, as well as expose them to indoor and outdoor sports and field trips, among other activities.

He said, "The Summer

School programme is designed to educate children from a tender age on the concept of waste management and environmental sanitation, raising ambassadors for a cleaner and healthier environment with seasoned facilitators in a conducive learning environment. This will serve to train youngsters as conscientious environmental activists while also providing other enjoyable learning opportunities".

Dr. Gbadegesin advised parents and guardians to always take advantage of the extended school holiday to enroll their children and wards in the Summer school, adding that those who could not

participate physically could join online.

The Academy's team lead, Mrs. Elizabeth Ademola, noted that it was the third edition of the programme, adding that the Summer School was designed to simplify the concept of waste and environmental management for children, to ensure that each child had sufficient and holistic knowledge of environmental sustainability practices.

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# Be Above Board, Lagos Auditor General, Ogunlana Tells Local Govt Auditors

The Lagos State Government has harped on the need for Auditors in the Local Government tier to step up and be above board in the discharge of their duties and responsibilities.

The Permanent Secretary/Auditor General, Mr. Obafemi Ogunlana stated this at the commencement of a five-day in-house training for Audit Team Leads, charging participants to be vast in communication and professional writing skills. He also advised them to use the opportunity of the training to enhance their proficiency in report writing to achieve professional and career excellence.

His words, "Gone are the days when auditors just do the barest minimum, today's auditors are expected to rise to the occasion by mastering skills that directly and indirectly contribute to



Participants at the training

their work delivery. And that is why we are having this training at a time like this".

Ogunlana averred that the training was designed to broaden their knowledge, enhance their professional skills and how to ensure that

communication is done effectively between the sender and the receiver of messages in the workplace.

The lead facilitator of the training, Ms. Esther Omodiagbe of Esta Lauren Resources said the training programme

was to enhance the performances of Audit Team Leads and improve their job delivery specifically in the aspect of communicating, report writing and other professional writings.

Omodiagbe further emphasised how to

ensure effective communication through the use of the English Language, the 7 Cs of effective communication and the fundamentals of effective writing skills.

The Participants expressed appreciation to

the Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu for his continuous support for capacity building in the Lagos State workforce which is in line with the T.H.E.M.E.S PLUS Agenda.

## Lagos Parastatals Monitoring Office Okays LASU Pension Records

The Lagos State Government Parastatals Monitoring Office has concluded its assignment at the Lagos State University and given the institution a clean bill of health with regards to the submission of staff pension records.

Officials PMO were on the University main campus, Ojo, last week to begin the two-day compilation of Manpower Statistics Exercise for staff of the university.

"Part of the mandate of PMO is to ensure the smooth running of Parastatals of government, especially

in the administrative and financial guidelines.

Speaking after the conclusion of the assignment, the PMO team lead, Dr. Ogunlade Philips said, "having gone through the records, we can say that they are clean".

While presenting his team's report to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello, mni, NPOM, in the presence of other members of management and the leadership of the Bursary Department and Directorate of Internal Audit, Philips commended the institution for the job well done.

His assertion was also

corroborated by Mr. Fajimi Olalekan, the Resident Officer, PMO, Governor's Office who said that the exercise was primarily to assess the compliance rate of pension's deduction and remittance in the university.

The Vice Chancellor, in her response, appreciated the team for the hard work and expressed her pleasure that the University was found clean. "We are always for transparency and accountability and that is why you found our papers clean", she said. He also assured that other areas of observation would be acted upon swiftly.



Vice Chancellor, Prof. Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello



## Open Defecation: Lagos Govt Targets 2025 To End Dirty Culture

Stories By Kunle Awosiyan

Lagos Government is aiming at ending open defecation across the state by 2025, the Permanent Secretary, Office of Environmental Services, Gaji Omobolaji Tajudeen has said.

He stated that the plan of the government to construct public toilets and bathrooms across the state is a measure being worked on to eradicate open defecation.

Speaking at the Agege Local Government Secretariat before a gathering of community and religious leaders, Tajudeen said that the war against open defecation is to promote healthy sanitation habits by all residents for good health.

Calling on all those who still engage in open defecation to desist from doing so the Permanent Secretary, represented by a Director in the Office of Sanitation Services, Mr. Ola Okeseni, noted that the State Government adopted the decentralisation of the campaign on the "Stop Open Defecation and Use the Toilet", to reach the hinterlands.

He averred that the State Government's mandate to eradicate Open Defecation is embedded in Pillar 1, Goal 2 of the Lagos Resilience Strategy Document which focused on "Improve Access To Clean Water And Sanitation", through Four Initiatives, namely: 'Provision of Public Toilets and Bathrooms in Each LGA and LCDA'; 'Construction of Community Wastewater Treatment Plants'; 'Develop an Integrated Waste Management System'; 'Expand and Protect Water Sources to Improve the City's Water Supply'.

"It is my hope that in view of the importance of this campaign to our national

developmental process and meeting the goal of eradicating open defecation by 2025, I strongly believe that this campaign and other initiatives of this present administration will contribute to the success of the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) sector", he said.

He stated that Sensitization Technique is a driving tool in achieving an Open Defecation Free Lagos, noting that the campaign must be people-centred and community-based.

He emphasised that community engagement with relevant stakeholders especially in vulnerable communities is of high priority, adding that despite the success of the campaign, challenges ranging from no budgetary allocation to lack of political will have confronted the campaign. He maintained that there is a need for political support from Local Governments to cascade the policy to the people, who are the direct beneficiaries.

In his welcome address, the Chairman, Agege Local Government, Alhaji Kola Egunjobi condemned open defecation and poor sanitation, saying these two elements are critical to Health and Human Capital which affects socioeconomic growth of any community.

Egunjobi, represented by Hon. Abdulrasheed Adaranijo, pledged the support of Agege Local Government to the campaign, adding that his office was set to construct more Public Toilets within the jurisdiction of Agege Local Government.

He, therefore, urged the citizens of Agege and environ to make sanitation a priority by supporting the State Government in making the necessary changes for humanity towards an improved environment and a thriving

## Lagos First Lady Expresses Worry Over Inadequate Breastfeeding of Infants



Infant breastfeeding

The Wife of Lagos State Governor, Dr. (Mrs.) Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu has emphasised the need for mothers to embrace exclusive breastfeeding of their babies, saying half of infants under six months of age are exclusively breastfed. She highlighted the positive effect on Maternal during an Advocacy Walk in commemoration of the World Breast Feeding Week from Massey Street Children's Hospital, Lagos Island to Ita Faaji, calling on relevant stakeholders to support working mothers in achieving this aim.

Dr. Sanwo-Olu stated that adequate breastfeeding would reduce morbidity, strengthen the immune system and protect the baby against serious diseases.

With the theme "Enable Breastfeeding: Making a Difference for Working Parent," the first lady said that the statistics by the World Health Organization (WHO) revealed that more than half a billion working women are not given essential maternity protections in national laws and just 20% of countries require employers to provide employees with paid breaks and facilities for breastfeeding or expressing milk.

According to her, "The statistics also highlighted that fewer than half of infants under six months of age are exclusively breastfed. This is indeed worrisome and as stakeholders, it calls for our urgent intervention towards supporting nursing mothers and providing opportunities for them to have access

to a minimum of 18 weeks of maternity leave or preferably extending beyond six months for both private and public institutions across the State".

"Breastfed babies are healthier, and have lower disease and death rates, therefore, as residents, we must collectively work towards strengthening the capacity of breastfeeding mothers, providing and sustaining a breastfeeding-friendly environment", she added.

The First Lady further stressed that the State Government had already implemented far-reaching policies to ensure that nursing mothers can breastfeed their babies, including six-month maternity leave for mothers, while the fathers are also entitled to paternity

leave to support their wives.

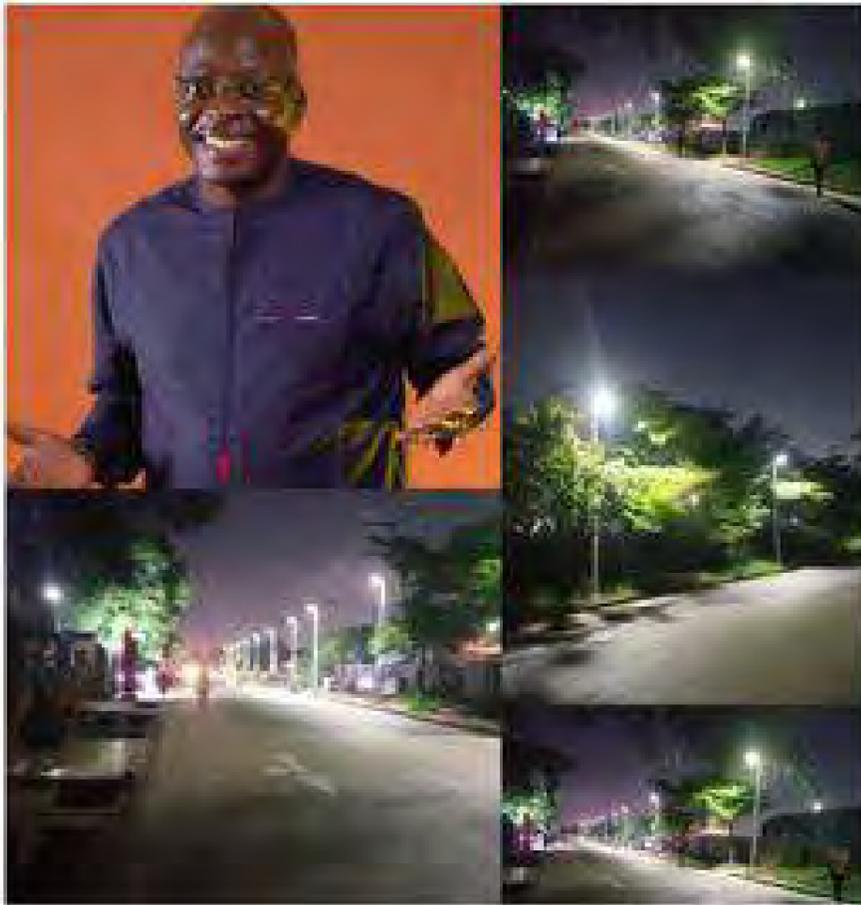
Dr. Sanwo-Olu assured that the State Government will continue to implement policies and reforms that will consistently engender a conducive atmosphere for nursing mothers to breastfeed their babies optimally, thereby calling on private and public stakeholders to take a cue from this year's theme and be responsive.

The ideals of World Breastfeeding Week, which is commemorated annually, are to raise awareness and galvanise action globally, rekindle the consciousness of critical stakeholders on the need to sustainably encourage and support nursing mothers to breastfeed their babies exclusively.



# Former Rep, Agunsoye Donates Solar-Powered Street Lights

By Nurudeen Adebayo



Hon. Rotimi Agunsoye Donates Solar-Powered Street Lights

Former member of the House of Representatives representing Kosofe Federal Constituency, Hon. Rotimi Agunsoye has donated 200 newly installed solar-powered street lights to the people of Kosofe area. The project, according

to the residents, has brought immense joy to the community and is expected to address recurring security challenges in the area. They expressed deep appreciation for Hon. Rotimi Agunsoye's efforts in illuminating their roads.

Sunday Jegede, a resident of Ikosi Isheri, praised the former lawmaker for continuing the legacy of developmental initiatives even after leaving office. He recalled that the very first street light on CMD Road was installed

during the administration of Hon. Kunle Soname, but subsequent governments failed to maintain it. Agunsoye's recent initiative has once again brightened the area, providing much-needed security against robberies and attacks. Jegede highlighted the significance of solar-powered street lights, noting that previous lighting solutions relied

on generators or electricity, which proved costly and required constant maintenance. "The solar-powered lights, on the other hand, offer a more sustainable and cost-effective solution while also reducing the chances of vandalism." He urged residents to take ownership of the lights and report any suspicious activities around the posts to enhance security

further. Transporters and tricycle operators also commended the development, expressing optimism that the improved visibility at night would enhance safety for all road users along CMD Road. They believed that the initiative will help in the protection of lives and properties, making the area more secure and conducive for everyone to live.

## We've Renovated 86% Of Our PHCs - Olowa

By Nurudeen Adebayo

The Chairman of Ibeju-Lekki Local Government, Hon. (Engr) Abdullahi Olowa, said his administration has renovated about 86 percent of the primary healthcare centres in the local council while the remaining are still under renovation. According to him, the already renovated PHCs are functioning while the government



HON. ABDULLAHI SESAN OLOWA  
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN, IBEJU-LEKKI LOCAL GOVERNMENT

is trying to make sure others are out in good condition to cater to the health of the residents. He disclosed this while receiving the newly deployed Permanent Secretary, Health, District 3, Dr. Monsurat Adeleke to the Local Government Area. The council boss commended the Permanent Secretary for the visit while he recounted some of the achievements of his administration with special emphasis on the Health Sector as one of his social responsibility agenda. "The Local Government presently has 12 functional newly renovated and equipped Primary

Healthcare Centres out of the existing 14 with two under rehabilitation," he said. Olowa, therefore, promised a good working relationship between the Health District and the Local Government, saying he would not relent to improve on the health conditions of the people by complimenting the efforts of the State Government on healthcare. The Chairman and his Team later took the entourage to Aiyeteju Primary Health Care Centre for an on-the-spot assessment and the ongoing activities at the centre. Speaking, the newly

deployed Permanent Secretary explained that her visit was connected to the recent decentralisation of the Lagos State Health Board into Districts. She further informed the council chairman of the gains of the move by the State Government and stated it is done for the people of Lagos to access good, affordable health care and proper supervision by health personnel. She, therefore, solicited the support of the Olowa-led administration and other notable residents on CSR in the area of getting volunteers and running 24hr services which can proffer an opportunity for the Local Government to be recognised and adopted by LASHMA to further promote good health service delivery within the council area and its environs.

## Demolished Community Appeals to NGOs for Shelter, Food

By Nurudeen Adebayo

The victims of the house demolition at Mofesajo Community, Oworonshoki have made a heartfelt appeal to non-governmental organisations (NGOs) for assistance. The Lagos State taskforce recently began the demolition of shanties and makeshift buildings along the Owaronshoki Coastal area as part of the Kosofe Model City Plan 2020-2040. Despite prior warnings

from the Chairman of the agency, CSP Shola Jejeloye, to remove illegal structures and vacate the area, some residents did not comply, leading to the demolition of their homes. In response to the situation, the affected community organised a peaceful protest, seeking support for shelter, food, and education for their children. Comrade Olanrewaju Olusegun, a resident of

Masafejo and coordinator of the demonstration, shared a video expressing their plight. He alleged that the Lagos Taskforce demolished their homes without offering alternatives, and anyone who questioned the actions was subjected to violence. However, ECHONEWS reported that the Lagos State House of Assembly has ordered that the demolition in the area be stopped.



## HEROES & HEROINES OF LAGOS

# Chief Alimotu Pelewura

The Lagos Market Women's Association was one of the most important women's organization in Lagos during the colonial period.

### Early life

Pelewura was born in Lagos to a large polygynous family. She was the elder of two children born by her biological mother. Her mother was a fish trader and Pelewura also chose fish trading as an occupation. By 1900, she had become an important market women leader and trader and in 1910, was given a chieftaincy title by Oba Eshugbayi Eleko. In the 1920s, she was leader of the Ereko meat market and with the support of Herbert Macaulay, she rose to become the leader of the newly formed Lagos Market Women Association. She belonged to the Awori tribe of the Yoruba people.

### LMWA

The Lagos Market Women's Association was founded in the 1920s by Pelewura and a few other market leaders. Pelewura, a fish trader was the alaga (head) of the Ereko market became the association's premier president. During her reign, LMWA protested against imposed taxation and price controls of produce both incidents she believed will impact negatively on the livelihood of women.

### Politics and agitation against taxation

In the 1932, Pelewura led market women in protest against direct taxation of women by the colonial government. When

rumors surfaced about a proposed tax on women, Pelewura was a member of a committee of women that marched to the government house in protest against the proposed plan.[6] In the same year, due to her leadership of the protest, she was appointed as a women's representative in the Ilu Committee, an advisory group organized by the Oba of Lagos. In the mid 1930s, she led a protest against the relocation of the Ereko market to the Oluwole area of Lagos, Pelewura and some Ereko women attempted to physically block any relocation action by authorities which led to her detention. The market women in Lagos rallied in her support and she and other women detainees were released.

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In 1940, the colonial government proposed a new taxation plan on women who earned above 50 pounds. Female taxation was a novelty in Yorubaland and the women again rose in protest, Pelewura and other women objected because of its novelty and also because of the challenging economic difficulties such as high unemployment rates as a result of World War II. Though not many market women among the 8,000 plus members of her



Chief Alimotu Pelewura

organization earned above 50 pounds, she felt it could be a slippery slope towards full taxation of women. However, on taxation of women, the colonial government did not budge but responded by increasing the taxable income to those earning more than 200 pounds. In 1939, Pelewura became an executive member of the Nigerian Union of Young Democrats, a youthful party that was closely aligned with NNNDP. [7] She sometimes acted as a speaker in NNNDP's rallies and spoke publicly on

behalf of NNNDP candidates even though women were disenfranchised. She was also briefly a member of the Oyinkan Abayomi led Nigerian Women's Party.

### Price control

During World War II, inflation rose in Lagos as a result of food scarcity.[8] In 1941, to control the wartime economy, the government enacted a flexible price control policy on certain food produce that will be reviewed periodically. Due to widespread opposition and non adherence to the

policy, the government made plans to control the sale of food produce through multinationals. The market women led by Pelewura objected to the policy stating that it will deprive women of needed income. However, the colonial government was adamant on keeping the price regulation of produce. The situation led to conflicts between LMWA and the colonial government.

Pelewura died in 1951. She was succeeded by one of her followers, Chief Abibatu Mogaji.



# You're A Role Model To The Youths, Salawu Eulogises Oshonaike

By Saheed Afolabi



Funke Oshonaike

The Chairman of Somolu Local Government Hon. AbdulHamed Salawu, has commended the 7th-time African Olympian, Funke Oshonaike, saying she is a role model to the youths. Representing the

Council Chairman to welcome the Ping-pong Title-Holder back to the Somolu was Hon. Ayo Coker Hector (Supervisory Councillor, Agric & Social Services), as he acknowledged her applaudable gesture and encouragement

tips to the young athletes.

Young athletes were urged to uphold their confidence and prowess for long-term success.

Meanwhile, much was revealed about the previous Sports Activities of the Somolu

LG Chairman to develop young talents, and the modern table-tennis hall under planning was further unveiled to the audience, as reiterated by Mr. Wellington Osas and Raheem Afees (SA & SSA on Sports).

In addition, the duo of Mr. Adekunle Ademola and Alhaji Adeyinka Ibrahim (Chairman & Vice Chairman of Somolu Table Tennis Association) showered encomium on the Professional Player, while her

mouth-watering achievements and incessant contributions were reeled out to the public for outstanding appraisal: impressive figures worth emulating for upcoming sportspersons.

Conversely, the Table Tennis Champion, Funke Oshonaike

backed the emotional prayers of her dad, Pa Oshonaike, who sought God's guidance and protection upon all.

While highlighting her uneven path to stardom in the presence of Odusanya Abosede (TT Lagos State Defending Champion), she conveyed her excitement for the thrilling reception received from all. Funke, a graduate of Olaolu primary school, Igbobi Girls, and the University of Lagos, apprised young talents to be disciplined, take cognizance of their education, speak up to their parents over their embedded skills for necessary growth and she further appreciated Mr. Hammed Summer led-Organisers for her maiden Funke Oshonaike Table Tennis Competition, tagged

"Time to Honour the Hood".

The finale of the contest, in collaboration with Somolu Local Government, Somolu Table Tennis Association, and Summer Table Tennis Club of Somolu thrilled spectators as Sultan Issa become the Golden Male Winner, defeating Abdul Lateef Hammed, while Taye Coker topped the Female Chart Category, surpassing Baliqis Summer to claim the Golden Trophy.

Before the proceedings, a donation was upheld to support the Competition, thereafter, Funke Oshonaike delighted young participants with Sports gifts, ranging in varieties.

Other Guests of Honour include Hon. Badejo Adebambo, Mr. Indubuchi Okechukwu (TT Coach), and Mr. Owolabi Bada.

## Somolu LG Commences Rehabilitation Of PHC

By Saheed Afolabi



Inspection of Wright PHC by Somolu LG boss, Abdulhamed Salawu

As Somolu Local Government commenced the rehabilitation of Wright Primary Health Centre, the council chairman, Hon. Abdul Hamed Salawu has charged the council engineer, Engr. Ekundayo to make sure quality job is done.

According to the chairman, the council is building a suitable edifice in line with the standard stipulated for a sophisticated PHC within Lagos localities,

saying the building will be equipped with offices for the staff members, and wards for patients.

The council boss stated further he was also rehabilitating Wright Lane to complement the ongoing rehabilitation of Wright Primary Health Centre, adding that the reconstruction of Wesley Primary School will soon start.

He said this while

inspecting the ongoing healthcare center project.

Accompanying the chairman to the inspection site were Hon. Adekunle Ekiyemi (Vice Chairman & Super for Education), Hon. Afolarin Olubiyi (Chief of Staff), Hon. Williams Lawanson (Former Sole Administrator, Somolu LG), Hon. Ladi Omifare (Super for Health), Alhaji Kabir Raji (Super for Works & Infrastructure), Hon. Ayo Coker Hector (Super for Agric & Social Services), Hon. Mike Oikeh (Revenue Chairman), Hon. Adewale Oseni (SA, Special Duties) and Raheem Afees (SA, Food Security).

From the Legislative Council, Hon. Mobolaji Adebayo Teluwo (Deputy Majority Leader), Hon. Lateef Ashimi (Chief Whip), and Hon. Omofolarin Adegbite (Ijebutedo Councillor) also joined the team to ascertain the progress of work, clamouring for the interests of Somolu inhabitants as true representatives of the people.

## LAGOS ISLAND NEWS

### Folawiyo Frowns At Illegal Dumping Of Refuse

By Saheed Afolabi

The Chairman of Lagos Island East Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Dr. Muibi Folawiyo, has appealed to residents to stop dumping refuse in drains to curb flooding and reduce the endemic spread of avoidable diseases.

"Since we assumed office in July 2021, one of the major challenges faced is environmental abuse as it is on record that so many drains have been desilted. Yet, some of these blocked drains are self-made. Food packs, sachet water nylon, pure water bottles, and refuse are dumped in the gutters which prevents the smooth flow of wastewater. If not, for the government's proactiveness in this line, one could imagine what the flood situation

in the community would have been.

"Some people will wait for the rain to open their soakaways into the drainage system while others turn waste into it, all these cause drainage blockages which result in flood.

"Unfortunately, it is harm caused to self and neighbors ignorantly.

"To achieve the desired goals on Lagos Island East environmental hassles, I implore the

CDAS, CDC, and residents to join the council in tackling this challenge by bringing waste dump offenders and cart pushers who lift refuse from homes against emptying such in our drainage systems. We have to stop this misconduct for a flood-free environment," he complained.

Meanwhile, he said the local government has been attending to the challenges which have made some parts of the community



Dr. Muibi Folawiyo



# APC Commends Council Boss Over Developmental Projects In Community

By Edith Igbokwe

The All Progressives Congress (APC) members in Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government have commended the

council chairman, Prince Usman Hamzat for the developmental projects he has been able to achieve in two years.

The Party members organised a get-

together forum at the Party Secretariat to appreciate Hamzat's effort in the community.

They seized the opportunity to reel out his administration's scorecard.

Ifako Ijaiye (APC) Chairman, Deacon Banjo Omole commended the developmental strides witnessed in the council area.

The party presented a

special gift to the council boss, noting that he had described his two years of impactful stewardship to be full of exceptional developmental strides in the Local Government.



Hamzat receives APC party member award

## Hamzat Vows For Commissioner Nominee, Olayinka

By Edith Igbokwe



Ifako-ijaiye commends Olayinka's position

The Chairman, Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government, Prince Usman Hamzat has bowed for the commissioner nominee from the local government area, Dr. Adakunle Olayinka (KOPI), saying he is capable to deliver as a commissioner in Lagos State.

He stated that the nominee deserved the appointment as he expressed the trust the residents have in him. He noted that the political and administrative experiences that Olayinka has gathered

over the years will count a lot to edge him forth in the unique position he has been nominated for.

According to him, Olayinka had served in Governor's Advisory Council (GAC), and as a Special Adviser to Governor in different portfolios.

"We look forward to seeing you create unforgettable positive impacts in the lives of Lagosians and your immediate constituency, Ifako-Ijaiye.

"We have proved that Ifako-Ijaiye has grown maturely to position itself better and I am

highly elated this is happening during my administration as the chairman."

He assured his utmost support from his office, especially in cooperation with advancing the developmental strides already paced across the local government.

Hamzat sincerely commended the Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu for nominating personalities such as Dr. Olayinka as Executive Cabinet Members towards achieving a greater Lagos State in his second term.

## Residents Hail Hamzat's Commitment To Road Project

By Edith Igbokwe

Residents of Abdus-Salaam Street in the Obawole Area of Ifako-Ijaiye Local Government Area have expressed a huge appreciation to the council Chairman, Prince Usman Hamzat for attending to their street.

Abdus-Salaam is a Street that intersects Old Akute Road and Kajola Road within Ndike Area in Obawole. According to the residents, a large part of the road has been washed out, exposing pipeline layers that pose a danger to residents and



Abdus-Salaam street rehabilitation

passersby alike.

The council chairman assured the residents of the timely completion of the project.

He noted that the outcome will ease vehicular movements, reduce traffic

congestion and protect lives and properties within the community.

He reiterated his administration's commitment to continue road construction projects, as witnessed within the 24 months in office.

## Kids, Parents Applaud Lawmaker's Educational Support

By Edith Igbokwe

The people of Amuwo-Odofin Local Government have appreciated the member representing Amuwo-Odofin Constituency 2 at the State House of Assembly, Hon. David Doherty for supporting their wards' summer school with educational materials.

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They commended him and his team over the gesture, saying it is beneficial to the community as kids received the materials with excitement. The parents said the gesture would remove burdens from their shoulders.

The disbursement was done in Kirikiri Ward, to complement the former disbursement in the

Baruwa area.

The lawmaker said he plans to replicate the programme at Agboju wards.

According to Doherty, the exercise will encourage all kids during the summer lessons and remove excuses for not attending summer classes because of materials.

He promised to take education as one of his topmost priorities all through his term in office.



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# National Council Of Women's Society Commends Ikorodu Chairman

By Nurudeen Adebayo

The National Council of Women's Society of Nigeria (Ikorodu Chapter) has commended Ikorodu Local Government Chairman, Hon. Wasiu Adesina, for his support. Expressing gratitude to

the council boss after a brief meeting, the group applauded Adesina for his leadership and obligation to the welfare of women in the community and thanked him for his actions to empower women and promote gender equality. The group also used the medium to call for new

members and called on other leaders to follow the council chairman's example and work to support women and promote their rights. In a collective tone, they stated that even with new leadership, the chairman has always been by their side in both moral and financial support.

They asserted that the council chairman's efforts have been widely recognised and appreciated by residents and stakeholders, adding that his administration has been instrumental in propelling favourable modifications in the Ikorodu LG.



Hon. Adesina, and the 7-man committee

# Igbogbo-Bayeku LCDA Launches Food Bank

By Nurudeen Adebayo



Hon making a speech during the programme

Igbogbo-Baiyeku Local Council Development Area in Ikorodu has launched a food bank designed to cater to over 3000 residents. Speaking about the initiative, the council chairman, Hon. Sesan Daini, said it is for people who have been struggling to make ends meet due to rising food prices as a result of the fuel subsidy removal. He said: "The food bank initiative, which provides essential supplies to residents in

need, is set to continue for another six months. "Food is one major area where families are feeling the pain currently, and the council will try as much as possible in our capacity to help residents. "From our traditional institutions, religious bodies, CDA's, Market men and women, transport workers, and youths wing members, we're taking off to stretch our hands to aid every dweller in this area.

"Particularly the low-income families, the less privilege persons, widows and widowers, the ones in the nooks and crannies of the LCDA who can not make it to this program, we shall reach out to them." The planning committee chairman (IBLCDA food bank initiative), Mrs. Adenaike Toyin, explained her involvement in the programme as a call to serve humanity, expressing her zeal to participate in the course due to the present state of the economy.

# Adesina Gives Palliatives To Residents in Ikorodu LG

By Nurudeen Adebayo

The Chairman of Ikorodu Local Government, Hon. Wasiu Adesina, has continued a 7-man committee to work on the palliative programme for the residents of the community. The committee is to work on the modality of discussing the palliative items to the beneficiaries. The committee, which comprises LG staff, political party members, councilors, and the public, also serves as a special consultative medium to ensure residents in Ikorodu LG are duly assisted in all sections for a certain duration. Their job is to arrange food packs that would serve as a palliative for the residents, most

especially the vulnerable ones who have been rendered helpless as a result of the fuel subsidy removal. Explaining further, Adesina said the police, CDC/CDAs, Iya-Olojas, political leaders, churches, mosques, and artisans will not be left out to benefit from the welfare programme. "Not forgetting the Arewa and Ndigbo communities in Ikorodu LG, they will also be beneficiaries of this course. The programme will be used to alleviate some of the sufferings experienced during this period when the prices of goods and services have gone up. "It is to be headed by Mr. Lateef Oyefusi, while the members include Hon. Mutiat

Fatuga, DMI Showemimo, Hon. Sir Jay, Mr. Mabunmi Omotayo Tosin, Engineer Martins Odupitan (council-manager), and HOD Agric of the council. "The final day will attract a large number of stakeholders gathering where the food packs will be distributed, and the programme will be continuous," Adesina said. The programme is aimed at easing the impact of fuel subsidy removal on low-income families and other vulnerable groups in the community. As stated, the committee, which is made up of community leaders and stakeholders, will be responsible for organising the distribution of food items and supplementary essential supplies to residents in need.



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# Bamigboye Doles Out Palliatives

By Saheed Afolabi



R-L: Mushin LG chairman, Hon Emmanuel Bamigboye and a palliative beneficiary

The aged, widows and other vulnerable in Mushin Local Government were have

given financial support to cushion the effect of economic hardship and cater to their

personal needs as the council chairman, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye increased the number of

beneficiaries due to the current economic situation.

Speaking, the chairman stated that research has shown that social and financial support can play a significant role in the overall health of people, stressing that financial support is capable of boosting the quality of life including physical and mental health.

The programme, which is an initiative of the council chairman, commenced during his first term in office in 2017 and has always been improved upon with additional packages during festive

periods with foodstuff and cloth materials to celebrate the season.

He appealed to the members of the public to be patient with the government as his administration will soon commence palliative programmes to cushion the effect of petrol subsidy removal.

He informed that the local government is currently conducting skill acquisition programmes, aimed at alleviating poverty and empowering the youths with various entrepreneurial skills.

While appreciating President Bola Tinubu for the brilliant steps

taken so far, he appealed to the people for patience, especially the civil servants.

He also stated that Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu is working round the clock with local government chairmen across the state to ensure that every resident benefits from the proposed largesse.

Joining the chairman to present the cash to beneficiaries were the Vice Chairman, Hon. Tunbosun Aruwe; the Council Leader, Hon. Olamide, Councilors, Council Manager, Supervisors, Special Advisers, Heads of various departments, traditional leaders, market leaders, religious leaders, and community leaders.

## Excitement As Mushin LG Completes Road Rehabilitation In Papa Ajao

By Saheed Afolabi



Laying of Asphalt at Papa Ajao Mushin

There was excitement among the residents as the Bamigboye-led administration in Mushin Local Government completed the rehabilitation work at Okesanya Street in Papa Ajao (Ward B) area of Mushin with the laying of Asphalt.

The rehabilitation and repair works started with the grading of the road at the Ojekunle end of Okesanya Street followed by landscaping,

using stone-based rubbles to solidify and level the upper layer of the topographic soil profile.

The team dropped asphalt on the road and commenced the final phase of the rehabilitation by laying and dressing the topmost layer of the road with black sticky and oily asphalt, which has beautified the road for smooth passage of vehicles.

The project was

monitored by the Supervisor for Works, Hon. Funmi Peters, and Councilor representing Papa Ajao (Ward B), Hon. Dele Abioye.

Some community leaders in Papa Ajao were also at the site to monitor the rehabilitation work.

In his words, the councilor expressed appreciation to the council boss, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye, for his passion to ensure that roads in Mushin Local Government are rehabilitated.

He also informed members of his Ward that the chairman will soon put the final touches to the Oremeji link road to Palm Avenue which has commenced with drainage de-silting and grading.

He assured them of more projects as the council chairman promised to roll out a series of life-impacting projects for the entire people of Mushin as part of activities to make life comfortable and meaningful for the residents.

He, however, advised them that they should always keep their environments clean and avoid blocking the drainage channels with refuse and domestic wastes.

## NYCN Tasks Boys Scout Members On Working Rules

By Saheed Afolabi

The coordinator of the National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN), Odi-Olowo Ojuwoye branch, Comrade Adigun Ibrahim has urged the Boys Scout Movement in the local council area to be upright in their activities.

Adigun made the speech during the Boys Scout three days course event in Lagos.

The youth leader advised the young scouts to imbibe the teachings of the

association and uphold its working rules.

He said: "Scout movement is one of the paramilitaries I grew up admiring because of what it stands for and the modus operandi. You should be proud of yourself for being a member or an intending member as the case may be. It's a naked truth that one of what has sustained the uniqueness and sanctity of this noble organization is its motto which preaches readiness, alertness,

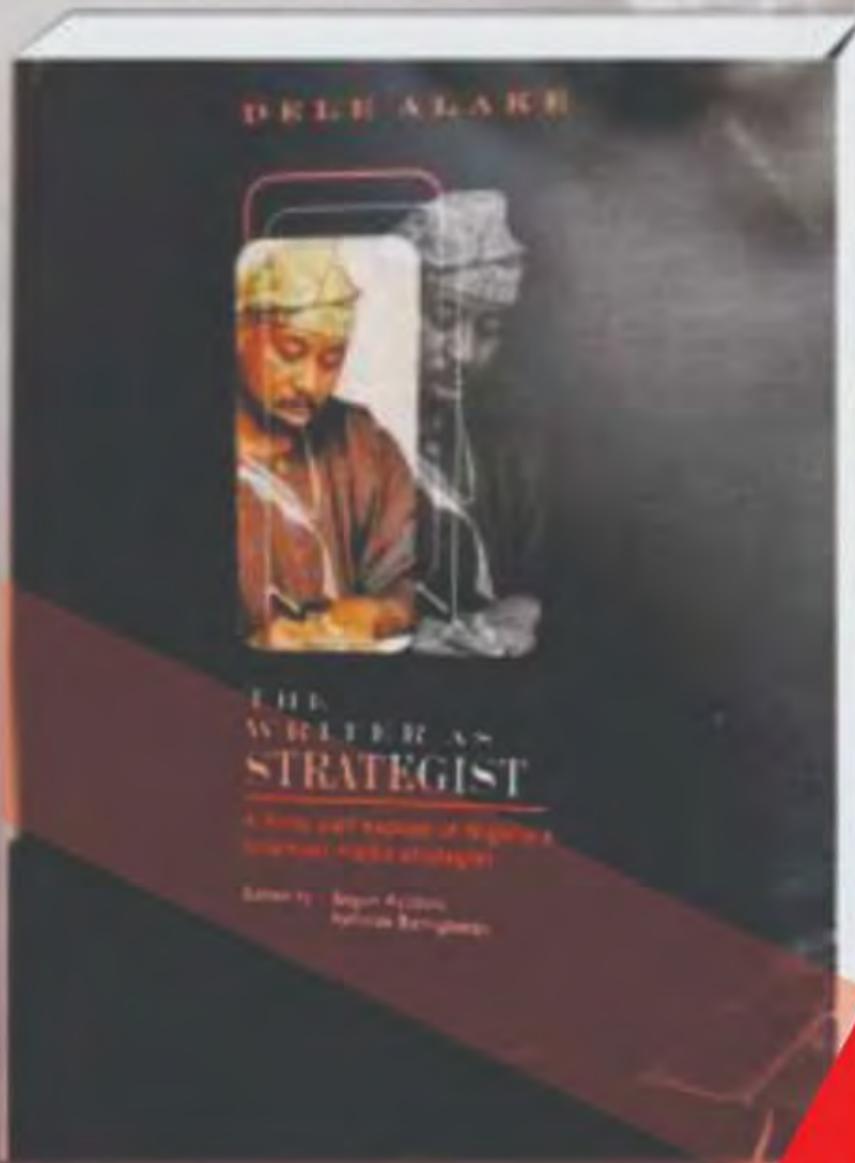
discipline, and moral uprightiness among others.

"By the virtue of my relationships with some scout members, the admirable discipline in them rubbed off on me and I can tell that it was one of what has shaped me into who I'm becoming in life. My message to you this afternoon is to sustain your adherence to the principles of the organisation not only to protect its sanctity but better your personal life."



NYCN Odi-Olowo Ojuwoye LCDA coordinator, Comrade Adigun Ibrahim been decorated with the Boys Scout emblem

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# Extend BRT Buses To Badagry Route, Bonu Tells Sanwo-Olu

By Saheed Afolabi

The Member, Lagos State House of Assembly, representing Badagry Constituency I, Hon. Solomon Bonu, has urged Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu to deploy Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) buses to the Badagry axis for the residents and commuters to enjoy the palliative by the State Government to ameliorate the effects of the hike in transportation, caused by the removal of fuel subsidy.

With a keen eye on the challenges faced by his constituents, Bonu raised the crucial observation during a plenary in the House,



HON. BONU SOLOMON SAANU  
CONSTITUENCY: BADAGRY I

highlighting the urgent need for the deployment of BRT buses to the area.

He stated that the transportation system in Badagry has long been a concern for its residents with inadequate and unreliable public transportation options causing inconvenience and hardship for commuters.

The recent hike in transportation costs has worsened the situation, burdening the already-struggling populace with additional financial strains.

He, however, called for BRT buses to be deployed to the axis as a step towards alleviating the plight of the local commuters.

"The BRT system has been successfully

implemented in different parts of Lagos, revolutionizing public transportation and easing the burden on citizens, hence we need the same in Badagry.

"If implemented, this move will undoubtedly bring relief to thousands of residents who rely on public transportation for their daily commute. Access to a reliable and affordable transport system will not only enhance the quality of life for the people of Badagry but also open up new opportunities for economic growth and development in the region," he started.

Meanwhile, the Chairman of Badagry West LCDA, Hon. Gbenu Joseph Henugbe stated that by advocating for the deployment of BRT buses to Badagry, the lawmaker has shown an exceptional

understanding of the needs and aspirations of his constituents.

His proposition aims to not only address the transportation woes but also offer a palliative to ease the effects of the recent hike in transportation.

"The implementation of such a plan requires collaborative efforts and proper allocation of resources, but the potential benefits far outweigh the initial investments," says Prof. Paul Sewa, a resident and lecturer at Lagos State University.

He added: "The observation raised by the legislator regarding the need for BRT buses to be deployed in the Badagry axis is a commendable initiative to alleviate the transportation challenges faced by the people he represents at this period in our country."

## Badagry LG Invests In Staff Productivity

By Saheed Afolabi



Hon. Olusegun Onilude

The Department of Human Resources and Personnel Management of Badagry Local Government has organised a capacity-building workshop for clerical staff in all departments and units in the council.

Addressing participants at the workshop, the council chairman, Hon. Olusegun Onilude commended the Human Resources department for collaborating with consultants to train the civil servants.

He urged them that as one of the major components in the functionality of the

local government, they must imbibe a culture of excellence, personal development, teamwork, and diligence.

The Head of HR, Mrs. Ogunniyi Modinat, expressed gratitude to the council boss for being workers friendly and for always granting approvals for the training and retraining of workers in the council.

She said consistent training of personnel enhances effective service and productivity.

In a related development, the Hon. Onilude-led administration has procured two chest freezers and a 6.5KVA

petrol generator for the National Programme on Immunisation (NPI) unit of the local government.

The council boss while handing over the items to the unit said the items are needed to preserve vaccines that are used for immunization programmes.

And as part of his administration's commitment to providing quality healthcare for citizens, he said the council would do everything within its capacity to augment or support health workers.

The Council Manager, Mr. Sejuro Asokere said the Onilude administration procured the items needed by the NPI following an appeal from the unit, stating the importance of preserving vaccines used for immunization at specified temperatures so that it will remain effective.



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# Women's World Cup: Toni Payne Authenticate Nigeria Preparedness For England

By Saheed Afolabi

**T**oni Payne has assured that Nigeria is well prepared to face England in the round of 16 of the FIFA Women's World Cup. Super Falcons will clash with the Three Lionesses in the round of 16 of the FIFA Women's World Cup.

Sevilla box-to-box midfielder, Payne acknowledged how good the English team is but believes the Falcons are equally good to trade tackles with the Three Lionesses. "England is a strong team, a very good team, but Nigeria, we are as well and anything can happen

in this tournament. "If we go out there and improve upon each game, we can get a good result and win England." Super Falcons will be meeting with England for the fourth time at the World Cup and Nigeria has the upper hand in the three meetings by winning two and losing one.



Nigeria midfielder, Toni Payne

# Tamara Ezekiel Discloses Reason For Joining Bendel Insurance

By Saheed Afolabi



Tamara Ezekiel, Bendel Insurance new player

**B**endel Insurance's newly recruited player, Tamara Ezekiel has revealed why he joined the club from Shooting Stars. The former Kano Pillars midfielder joined the Benin Arsenal after completing his medicals for an undisclosed fee and will earn a monthly pay of N600,000. Ezekiel revealed that he had offers from other top club sides in Nigeria but committed his future to Insurance.

The 22-year-old star is overjoyed to continue his career in Benin because of the club's rich history and pedigree. "I had offers from other teams, but I had already given my word to Bendel Insurance because I believe in their vision. "I'm thrilled to begin this new chapter with Bendel Insurance. It's a team with a rich history and pedigree, and I am confident that

I can achieve great things here." Bendel Insurance will compete in the CAF Confederations Cup after winning the NFF Federation Cup title to seal the continental ticket. Insurance will trade tackles with ASO Chlef in the CAF Confederations Cup with the first leg coming up on August 18 at the Samuel Ogbemudia stadium and the reverse fixture coming up in Algeria on August 25.

# Official: Enyimba Announces Olorunleke Ojo As New Captain

By Saheed Afolabi



Enyimba new captain, Olorunleke Ojo

**N**igeria Premier League (NPL) champions, Enyimba International have announced veteran goalkeeper, Olorunleke Ojo as the new captain of the club. Following the departure of former captain and goalkeeper of the People's Elephant, John Noble to Tanzania, Ojo will now take on a new role at the club as the leader of the players. The Super Eagles goalkeeper is not left lonely in his new role as 23-year-old defender Somiari Alalibo was

named the assistant captain of the squad by Finidi George. Though sometimes hampered by injuries, Ojo has been a mainstay in the Enyimba first team. Olorunleke was in goal for the Aba Millionaires during the NPFL Super

Six playoffs in Lagos as he led the team to their ninth league title. Following his impressive performance at the Super Six playoffs, he earned a return to the Super Eagles fold for the 2024 AFCON qualifiers against Sierra Leone in Monrovia.

# Women's World Cup: Super Falcons Heroics Delights Fatma Samoura

By Saheed Afolabi

**T**he Secretary General of the Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), Fatma Samoura is proud of Nigeria's feat in the FIFA Women's World Cup. The Super Falcons made history to become the first African side to reach the knockout stage without losing a group match and capped it up with two clean sheets.

FIFA scribe, Samoura disclosed that the achievement of the Falcons is a Proud moment for Africa and the development of women's football. She lauded the team's consistency in achieving positive-oriented results. "I'm a proud African and I am very proud of what you have achieved tonight. It's good for Africa, it's

good for women's football and it's good for Nigeria also," she said. "Your presence here means you have been consistent in this

World Cup since the first edition and you are the best team in Africa." The Super Falcons will face a tough task against European champions, England when they lock horns in the round of 16 of



Super Falcons