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World over, sex and sexuality have become major issue between couples, leading to divorce in marriages.

Issues that relate to finance are said to be a major cause of stress in many relationships. They are a major reason why Nigerian marriages fail. Sometimes, this happens when a man is unable to meet the financial needs of the home.

Aside financial problems, sex has also been identified as another major issue in relationship between man and woman even those who yet to be married.

Women tend to restrain from a man whose libido is low and cannot satisfy them in bed.

In the western world, the use of Viagra to boost the libido is on the high, as the demand for the drug increases.

Twenty years after anti-impotence drug Viagra hit the market, it is more popular than ever in the Arab world. Arabic media reports stated that the Middle East has the highest per capita share of Viagra users in the world, with Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt topping the list.

Viagra, otherwise known by its generic name sildenafil, is the best-known medication for treating erectile dysfunction (ED). It's a common vasodilator that's also used to treat pulmonary arterial hypertension.

The drug was patented in 1996 and approved for ED by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in March 1998. It was the first oral treatment approved to treat ED in the United States.

There is no hard and fast rule for how long a penis should remain erect, explains urologist Jay Simhan, MD, associate chair of the department of urology at Einstein Healthcare Network in



Philadelphia. "Naturally, without being on any medications, the average erection for an average person would be roughly 10 minutes," says Simhan. "Of course, there are

plenty of people that fall well above (or below) that average." Prices for Viagra can vary from a few hundred dollars to \$1000 or more for a month's supply.

Averagely, it costs about \$70 per pill, while sildenafil can start about \$8.50 a pill, depending on dosage.

The global erectile dysfunction drugs market size was estimated at \$2,296.01 million in 2021 and is expected to reach \$2.46 billion in 2022, while it is forecast to generate revenue to the tune of \$4.8 billion in 2030.

Meanwhile, following the rate of erectile dysfunction in Nigeria and many other African countries causing separation between couple and leading to high rate of infidelity or extramarital affairs which is put at 57.7 per cent, there is need to develop natural herbal drugs to rescue many men.

The high cost of Viagra also warranted the development of the local herbal concoctions.

Noticing the business opportunity in this, many traditional herbal doctors in Africa sprung to the situation and came out with various herbal drugs with different sexually catchy levels

The herbal drugs produced as solution to erectile dysfunction which equally boost libido in both men and women.

And indeed, the drugs have become a cash cow for the producers as people continue to demand for them.

Though a quite number of them have been certified and approved by the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) for consumption, there are still many in circulation without NAFDAC approval or approval by any other concerned agency. Some of the herbal drugs are listed below:

ALOMO BITTER

One such herbal drugs, which has gained popularity and large market share in Nigeria is Alomo Bitter.

In 2011, Kasapreko Company Limited of Ghana led the

revolution of new players in the market with its Alomo Bitters brand

Alomo Bitter was produced in Ghana by Kasapreko. It is popular not only in Ghana but also in Nigeria, Togo, Ivory Coast South Africa and others. It is a herbal alcoholic gin imported from Ghana; it comes in 750-millilitre bottles and contains 42% alcohol by volume (ABV).

Kwabena Adjei, who created Alomo Bitters, said he developed the alcoholic drink to support blood circulation, good health, and vitality, to connect people – bring couples closer, enrich friendships, and make social moments that are memorable.

JEKOMO

Jekomo herbal mixture is the a non-alcoholic herbs to boost sexual performance, stop premature ejaculation, weak erection, waist pain and boost low libido.

Jekomo is a Nigerian herbal mixture popularly used as sexual performance booster.

On the street of Lagos, you will find women selling Alomo, Action, Babeje, Yoyo, Agbara, Origin, and all other kinds of bitter concoctions - mixtures touted for their ability to make men last longer in bed.

These mixtures and other similar concoctions belong to a group of drugs and herbs popularly called "Man Power" in Nigeria. Jekomo is a Yoruba word that literally translates to "Let them know". Jekomo is current sold at the rate between N250 and N300. It is popular in Lagos and Ibadan in Oyo State.

It is stated on its label that Jekomo is NAFDAC-approved, meaning it is safe to consume. Please note that it is also clearly stated that Jekomo should not be used by pregnant women.



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ACTION BITTERS

Action Bitters is a wine coloured full-bodied spirit with a slight bitter-sweet and appetizing aroma. The brand is for the class of consumers who desire it for its quality restorative and aphrodisiac values.

It is a product of Intercontinental Distillers Limited, a Nigerian based company.

Other libido enhancer bitters produced by the company include DeRock, Confam Bitters, and Rocket Ginger.

This alcoholic bitters is said to be good for liver, kidneys, skin, blood vessels and pancreas. It also balances appetites, curbs sugar cravings, helps maintain healthy blood sugar levels, encourages digestive enzymes, soothes gas and bloating, calms upset stomachs and nausea

ORIGIN

Orijin Bitters is a unique bittersweet spirit, blended with the flavours of specially selected African herbs and fruits, combined to give a bitter-sweet taste.

Orijin is a Nigerian alcoholic beverage produced by Diageo/Guinness Nigeria PLC. Sold in dark-green 65-centilitre glass bottles and marketed with an ABV of 6%, Orijin is similar to beer in appearance and strength. Unlike beer, the drink does not contain barley or hops, rather marketing itself as "a bittersweet blend with flavours of African herbs and fruit".

Ingredients listed on the label include water, alcohol, sugar and plant extract (kola nut, prune, oakwood, bitter orange peel, wormwood). The resulting flavor is a bitter cocktail with hints of Citrus that give it a distinct medicinal taste. Anecdotal, many fans of the drink claim that the herbs that give the drink its distinctive flavor also act to prevent or counteract a hangover after a night of drinking.

A stronger liqueur version of the drink, called Orijin bitters, is available in 20 cL and 75 cL



sizes, with an ABV closer to 30%.

Launched in 2013, Orijin Ready to Drink (RTD) went on to become

the fastest-growing innovation brand in Diageo history.[1] In 2015, Orijin had more than 50 percent of the market for non-beer bottled drinks with a similar alcohol proof, according to data tracker Nielsen Nigeria.[2] In 2016, Guinness Nigeria began the production of Orijin Zero, a non-alcoholic variant of the drink. The popularity of the beverage within Nigeria, and its recent exportation to other countries in the region, have prompted competing breweries to look into a similar beverage.

AGBARA BITTERS

Agbara Bitters Herbal Extracts Drink 125ml 4pcs. Man Power Condition is "New".

JAPATA HERBAL BITTERS

In May, this year, the National Agency for Food and Drug Administration and Control (NAFDAC) warned Nigerians against the consumption of all variants of Japata Alcoholic Bitters 100 ml, an alcoholic drink produced by Chigodson International Company Limited. The agency stated that laboratory findings have confirmed that Japata Alcoholic Bitters in circulation were contaminated, unwholesome, and unfit for humans to consume

The NAFDAC alert with No. 027/2022 signed by NAFDAC Director-General, Prof. Moji Adeyeye, was posted on the official website of NAFDAC.

According to the alert, the investigation into the product was prompted by complaints

received from a consumer regarding the alcoholic drink.

The agency stated that during the investigation, samples of Japata Alcoholic Bitters were collected from the site of production, No. 30 Edegbami Offor Street, off Destiny Bus Stop, Isheri-Oshun Street, Alimosho LGA, Lagos State, and different market locations.

These samples were then sent to the NAFDAC laboratory, where an analysis was carried out, noting that findings from the analysis informed the alert.

BABY OKU BITTERS

Baby Oku Drink is a famous local herbal bitter used to cure erectile dysfunction symptoms such as a weak erection, poor libido, premature ejaculation, impotence and low sexual desire.

Chuby Zion Industry, a firm owned by Chief Orogwu Zion

Chibuiké Peter, manufactures Baby Oku herbal drink in Nigeria.

According to the producer of the herbal mixture, "Baby Oku de Manpower Alcoholic Bitter drink has been awarded as the best to boost man power in the country.

"We have compiled our extra ordinary ingredients over the past years to provide expensive benefits in one bottle.

"It contained ingredients used to treat erectile dysfunction to relax the penis blood vessels making you a ruler in your bedroom. Just a single shot surges your sexual desire and libido to crown you king in exploit.

"Baby Oku de Manpower is marked as the indigenous herbal alcoholic drink paving way in the Nigerian market making men leaders in their erotic businesses."



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MUDET HERBAL MIXTURE, KICK AND START

Mudet herbal mixture, Kick And Start (man power & energy). When it comes to boosting energy in sexual health for both men and women, this product has got a pass mark on it.

Made from pure herbs, it is a non alcoholic herbal mixture that gives the man or woman extra strength when feeling tired either physically or mentally during sexual activities. It is also known for its many essential benefits such as dealing with low sperm count in men, Hypertension, Diabetes, Pile, and controls menstrual pain & flow in women.

It also treats body pains and waist pain, toilet infection, stomach ache and other related diseases.

Meanwhile, there is a warning that the product is not to be used by pregnant women.

ODOGWU BITTERS

In March 2022, Obinna lyiegbu, popularly known as Obi Cubana, ventured into another line of business with the launch of Odogwu Bitters.

According to the official Instagram page of Odogwu Bitters, Odogwu Bitters is the number one herbal alcoholic drink, energy booster that helps in increasing the libido, provides antioxidants and helps the body fight flu.

The alcoholic drink is sold both locally and internationally and has been distributed to different states of the nation such as Osun, Lagos, Delta, Abuja, Nasarawa, Anambra (Onitsha) and Rivers. It has also been exported to London. Odogwu bitters is a unique kind of herbal drink, just like other bitters which were supposedly made for the little masses but "it has now become luxury and stands at par with champagnes, hence the name ODOGWU."

Odogwu Bitters is high effectively hot drink said will eradicate any type of

infections. It is an energy booster which helps in increasing the libido and provides antioxidants that boost the sex drive. It contains an ancient herbal mix that also include honey and ginger.

COCO SAMBA BITTERS

In December, 2019, Bullion Go-Neat Global Ltd, an indigenous company while launching the product, described its Coco Samba as being loaded with herbal ingredients for the promotion of good health.

The company made the assertion in its premises in the Ibafo area of Ogun State in an interaction with a selected group of connoisseurs and media men, preparatory to storming the market.

Mr. Olufemi Ajadi Oguntoyinbo, managing director of Bullion Go-Neat Global Limited, said brands under the company's name had come to take their place in the consumer market in the country.

He described Coco Samba as a unique blend of herbal extracts of alcoholic bitters packed in 200ml and 375ml containers. According to him the product was loaded with ingredients that could activate the potency in men and women while also enabling proper digestion.

He said it was produced in line with the company's mission which includes serving a rich blend of quality and health drinks to its customers in an appealing format, saying the products followed years of research.

He said: "The whole process involved travels to villages for herbs and roots of high potency which were later processed in the company's state of the art laboratories under close scrutiny.

"The after blend gives a combination of dark color, crisp and refreshing taste," he said.

ECHONEWS gathered that many of these herbal products could be bought online through the major online shops in the country





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The youths in and around Oko-Oba came together to render community service to the community and the whole of Agege and Orile Agege at large by maintaining the dilapidated Oko-Oba road from Idi Oparun all the way to Musili junction.

"Motorist plying the road groan everyday because of the damages caused by the bad road to their cars as well as hold up and time wasted on this road as they go about their daily activities.

"With the refusal of those in authority to do anything to alleviate the suffering of the masses and road users, the youths under the auspices

Oko-Oba youths provide palliative measures on bad roads

By Motola AbdulGafar

of OKO-OBA YOUTH FORUM AGEGE came together to do what the Local Government Chairman in Orile Agege and all other elected or appointed officials couldn't do," the group stated.

Their president, Akeem Babatunde and other team members who spoke at various times said they felt the need to make an impact and provide various palliative programmes for

members of the community in which they grew up and some of them still reside.

The claimed to have taken it up since the government refused to heed the community's plea.

They promised that they would continue to do all within the ambit of the law and whatever they could render financially, morally and otherwise to make sure they continue to do great things for the people of Agege.



Oko-oba youths spraying palliatives on bad road

Foundation gives scholarships to students

Sola Osolana Foundation (SOF) has concluded all arrangements to give out scholarships to some students in Agege LG and Orile Agege LCDA.

SOF is a Non-governmental Organisation owned and founded by Businessman cum politician, Sola Osolana to assist the students in both local council areas.

In a statement released by the foundation, the scholarship is aimed at assisting the brilliant students in the council areas.

"For us at Sola Osolana Foundation, this is what we have been doing and it is not political. We decided to give educational scholarships to Agege and Orile-Agege students considering the economic conditions of the country.

"We tend to bring succour to students within the two council areas. The processes are simple and free. Just apply for the scholarship, subject yourself to test and get the scholarship to study in the particular institution.

"We implore students residing in Agege or Orile-Agege to make use of this noble opportunity to learn," it

Council boss charges CDA on cleaner community

By Motola AbdulGafar

Orile-Agege council chairman, Hon. Johnson Babatunde has tasked the Communities Development Association on cleaner environment.

He made that appeal during a CDA general meeting held at the Council Secretariat.

Babatunde stated that one of his responsibilities was the need to ensure that every measure is taken towards keeping the community clean and safe for living.

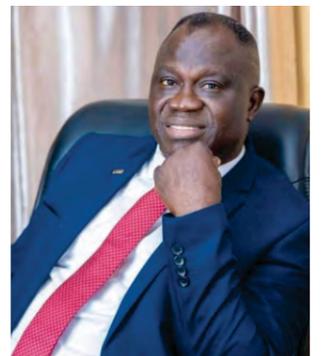
He urged all parents to encourage their wards to step up and take up tasks in the society and those in line

with their careers.

He stated that his administration is currently making more provisions to tackle unemployment among the youths by providing more digital structures and resources for the ICT Centre at Vocational Centre, Powerline, saying they will get them inclined

with the fast-paced digital world.

At the meeting the council boss and CDA discussed security within the community and came up with structures and strategies that would better aid the security of lives and properties of community members in Orile-Agege.



Hon. Johnson Babatunde

Fire Outbreak: Ogundimu pledges support for victims

By Motola AbdulGafar

The member representing Agege Constituency 02 at the Lagos State House of Assembly, Hon. Oluyinka Ogundimu, has pledged to personally provide financial support for the victims of the fire incident in the area.

He made the promise when he visited the affected building where valuables worth millions of naira were lost.

He assured the aged property owner of his personal support and government support over the occurrence.

He admonished residents within the area to be extra careful with electrical appliances while at home and when they are not around.

He said: "This is a sad occurrence because no one prayed for such. As your representative, I will see what I can do to support affected persons while assuring you of quick government support."



Hon. Yinka Ogundimu while speaking to affected house owner and residents of affected building in Agege LGA



The chairman of Igando Ikotun LCDA, Comrade Lasisi Akinsanya has commenced one-month free holiday coaching classes for indigent students across the community as part of effort to enhance the knowledge of students in primary and secondary schools during the ongoing long vacation. The free classes holding at four locations across the community, began on August 1 and is expected to end on August 30, 2022. Beneficiaries were drawn from primary three to junior secondary and senior secondary schools. Akinsanya said education must be free at all levels in the county, adding that it is

Akinsanya organises free holiday coaching for indigent students

Morola AbdulGafar

key to a nation's rapid economic growth which implies that everybody must be learned. "The free education as envisioned by my administration is to provide succour and relief to parents who cannot afford to send their children and wards to attend holiday coaching classes, as a way of improving their learning skills. So, we are to touch

the lives of students positively with sound educational system and also widen their scope of knowledge at all levels. "Ours is to ensure the provision of a conducive learning environment while not losing sight of making available a free cost teaching and learning materials to both the employed teachers and students. "We have employed about 24 qualified graduate

teachers to teach the students in all subjects depending on the classes, adding that students in the senior classes are being taught subjects like English Language, Mathematics, Economics, Commerce, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Government, Literature-in-English and Accounts to prepare them for the West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE)," he said.



Lasisi Akinsanya

Man gets double life imprisonment for defiling under ages

Morola AbdulGafar

Mr. Bright Izuchukwu, a housekeeper has been sentenced to double life imprisonment for sexual offences in Lagos State. Justice Abiola Soladoye of an Ikeja Domestic Violence and Sexual Offences Court pronounced this verdict having found the accused

guilty of defiling two girls of ages six and seven. Izuchukwu was reported to have repeatedly defiled the daughters of his employer who are both underaged girls. According to the state prosecution team, Mrs. Olufunke Adegoke and Ms. Abimbola Abolade, the convict committed the offence sometimes between 2017 and 2018 in Festac

Lagos. Convicting Izuchukwu, Justice Soladoye said the prosecution had succeeded in proving the essential ingredients of defilement beyond reasonable doubt. Izuchukwu was charged with two counts bordering on defilement. Giving the judgement, Justice Soladoye said: "The defendant exhibited raw wickedness, taking turn to

ravish the survivors and taking advantage of his employer's kindness. "He has left a trace of emotional trauma on the survivors. He must be locked away for life. The defendant exhibited arrogance and nonchalance throughout the trial and lied his way through the trial showing that he is a pathological liar. "The defendant is hereby found guilty as charged and

consequently sentenced to two terms of life imprisonment which are to run concurrently. "He is to have his name registered in the Sexual Offenders Register as maintained by the Lagos State Government," she ordered. The prosecutor presented six witnesses and two exhibits

at the trial against the defendant. They submitted that the defendant unlawfully had sexual intercourse with the two victims while their parents were not in the house. The offence is said to contravene Section 137 of the Criminal Laws of Lagos, 2015.

RCCG provides solar street lights for host community

Morola AbdulGafar

The Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG), Lagos Province 3 has commissioned the street lights it provided for its host community in Amuwo-

Odofin Local Government Area. According to the church, it is part of its CSR activities to its host community, which is erected across the length of the 24 road from 71 road Junction. The council chairman, Engr. Dr. Valentine Buraimoh

joined Pst. Mrs. Oyitso, the wife of a Regional Pastor from the church in commissioning the project. The council boss appreciated the church for the laudable community project as he urged other institutions to emulate the church by replicating such

impactful project in their communities. The project as garnered was facilitated by the women group of the Parish of the provincial headquarters under the leadership of its Pastor in Charge of Province, Pst. Dr. Toyin Olugbemi.

The Harm Reduction Organization, United Breeds Foundation which started a charitable and commendable service to the Amuwo-Odofin community has pulled out of the service. The Convener, David Ohiembor, announced the decision of the youths who

NGO pulls out from community service

Morola AbdulGafar

volunteered to ensure traffic free at Apple Junction to stop this service. The community service started in May 2022 at the Apple Junction roundabout

to offer major traffic control service to benefit the motorists driving through that axis. Ohiembor stated that the incessant gridlock became a huge source of concern to residents and commuters. He said the organization

took up the job with massive support from the Area E Command and the FESTAC Police Division. He said he organization submitted its report to the Area Commander and the DPO on the way forward to address the challenge.

Lagos govt begins review of Alimosho development plan

The Lagos State Government has disclosed that the Alimosho Model City Development Plan, which was prepared in 2010, has expired in 2020. The state Commissioner for Physical Planning and Urban Development, Dr Idris Salako, stated this during the inauguration of a technical committee to review the outdated Alimosho model plan in Alausa, Ikeja.

Salako, who was represented at the event by the Director of Technical Services, Bola Aliu, noted that periodic reviews are necessary for the operative development plans. He said: "The expired plan was one of the foremost development plans prepared in 2010 with a timeline of 10 years that lapsed in the year 2020. Therefore, the review would

deliver a plan valid for the next 20 years and it would take cognizance of the geographical coverage, geometric population growth, and the physical challenges of Alimosho Local Government Area as well as contiguous localities.

"The attention of the consultants of Messrs Corporate Castles Limited had been drawn to the physical and environmental issues inherent in the area, including perennial flooding, wetland encroachment, indiscriminate waste disposal and management as well as lack of open spaces for leisure.

"The technical committee for the review of Alimosho model city plan is the third to be inaugurated by the state government following the inauguration of similar groups for the review of Lekki comprehensive master plan and the preparation of Ibeju-Lekki model city plan earlier in July," he concluded.



Customs seizes pangolin scales, arrests three Vietnamese, others

By Edith Igbokwe

The Nigeria Customs Service in collaboration with Wildlife Justice Commission has intercepted 397.5kg of pangolin scales and arrested eight suspects, including three Vietnamese. In a statement issued by the Customs spokesman, Timi Bomodi the organization said three of the arrested suspects were identified as Vietnamese who were involved in the attempted trafficking of large amounts

of pangolin scales and ivories through Nigeria.

"Preliminary investigation revealed these three Vietnamese nationals as high-ranking members of a major organized crime group involved in the trafficking of ivory, pangolin scales, rhino horns and lion bones from Mozambique and South Africa through Nigeria to Vietnam.

The three suspects were arrested while sourcing for pangolin scales in Nigeria, 397.5kg of which were found in their possession.

"Through an intelligence-

led operation, the collaboration between NCS and WJC led to the confiscation of 400kg of pangolin scales put up for sale on the illegal network.

The two organizations were able to identify other members of the criminal syndicate for arrest.

Bomodi said the seizure was the fourth major illegal wildlife seizure made in one year resulting from the strategic partnership between the Nigeria Customs Service, Wildlife Justice Commission and foreign governments.



Seized pangolin scales

NIMASA, NITT collaborate on security at ports

By Edith Igbokwe

In a bid to enhance maritime security, the Nigerian Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA), Apapa has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Institute of Transport Technology (NITT), Zaria, on research and training towards enhancing maritime safety and security in Nigeria.

This was contained in a statement by the Assistant Director, Public Relations, NIMASA, Osagie Edward on Sunday.

According to the statement, the Director-General NIMASA, Dr. Bashir Jamoh, and his counterpart at NITT, Dr. Bayero Salih Farah, while signing the documents in Zaria, said that the MoU was hinged on research and training with a view to enhancing local content and

boosting the quality assurance of the institute.

The statement further explained that the MoU is a follow up on earlier agreements reached between both agencies in their quest to further domesticate specialized training programmes at management cadre in the maritime sector.

Jamoh, however, described the MoU as a mutually beneficial partnership, aimed at supporting the core mandate of the NITT, while also in line with his administration's commitment to capacity building for NIMASA staff.

"The MoU is to formalize and strengthen the existing relationship between NIMASA and the NITT in terms of research, training and capacity development in general.

"We appreciate your visit to NIMASA sometime ago and we are glad that much progress is being made in terms of our collaboration."



NDLEA intercepts drugs at Apapa port

By Edith Igbokwe

A total of 2,750,000 Tramadol 225mg tablets weighing 1,650 kg and valued at N1, 375,000,000 were seized by agents of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) at the Apapa Port in Lagos.

"Following reliable information, the shipment of 55 cartons of the Tramadol Tapentadol and Carisoprodol kinds were confiscated on Saturday, July 30 during inspection of container number SUDU 7538656.

"This followed similar efforts by anti-narcotic officers at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, MMIA, Ikeja, which prevented attempts by drug traffickers to export various psychoactive substances to London, UK and Dubai, UAE, through the Lagos airport in the previous week."

According to NDLEA spokesman, Femi Babafemi, at least five suspects have been taken into custody in relation to the attempts.

He said on July 25, a passenger headed for Dubai, United Arab Emirates, Ms. Ebhodaghei Gloria Osenemeshen, was detained at the departure

screening of passengers flying on Rwanda Air via Kigali to Dubai.

"Discovered in her luggage were sachets of Tramadol 225mg concealed inside garri, a cassava product packed among other foodstuffs.

"She, however, claimed that the bag was given to her by someone who she passed the night in his house before coming to the airport to help deliver to another person in Dubai.

"The following day, Tuesday, July 26, a total of 50 blocks of

cannabis sativa with a total weight of 27.1kg concealed inside large quantity of crayfish going to London, UK as part of a consolidated cargo were seized at the SAHCO export shed."

Babafemi disclosed that same day, a Dubai bound female passenger, Emebradu Previous Rachael, was arrested with 1.8kg cannabis packed inside bitter leaf in her luggage while attempting to board Rwanda Air flight to UAE via Kigali.

"The mother of one who hails from Oghara in Ethiope West Local Government Area of Delta

State said she was into selling of men's wears before she decided to travel to Dubai to expand her clothing business.

"She claimed her ex-boyfriend that lives in Dubai, requested her to bring the bag, which contains the illicit substance along with foodstuff.

"In the same vein, operatives at the NAHCO import shed of the airport on Saturday 30th July evacuated cartons of khat leaf with a total weight of 51.50kg.

"The consignment had earlier come in from Sierra Leone on Royal Air Maroc flight."



NDLEA officials



Sixteen persons have reportedly died while five others were injured in an auto crash in the Epe area of Lagos.

The fatal crash, which occurred in the early hours of Tuesday, involved two vehicles, a white bus and an articulated truck around Alaro city, Epe.

The passengers on board the bus were said to be traveling from Lagos to a yet-to-be-ascertained destination.

It was learnt that the bus allegedly rammed into the truck from behind around 3am due to poor visibility.

The Federal Road Safety Corps and the National Emergency Management Agency confirmed the number of casualties to the press.

The FRSC Sector Commander, Lagos Sector Command, Olusegun Ogungbemi, blamed the crash on recklessness on the part of the drivers.

NEMA Lagos Territorial Head, Ibrahim Farinloye, said: "16 persons were burnt beyond recognition."

However, the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, said five persons died in the accident.

LASEMA Permanent Secretary, Dr

16 die, five injured in fatal auto crash in Epe

By Saheed Afolabi

Olufemi Damilola Oke-Osanyintolu, in a statement, said the accident occurred at Alaro city inward Epe.

The statement read: "Upon the arrival of the LRT at the incident scene, it was discovered that a truck conveying sand had a head-on collision with a hummer commuter bus along the axis and the two vehicles were completely burnt as a result.

"Unfortunately five adult males were confirmed dead on impact. A combined team of agency responders and FRSC have worked to hand over the remains of the deceased to their family members for immediate burial given that most of the victims are Muslim.

"The vehicles have been evacuated from the road with the agency's super metro. The operation has been concluded," he said.



The scene of the accident

Nigerians should go for medical check up regularly, medical personnel advises

By Saheed Afolabi

The Medical Director of the General Hospital, Epe in Lagos State, Dr Oluseyi Adeshola, has advised residents to always go for regular medical check-up to know their health status and to prevent preliminary diseases. Adeshola gave the advice in an interview on Friday in Epe, Lagos State.

He said the development became necessary in order to avert untimely death as a result of accumulated ailments in the body which might be unknown to patients.

Adeshola said many patients had suffered such tragedy and before they came to the hospital for check-ups, the diseases affecting them might have affected them badly.

"I advise people to go for medical check-ups regularly for early detection of their health conditions and for early treatments of such syndrome.

"The earlier you know your health status, the better for your survival," he said.

The medical director urged the



residents of Epe and beyond to visit the general hospital there for free medical check-ups for them to know their state of health.

He said that a lifestyle of regular exercise and medical check-up was important, no matter the kind of undertaking or occupation one is engaged in.

Adeshola listed some of the ailments in the body that needed early medical check-up to detect and treat to include: stroke, hypertension, diabetes, high blood pressure, malaria, typhoid, HIV/AIDS and body mass index.

"It is good for people to go for regular medical check-ups because most of

these diseases are preventable, if detected early," he said.

He said the general hospitals across Lagos State were well equipped and could favourably compete with private and international standards.

"On this note, I will implore residents and the general public to make use of our general hospitals to enjoy their modern-day facilities and healthcare treatment.

"We have all the tools, equipment, gadgets and instruments to detect and treat patients' health challenges.

"The power supply to our general hospitals is getting better by the day," he added.

Be agent of positive change, Duke-Garbadeen tells youths

By Saheed Afolabi

Former commissioner, Lagos State Local Government Civil Service Commission, Mr. Olabode Duke-Garbadeen, has urged Nigerian youths to be agents of positive change for a better nation.

Duke-Garbadeen, who made the call on Thursday in Epe, said youths should refrain from acts that could undermine the stability of the country.

He warned them against being used to breach societal peace or cause destructions in their various communities.

Duke-Garbadeen noted that most acts of violence and destruction were perpetrated by young people, saying no society could achieve progress with such violent acts.

"The burning of BRT buses as well as the destruction of government properties sometime ago in the state was carried out by some misguided

youths.

"Acts of violence and destruction are usually perpetrated by misguided young people and this is not in their own interest and that of the country.

"Youths should strive to be agents of positive change for societal good and not be used to destroy their communities.

"Nigerian youths should develop their talents for the growth and development of the various communities and the nation in general," he said.

Duke-Garbadeen also urged the youths to be actively involved in politics to better contribute their quota to national development.

"The youths should get involved in politics and all activities that would make them relevant in nation building.

"Politics should not be left in the hands of the old alone, the youths should get involved to move closer to the corridors of power and decision making,"

he said.

On godfatherism in politics, Garbadeen described the practice as discouraging, saying it hindered the emergence of credible leaders.

The ex-commissioner advised all political parties to allow the choice candidates of the people to prevail and stop forcing party candidates on the people and party members.

He said youths, political leaders and the public should allow elected officers to discharge their mandate effectively and stop begging them for money all the time.

"People often beg public office holders for irrelevant things, thereby distracting them from discharging their duties and responsibilities to the society.

"This act will not grow the economy rather it will draw the nation backward," he said.

The ex-commissioner urged the youth and Nigerians to get their PVC to elect their preferred candidates in 2023.



LASG upgrades ferry services to address okada menace

By Edith Igbokwe

Lagos State Government has upgraded its ferry fleet with the acquisition of new engines to boost Lagos Ferry Services' efficiency as a functional alternative to decongest road traffic and effectively address the Okada menace.

The Managing Director of LAGFERRY, Abdoulbaq Ladi-Balogun, taking delivery of the new engines, expressed satisfaction and confidence that the acquisition will ensure optimal performance of boats and provide passengers with comfort, safety and commuting satisfaction.

"We want to commend Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu for his passionate commitment and consistent massive investment in water transportation as a viable

alternative to decongest road traffic and, most importantly, to bring to fruition, the functional Multi-Modal transportation system as envisaged in the iconic Strategic Transportation Master Plan of the Lagos Development Blueprint".

While reiterating the State government's commitment to safety on the waterways, through strengthened enforcement of rules and regulations, Ladi-Balogun called on more private investors to tap into the wide possibilities in the Blue Ocean Economy for steady returns.

He further gave an assurance that quality Marine Transport Infrastructure would be constructed and upgraded, just as stricter enforcement of regulations and control of boat operations will be maintained by the State to conform with international



LAGFERRY

standards.

"This government, through LAGFERRY, is showing the types of boats needed on its waterways and also emphasizing the need for boat

operators to ensure adequate training of crews and regular maintenance of boats."

He assured that government will continuously seek to encourage and create a

conducive atmosphere for private sector participation by constantly opening up new routes, dredging the waterways, and constructing new terminals/jetties.

He, however, urged the Lagos commuters to embrace the waterways, being the safest, fastest, environmentally-friendly and viable alternative to decongest road traffic.

EFCC arraigns informant for allegedly collecting N2.6m bribe

By Edith Igbokwe

An Economic and Financial Crimes Commission informant, Ladeji Babatunde has been arraigned before Justice Oluwatoyin Taiwo of the Ikeja Special Offences Court in Lagos for allegedly obtaining the sum of N2.6 million from suspected Internet fraudsters to prevent his arrest by the commission.

It was gathered that the EFCC first arraigned the defendant in December 2021 for the alleged crime.

Babatunde was charged with four counts of obtaining money by false pretence contrary to Section 1(3) of the Advance Fee Fraud and other Fraud Related Offences Act No. 14 of 2006.

The charge read in part: "That Ladeji Babatunde on or about

19th-22nd February 2021 at Lagos within the Ikeja Judicial Division of this Honourable Court with intent to defraud obtained the sum of N1, 500,000.00 (One Million, Five Hundred Thousand Naira) only from one Chijioke Mmadubue and his syndicate of Internet fraudsters based at Chevron axis of Lekki, Lagos under the false pretence that you will protect them from arrest by the operatives of the EFCC which representation you knew to be false."

The defendant pleaded not guilty to the charges.

In the course of Monday proceedings, delivering a ruling on the trial-within-trial, Justice Taiwo held that "no act of torture was established".

The prosecuting counsel, Nnemeka Omenwa led the witness, an operative of the EFCC, Bot Toma in evidence.

Toma said the defendant, an



Men of the EFCC

EFCC informant, paraded himself as a staff of the commission and obtained money from the suspected fraudsters with a promise to protect them from being arrested or granted bail when the need arises.

"The defendant impersonated

the EFCC and collected money from suspects with the promise that he will prevent them from being arrested or prosecuted.

"We are able to trace some obtained money to his account which the defendant has used part to build a house in Ogun

State. The building has been confiscated and marked by the EFCC for investigation."

During cross-examination, the defence counsel, O. E. Adetoun, said the witness was able to affirm that a petition was written to his office as an intelligent report against the

defendant.

Adetoun requested to know whether the authors of the petitions written by the same person or the second exhibit is also from a confidential informant.

"The petition came as an intelligent report from confidential informants.

"The defendant used to be our confidential informant among others by name but I don't know them in person," the witness replied.

Toma said sometime in March 2021, the commission went for an operation in Ogun State and arrested some suspected Internet fraudsters and one among them by name Jacob, disclosed that the defendant collected N800,000 from his family with the promise of protection in the case.

Justice Taiwo further adjourned the matter till August 16, 2022.



The Lagos State Police Command has assured the Lagos State residents of safety, saying it has put its agents on red alert following the threat by armed suspects to assault the state.

This was disclosed in a statement by the command's spokesman, SP Benjamin Hundeyin

The statement read: "The command is aware of intelligence inputs that claim Lagos State may be on the minds of some individuals plotting strikes throughout the nation.

"To this end, the Commissioner of Police, Lagos State Command, CP Abiodun Alabi, has placed the State Intelligence Bureau (SIB) of the Command on high alert.

"Also placed on alert are all Area Commanders, Divisional Police Officers and Tactical Commanders, in a bid to ensure that any planned attack is promptly and decisively nipped in the bud.

"The Command is also working closely with other sister security agencies to ensure that no person or group of persons succeeds in destabilising the peace and serenity enjoyed by the good

Lagos police assure residents of their safety

people of Lagos State."

The police encouraged residents to be fearless, assuring them that all available human, material and operational resources had been fully and effectively deployed throughout the entire state.

In order to ensure that there was absolutely no disturbance of the state's peace, Hundeyin claimed that all border towns had strict surveillance of those entering and leaving.

"Consequent upon the carefully laid down security plans and strategies, all residents of Lagos State are urged to go about their lawful duties without panic or fear.

"Lagos residents are equally enjoined to remain very vigilant and report suspicious movements and persons to security agencies."



LASPA, LASPEMA move to tackle setbacks, IOS on highways

By Edith Igbokwe

Lagos State Parking Authority (LASPA) and Lagos State Planning and Environmental Monitoring Authority (LASPEMA) have announced a strategic partnership to redefine and reposition the entire Lagos setbacks and incidental open spaces (IOS).

The two agencies said they have deliberated to come up with the initiatives to eradicate encumbrances associated with indiscriminate parking on setbacks and IOS.

The General Manager of LASPA, Mrs. Adebisi Adelabu while receiving the Management and Staff of LASPEMA led by the GM of the Agency, Tpl. Daisi Oso said she was very elated to work with LASPEMA to sanitize and redefine the entire Lagos landscape as it affects setbacks and IOS.

She reiterated the need for synergy amongst Lagos MDAs in a bid to achieve the vision of "Making Lagos a Smart City of Choice".

She spoke about initiatives and efforts her agency has made with

some stakeholders, especially the Local Government Councils and Local Council Development Areas in the State.

Adelabu said that it is difficult to control traffic without tackling parking.

"In the T.H.E.M.E.S Agenda, transportation is number one and that is in recognition that transportation occupies the number one place in our everyday lives and parking is a big part of transportation," she stated.

The General Manager of LASPEMA, Oso said "concerted efforts to identify and protect the urban face is crucial for sustainability and economic development."

He provided deep insight into how the Lagos urban space could be better utilized from a professional angle as a Town Planner.

Oso further clarified that the Ministry of Physical Planning and Urban Development (MPP&UD) is the only Ministry that has the mandate and equipped with staff with the requisite knowledge, skills and competence to determine the appropriate use of urban space and physical development.

He stressed that "LASPEMA derives



LASEMA.LASEPA officials

its mandate pursuant to Section 2 of Lagos State Urban and Regional Planning Development Law 2019- 'Determination of the locations for Urban Furniture, Infrastructural Facilities and Centers of Economic Activities in the State', and Section 2(n) of the same law which states that 'Regulating the location, position, dimensions, appearance, display and manner in which urban furniture shall be affixed to land in the state'.

"Hence, the need to regulate all

activities on these spaces is critical in making Lagos a smart city of choice and a 21st Century Economy which is in tandem with Governor Babajide Sanwo-olu's T.H.E.M.E agenda."

The agency lamented the indiscriminate manner in which citizens, business owners, hoteliers and event centers abuse parking in the state.

"It is high time we put sanity in our environment as we see in other climes. We will not hesitate to clamp

down on defaulters."

In the same vein, LASPA boss frowned at criminal activities like the proliferation of arms and weapons, human parts trafficking and drug trafficking and other nuisance constituted along the Apapa/Oshodi Expressway extending to Alaba Rago axis of the state setbacks.

Hence, urgent interventions by LASPA and LASPEMA are needed to nip such nefarious activities in the bud.



TAX MATTERS

LIRS: Blow the whistle on illegal tax operations

By Ladapo Kolade

Lagosians and all stakeholders can blow the whistle on fraudulent tax activities under a new scheme launched by the Lagos State Internal Revenue Service in partnership with Deloitte, a management company. Speaking at the launch of the scheme in Lagos, LIRS chairman Ayo Subair said the Whistle-Blower Initiative will deepen transparency and accountability and uphold a high standard in the administration of the tax system in the state. According to him, the platform was introduced to encourage the reporting of illegal actions or financial crimes, through the appropriate channel, with a view to correcting the violations and optimally boost the tax administration in the state. He said the scheme, an initiative of the state government, will be driven by Deloitte Anonymous and

the Confidential Whistle-Blowing facility, a platform run by a globally recognised accounting and audit firm, Deloitte Nigeria. Offensive acts under the scheme include acts of commission or omission that borders on unethical conduct of the LIRS employees, management and other stakeholders through the designated channels to the authorities.

"The facility is designed to ensure that concerns about wrongdoings or malpractice observed in the LIRS administrative and operational activities can be raised by any stakeholder without fear of victimisation, subsequent discrimination, disadvantage or dismissal.

"This facility does not only provide the avenue to report but ensures the credibility of reports through investigation, feedback to the whistle-blower and ensures protection for such whistle-blower from possible reprisals or victimisation for all disclosures made in good faith."





Group urges electorate to vote candidates with integrity

By Edith Igbokwe

The Joint Action for Good Governance (JAGG), Kosofe has urged Nigerians to ensure that only candidates with integrity and good governance records are supported and voted for in the next general elections.

The group said it has identified some candidates with remarkable good governance records in the Lagos East Senatorial district who are Hon. Abdulwaheed Odunuga for Kosofe Federal House of Representative; Hon. Jide Bakare for Lagos State House of Assembly, Kosofe Constituency

2 and Hon. Adekunle Razaq Aderibigbe for Lagos State House of Assembly, Ikorodu Constituency 1 under the New Nigeria Peoples Party (NNPP), declaring support for the candidates.

Adeiwale Aderibigbe and Musiliu Isiaka, the Lagos East Coordinator and Secretary of the

group signed the support statement.

They said: "We have always promoted and made recommendations towards good governance in the interest of the people. We have declared our support for these three candidates because they had previously engaged in the

struggle for good governance, an anti-corruption crusade, and provided secured empowerment and projects for the communities.

"Attitudes like voter apathy, vote buying exchange and other anomalies should be discouraged and condemned at all levels and forums. We cannot

continue to do things the same way and expect different results. When electorates do things rightly, good governance will be established.

"The NNPP candidates listed above in the Lagos East District have sponsored and facilitated the inclusion of constituents in various government programmes; provided free health plans and facilitated infrastructure rehabilitation and various forms of empowerment. "We are sure these candidates will offer youthful, quality representation and an interest in the people.

Residents commend Oshinowo for providing borehole for community

By Edith Igbokwe

There were commendations as the Chairman of the Agboyi Ketu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Dele Oshinowo commissioned 130m-depth reticulated potable borehole facilities for the Agboyi ancient community. This was in view of providing a good water system and saving the environment while meeting the needs of the community. He made available potable borehole water, treatment plant, generating set and donated 80,000 litre capacity storage tank commissioned at Agboyi Primary School, Agboyi 1. Oshinowo noted that water is very important for the survival of humans, adding

that without water, there's no life.

While assuring the community of more developmental projects, he urged them to take ownership of the project as well stressed that the council has put in place a sustainable partnership with the community for the maintenance of the legacy project.

The Olu of Agboyi Kingdom, HRM Oba Monsuru Oladega, commended the council chairman for the project and assured that the community would make good use of it.

"For over 30 years there was no drinkable water in the community. Immediately, I ascended the throne. I discussed with the chairman that today's commission is a testament to listening to the yearnings of the people," he said.



Hon Oshinowo at the commissioning of the borehole

Female councillors appeal for more positions in governance

By Edith Igbokwe

The President of the Female Councillors Forum, Hon. Folashade Akinpelu, has appealed for more positions for the women in governance.

She made the appeal during a meeting of the forum as she appreciated All Progressives Congress (APC) for giving the females the opportunity to participate in the political process. She described the Chairman of Ikosi Isheri Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Princess Samiat Bada, who hosted the forum as a proof that if women are given more opportunities they will come out on top in delivery.

She appealed to the leadership of the party to give female members the opportunity to serve.

She encouraged women in politics to see themselves as useful instruments for nation-building.

"What a man can do, a woman can do it better. We crave the indulgence of our amiable leaders in APC to include more women." She further noted that 35% of women's affirmative action is yet to be achieved.

However, she assured that with cooperation and oneness, among others, the goal would be attained.

"I urge all our women to work harder to ensure that APC wins all elections at all levels in the 2023 general elections."

Bada reiterated that women's contributions in politics can not be overemphasized, stressing that if given the opportunity they will

render creditable performance and urged women to continue doing their best to propel Nigeria to greater heights.

She drummed support for the party's Presidential Candidate, Ashiwaju Bola Ahmed, Governorship; Babajide Sanwoolu, Lagos East Senatorial;

Sen. Adekunbo Abiru, House of Reps; and House of Assembly candidates across the state and also urged Lagosians to get their permanent voters' cards (PVCS) in preparation to cast their votes for them.

Some of the dignitaries that attended the event were the Ikosi

Isheri LCDA Chairman, Princess Samiat Bada, and cabinet members; the Leader in Council of the Legislative Arm of Ikosi Isheri LCDA, Hon. Yunusa Salami and colleagues; council senior management; former and current members of the female councillors forum in Lagos, among others.

Suspected cultists in police net

By Edith Igbokwe

Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, SP Benjamin Hundeyin, has said that some suspects had been arrested in connection with the killings involving cultists in Alapere area.

"We are fully aware of cult clashes and killings going on in the Alapere area. We are working assiduously to bring this to a halt.

"Only two people were shot dead and suspects have been arrested. Efforts are on to apprehend more suspects; it is an ongoing operation."

It was gathered that the fight between suspected members of the Eiyee and Aiye cults had been ongoing for a while in Agboyi community.

It was reported that the cultists operate during the day and at night.

The victims include a father of three, identified only as Oluwole; a man, identified simply as Labalaba, and a yet-to-be-identified tricycle operator.

An eyewitness, who gave his name only as Ismaila, said no fewer than six suspected cultists allegedly shot and stabbed a tricycle operator to

death at Salami Bus-Stop, Agboyi Road, on Tuesday.

"We were in the area when we suddenly heard a loud sound. I thought the tyre of a vehicle burst but when I started seeing people running, I ran and while running to hide somewhere, I heard another gunshot.

"The cultists shot the tricycle operator in the head after he stepped out from where he went to eat around Salami Street, Agboyi. The incident happened around 6pm when the day was still bright. After they shot the man, they used machetes to cut his body.

"The cultists cut the man's wrist, put it in a sack and left. From what we observed, they trailed him to the area and didn't come in a vehicle or motorcycle. After the attack, they walked away from the scene. I saw them leaving and noticed that they used white handkerchiefs to cover their faces.

"After the attack, policemen from the Alapere Division stormed the premises to trail the fleeing suspects."

Meanwhile, a resident, Chidera, claimed that the police arrested innocent persons.

"The suspects already took advantage of the streets on Agboyi Road and the passages on various streets to escape after they shot the man."

Another resident, Lateef, said in a similar pattern, another victim, Oluwole, popularly called Olumba, was shot dead around Aina Obe Junction, Agboyi Road, two days before the tricycle operator was killed.

"Oluwole was at his wife's shop on Aina Obe Street when the cultists came around 9.p.m and shot him. Immediately I heard the gunshot, I ran inside my house. I came out after a while and saw his corpse on Agboyi Road. bury him. He was survived by a wife and three children.

"The cultists are mostly killing people in their 40s. A day before Oluwole was killed, the cultists shot a man known as Labalaba. When my rent expires, I will leave this area because I don't want high blood pressure.

"At one point, I had to hide in a church when the attack happened. People usually close their shops early because the attack can start at anytime. We want security in our area."



LAGBUS rams into building, kills one

By Edith Igbokwe

Tragedy struck, Tuesday night, in Falomo area of Ikoyi, Lagos, as a LAGBUS rammed into a building on Alfred Rilwan road, killing an unidentified man while another one was injured.

It was gathered that the LAGBUS with number plate KSF 397 KX was coming inward Falomo, at about 11.10 pm, when the unidentified driver lost control, causing it to veer off its lane.

In the driver's bid to control the bus, it rammed into the building, on the other side of the road.

The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, SP Benjamin Hundeyin, explained that "the building collapsed and trapped two occupants. Teams of policemen and other emergency responders were mobilized to the scene.

"One of the victims, Dauda Lucas, 45, was rescued from the rubble with severe injury, while one other adult male whose identity is yet to be established was brought out dead

"The injured victims were taken to Lagos Island General Hospital's morgue for autopsy. Meanwhile, effort is ongoing to arrest the fleeing driver."



LAGBUS vehicle

A grandmother and three adults, who were rescued from a mob in Lagos over allegations of kidnapping 12 children, have denied being kidnappers and ritualists. Rather, they explained that the children were theirs. They also stated that they were returning from a beach where they had gone to perform some sacrifices.

Recall that the victims were almost lynched by an irate mob on Eko Bridge, Lagos Island, after they were accused of kidnapping the 12 children whose ages were between seven months and 12 years.

Curious Lagosians stopped the vehicle conveying the adults and children and requested to know their destination. A mob which gathered, descended on the four adults, when some people raised the alarm that the adults were kidnappers. Explanation by the victims that the children were theirs fell on deaf ears as the mob set their vehicle on fire.

But for the timely arrival of a police team from Ebute-Ero division and the Rapid Response Squad, the victims would have been set ablaze alongside their vehicle.

News of the incident went viral on social media, stating that the victims were kidnappers and ritualists.

Police rescue grandma, three others from jungle justice

By Saheed Afolabi & Edith Igbokwe

An eyewitness, Adesina Tunde, said: "I witnessed the scene on my way back from work. I saw people gathered, so I stopped to know what was happening. I was told they kidnapped some young children. Luckily police arrived at the nick of time to rescue the suspects from the mob who were bailing for blood."

The Lagos State Police spokesman, SP Benjamin Hundeyin, condemned the act of jungle justice.

He said among the victims was a woman who identified herself as

grandmother of one of the children.

Preliminary investigation, according to him, "shows that they were coming from the beach where they allegedly went to make some sacrifices. The adults also explained that the children were their children and grandchildren."

"Meanwhile the case has been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department Yaba Panti for further investigations."

While reiterating the stand of the command against jungle justice, Hundeyin said anyone found engaging in such would be dealt with in accordance with the law.



The Kids

In a bid to create a conducive working environment for officials in Lekki LCDA, the council chairman, Hon. Rasaki Kasali has facilitated the provision of new office furniture for the offices in the council.

According to him, he said that workers in the right state of mind calmly execute their duties without worry or inconvenience to

By Motolani AbdulGafar

hasten the work flow of the council.

The new furniture was allocated to the offices of the council secretary, supervisors, special advisers as well as the Conference Room.

Council upgrades secretariat

Kasali said he will, in years to come, continue to develop not only the community but also the council secretariat to boost the morale of the workers. He appealed to all council workers to maintain the provisions as their durability would help

sustain the good atmosphere in the council.

He, however, noted that infrastructural development would not only hit the council as workers mode of operation would also be reformed for a better result to be achieved.



Hon. Rasaki Kasali



How we saved 555 hectares through Lagos Summit - Sanwo-Olu

By Saheed Afolabi

Lagos State Governor, Babajide Sanwo-Olu, has said some of the resolutions emanating from the State Annual Climate Change Summit had saved the 555 hectares of land of the popular Lagos Island since 2010.

Sanwo-Olu made this known while declaring open the 9th Lagos International Climate Change Summit themed: "Integrating Climate Actions in Lagos State Development: investment Opportunities and Trade-offs," which took place at Victoria Island, Lagos.

Governor Sanwo-Olu, who was represented by his Deputy, Dr. Obafemi Hamzat, at the 2-day conference, said people always asked what was Lagos doing about Victoria Island, but quickly disclosed that the 555 hectares, would have disappeared by 2010 if not for the annual summit.

"People ask what's Lagos doing? Victoria Island, 555 hectares, would have disappeared by 2010 but as a result of this Summit.

"As has been noted by many, climate change is not a future problem. It is with us here and now, affecting every community in every country, on every continent.

"We are seeing the impact in everything from wildfires to rising sea levels and flooding, to intensifying heat waves in places where such phenomena used to be unknown.

"Here in Lagos, our status as a littoral state puts us at the mercy of rising sea levels. It cannot be over-emphasized that we are witnessing the increasing interdependencies of systems. With each passing year, the risks of unabated climate change mount," he stated.

"Last year, Lagos State took a giant leap by launching the Lagos Climate Action Plan: our second Five-Year Plan, covering 2020 – 2025. This plan highlights evidence-based and inclusive climate action that will help create a more resilient Lagos for all.

"In just a year, I can say with great confidence that the Lagos Climate Action Plan has started to deliver great and impactful rewards, including attracting the attention of



Gov. Babajide Sanwo-Olu

critical supporters and partners.

"For example, there is the recently awarded grant by the UK Government (Future Cities Nigeria) to the Lagos State Waterways Authority to improve the ferry services across the state, which will further support our efforts to provide a truly multi-modal transport network for Lagos, with consequent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions associated with road transportation.

"We have recognized that inaction in the face of the devastating impact of Climate Change is not an option. No one will be left untouched. Even worse is the impact on the most vulnerable among us: Women, Children Persons living with Disabilities, the poor. These categories of people are bound to disproportionately bear the brunt of extreme weather events," he added. Governor Sanwo-Olu disclosed that the state government was in constant discussion with the private sector, development partners and donor organizations, to find solutions and ways to better adapt to climate impact, with special

emphasis on protecting women, children and people with disabilities, adding: "This Conference is one of the many manifestations of our keenness to engage and collaborate."

Besides, he said the state government had also embarked on the journey of updating her Development Plan, incorporating climate adaptation and mitigation components in each sector.

According to him, the state government also has the Lagos Climate Action Plan, which requires adopting and mainstreaming into all that it could do to realize the set objectives.

"As we proceed from this Opening Ceremony, into the Summit proper, it is my sincere hope and belief that the deliberations will focus on ensuring that everything we do is home-grown and tailor-made for our local context, while of course not losing sight of global best practices. "We are Africa's fastest-growing Megacity, an emerging global financial centre, a maritime economy, blessed with a very youthful, entrepreneurial

population. All of these must be taken into account in fashioning our journey to a resilient future. I very much look forward to the recommendations and action points that will emerge from the Summit," the governor stated.

In his welcome address, the Commissioner for the Environment and Water Resources, Mr Tunji Bello, said the state government recognized the impacts of the organized private sector on economic growth in Lagos and the commitment of the state government to mainstream climate action in the next phase of its developmental agenda of state.

According to him, such was also affirmative action in support of the role of the private sector in mitigating the effects of climate change, adding that Lagos was the only state in the country that had developed and commenced the implementation of her Climate Action Plan in Nigeria.

"Lagos is the only State in the Country that has developed and commenced the implementation of her Climate Action Plan in Nigeria.

This Plan highlighted 26 initiatives across adaptation and mitigation actions to advance a sustainable low carbon economy in our quest to achieve net zero by the Year 2050. The Climate Action Plan has opened a new frontier of funding opportunities for adaptation projects in the State.

"It will also interest you to know that the State Government through the Ministry of the Environment and Water Resources has signed up to the £15m UKAID Climate action implementation Programme, which will support cities to accelerate implementation from their Climate Action Plans (CAPs). In a short while, Lagos will be benefitting from this fund in the Energy and Waste Sectors.

"Climate Actions require significant investments and it is also a known fact that the economic cost of Climate Change far exceeds the cost of action. That is why the Ministry is forward-looking with her collaborative efforts with the private sector in order to maximize the inherent benefits of climate action," Bello stated.



Mushin LG boss applauds Sanwo-Olu over healthcare programme

By Saheed Afolabi

The Chairman of Mushin Local Government, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye, has commended the Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu and his Deputy, Dr. Kadri Obafemi Hamzat, for the BOSKOH Healthcare Mission International Initiative, following the commencement of a three-day free medical services for the people of Mushin.

The programme which is the fourth edition also includes the relaunch of 'JIGI-BOLA' (free eye care services with distribution of free eye glasses for people with visual challenges), initiated by the former Governor of Lagos State and Presidential candidate of the All Progressives Congress, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu.

Bamigboye, who said he has mobilized the entire people of



The chairman of Mushin LG, Hon Emmanuel Bamigboye getting his medical center in Mushin LG

Mushin in preparation for the medical outreach, stormed the Archbishop Aggey field (venue of the programme), with his vice, Hon. Tunbosun Aruwe, Council Secretary, Councillors, Supervisors, Council management team, community leaders, traditional leaders and all the stakeholders in Mushin local Government.

The medical outreach, which was organized to tackle the health challenges of Lagosians, was flagged off on July 21, 2022 and was run in Mushin from July 28 to July 30, 2022.

At the venue, the council boss led the people in the serial protocol from one section to another.

The first stage was the Records section, where bio-data like

name, age, address and other personal information were documented.

Nurses stand was the second section, with set of tables comprising nurses who are waiting to check temperature, blood pressure and other vitals.

Doctors table is next to the nurses, where patients are being

interrogated, to get information on their health status and referred them for the required test to ascertain and confirm the particular ailment affecting them. The laboratory was next with various test kits available to carry out tests like HIV, etc.

The dental consultation unit which was next to the lab, had professional dentists who carried out assessment on the teeth and recommended the type of treatment to be carried out on each patient before referring them to the Dental Treatment section for the appropriate care like; teeth filing, teeth washing, teeth removal, teeth scalping and teeth polishing, with modern equipment.

The seventh section was the social wellness unit, which comprised health counsellors who carried out counseling to patients on how to maintain a healthy lifestyle based

on their health status and what to avoid in order to live a healthy life.

The eye consultation section was the 8th unit where patient's eyes were being examined to know if there was need for surgery or provision of visual aids to help in improving the vision of patients.

Next to the eye consultation was the glass collection centre, where those who had been referred for eye glasses were given the prescribed eye glasses, known as 'Jigi Bola' to improve and aid their vision.

The last section, which was the pharmacy, had various drugs for various ailments and health challenges.

It comprised highly qualified pharmacists who administered drugs to patients based on prescription from the Doctors' section.

In addition to the above mentioned sections, BOSKOH Healthcare

Council extends drainage clearing to other communities

By Saheed Afolabi

The clearing of blocked drainage channels embarked upon by the Environmental Sanitation

team of Mushin Local Government has been extended to Odi Oro and its environs on the directives of the council Chairman, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye.

The exercise targeted at

ensuring that all blocked drainage channels in Mushin must be cleared to allow free flow of water during this rainy season and to avoid unnecessary flooding which may lead to loss of lives and properties.

After the clearing of Isolo road intersection of the Agege motor road, the team has commenced clearing of all the drainage channel carriers linking Eko Boys High School from Martins street towards Laniyan/Labinjo streets and Alamutu market through Folami street to Idi Oro axis. The team has been able to

cart away all the waste components stalked in the drainage channels thus, giving room for free flow of waste water and other liquid waste through the channels towards the main canals that run through to Idi Araba.

The exercise which started about a week ago has almost been completed as the council boss mandated the team to evacuate all blockades in the drainage channels from Isolo road to Idi Oro, along the Agege Motor road and ensure that no stone is left unturned until all the channels are free and

clean.

Members of the community were full of praises to the council chairman for coming to their rescue as they prepare for another round of heavy rainfall as announced by government agencies through weather forecast across the country.

The team said it is not relenting in its efforts to get rid of all the refuse and sand in the drainage channels as they continue their exercise until all the channels in Mushin are through to allow flow of water to prevent flooding.

Bamigboye receives BATKASHET campaign group

By Saheed Afolabi

Members of Bola Ahmed Tinubu/Kashim Shetima presidential campaign were received by the Chairman of Mushin Local Government, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye as the party prepares for the commencement of campaign in Mushin.

The team was led by its coordinator, Mr. Abisoye Hassan-Olajoku, with members of his executive committee in the Mushin Local Government. Being one of the grassroots groups championing the presidential campaign of

Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, the group has Engr. T. Akerele as its national chairman, with Mrs. Alhaja Fausat Hassan-Olajoku as the coordinator for Lagos State with numerous volunteers who are ready to flag off campaign for the former Lagos State Governor.

Bamigboye, while receiving the group, confirmed his readiness to flag off the campaign of Asiwaju, with total support for the national leader. He also advised members of the group to mobilize youths and ensure that they all get their permanent voters cards.

The council boss was presented with the group's souvenirs and the APC broom symbol.



Clearing of drainage channels in Idi Oro Mushin

Mission International has three additional vans which comprises Dental surgery van, Tuberculosis van and Ear, Nose & Throat van.

In the Dental surgery van, teeth removal, filling of teeth and scaling were being carried out on patients with serious cases while the Ear, Nose & Throat and Tuberculosis vans carried out screening examination on patients with samples taken to the laboratory and patients, referred to the General Hospital for proper treatments.

The Chief Executive Officer of the mission, Dr. Nike Osa, confirmed that the team comprised highly qualified medical personnel with many years of practical experience in the medical profession.

She stated that the main aim of the mission was to reduce the rate of health challenges by providing free medical services to people.

The council chairman, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye, expressed his happiness and appreciation to the governor, his deputy and the medical team.

He confirmed that it was the first time the people of Mushin would experience such a massive medical outreach being the biggest so far to be conducted in community.



LASU charges new students on discipline, academic excellence

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The management of Lagos State University (LASU) has charged its newly admitted 2021/2022 academic session students with the need to conduct themselves decently and embrace academic excellence throughout their stay in the university. The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello encouraged them to eschew acts of indiscipline as they represent the university for a lifetime. She said the university is intolerant of indiscipline, warning that judgement would be made of any student caught in the act. She said: "LASU as an institution has zero tolerance for indiscipline and we ensure strict compliance with the rules and regulations of the University. Please be assured that we will ensure fairness and justice in our approach to matters of indiscipline. It behoves you, therefore, to behave decently within and outside the university environment,

strive for academic excellence, resist the urge to partake in unwholesome acts and at the end of your programme, you will not only be proud of yourself, but we and your family members will also be proud of you. "I congratulate our newly admitted students, who after a vigorous exercise, gained admission into the various degree programmes of our great institution. I pray that the good Lord will use this great university to foster your growth and development in the overall interest of our dear country." Olatunji-Bello, therefore, led other senior officials to deliver other topics such as "Regulations Governing Award of Degrees in the university", "Types, Uses and Management of Academic Records", "An Overview of Students' Handbook", "Information Dissemination System in the University", "Sexual and Gender-Based Violence on Campus", "Sporting Activities and Facilities in the University" and "Moral Expectations of LASU Students" to guide the students.



Prof. Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello

... assures international students of security

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Vice Chancellor of Lagos State University, Prof. Ibiyemi Olatunji-Bello has assured recently admitted international students into the Africa Centre of Excellence for Innovative STEM Education (ACEITSE), of security and

best academic experience. While acknowledging the students for choosing the school for their Master's degree studies, the VC encouraged the three students - Solomon Yeboah, Jessie Foli and Andrew Tetteh, all Ghanaians, to freely familiarize themselves with the university environment, informing that there is a

security guide for optimum security experience. She said the university has made available good facilities such as a standard new lodge, and an upgraded library among other facilities available to enhance their learning process as foreign students in the college. The Master's International students as compared to

their PhD counterparts are expected to spend one-year duration of their programme in the school. She appreciated the parents of the students for their belief in the university's ability in releasing their children to study in the school. She noted that their PhD counterparts would resume later in the month.



LASU Vice-Chancellor in a group picture with newly admitted Masters students

CDC canvasses mass participation in general elections

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Community Development Committee (CDC), Badagry Division has pledged to mobilize more people to participate in the coming general elections. The committee appreciated the council management's commitment of Ojo Local Government management to execution of projects. According to the CDC's chairman, Alhaji Niyi Makinde, the Local Government has since the inception of the present administration been carrying the committee along.

He noted that the chairman, Hon. Rasulu Idowu has

created a cordial relationship between both parties. He said the CDC and CDAs were always allowed to contribute to the budget proposal. He further stated that the Supervisors and the HOD Agric and Social, Mrs.

Folashade Tobin have been equally wonderful as they always treat all issues concerning the CDC with urgency. Makinde appreciated the monthly impress given to them, provision of CDC office, awarding of CDC Bus, allocating of pilgrimage tour

and subvention among others while saying the above have proved the meaning of dividend of democracy at the grassroots level to them. He promised the mobilization of community members for the upcoming general elections in the area.



Representative CDC Badagry chapter while giving his speech



Onikate threatens to sue LASG over eviction notice

By Saheed Afolabi

The combined team of Lagos State Government and House of Assembly has expressed displeasure over the refusal of Onikate of Ikate, Surulere, Lagos, Oba Lateef Adams to vacate his business office at No. 66, Allen Avenue after the directive of the state government.

The team led by Chairman, House Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights, Public Petitions & LASIEC, Mr. Victor Akande, Director, Chieftaincy Affairs, Ministry of Local Government and Community Affairs, Mr. Folami Aina and Coordinator of Lagos State Special Taskforce on Land Grabbers, Mr. Owolabi Arole, described the refusal of Oba Lateef Adams to honour the state's directive on a concluded matter as an abuse of office and blatant disrespect for the state.

Speaking during an oversight visit to the property in question, Akande said the Family of Theophilus Mabayoje Banjo, the landlord of the property of 66, Allen Avenue, approached the House over the refusal of their tenant, Oba Lateef Adams under the name Latris Fashion to vacate the premises after the court judgement.

According to Akande, "They brought the case to the House and after deliberation between the lawyers representing both parties, we agreed that Oba Lateef Adams under the name Latris Fashion should vacate the building completely by end of June, 2022, and commence gradual payment of the outstanding debts on the property.

"To our surprise today during the oversight visit to the

property, we observed that the man in question is still occupying the building. This is a sad development. The fact that he is a king is not an excuse to disrespect the rule of law.

"As a King, you are supposed to be a good ambassador and role model that your subject can emulate. If as a ruler, you don't have regard for constituted authority, what will you expect from your subjects?"

When the committee chairman put a call through to Oba Lateef Adams, he expressed displeasure over

the manner he was treated by the House of Assembly members, saying that they did not have any regard for his office.

He then threatened to take a legal action against the Chairman, House Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights, Public Petitions & LASIEC, over the manner he talked to him on phone in the presence of his landlord.

He said: "I know what I can do, but I want us to settle it amicably. We all know that House of Assembly is not a court. So, I know what I can do. Another thing is that the

House Committee Chairman was not supposed to talk to me on phone like that because I am an Oba. He is disrespecting me.

"I can even sue the House for disrespecting me as an Oba. They are also becoming biased, the House is supporting the landlord. I know what I can do, I know my right, I can even sue him. I will take him up myself", Giving the background of the case, Mrs. Abiola Paul-Ozieh (Nee Banjo), one of the Administrators of the Estate of Theophilus Mabayoje Banjo- landlord to the

property, said that about four years ago, Oba Lateef Adams sued them to court to stop further increase in the rent of the property, as he could not pay higher rent than the amount he was paying then.

"We appeared in court for about a year, and the court passed a judgement that since he had not been paying his rent, he did not have case because no relationship of landlord and tenant between us. After that, we approached the court to recover the property from him because he was occupying both the down

floor and first floor.

She further noted that this made the landlord to approach Lagos State Government and House of Assembly on the issue, pointing out that after the intervention of the Committee in which our lawyer and that of Oba Lateef were in attendance, they resolved that he should vacate the premises by June ending and commence the payment of the outstanding debts on the property, adding that but up till now, he is still occupying the building.



Gov Babajide Sanwo-olu

INEC debunks carting away of IVEDS by miscreants

By Saheed Afolabi

The Independent Electoral Commission (INEC), has debunked claims that miscreants carted away its Voter Enrollment Devices, IVEDs, in Surulere part of Lagos State.

The statement by INEC,

Resident Electoral Commissioner, in Lagos, Mr. Olusegun Agbaje declared that: "The false video posted by one Amb. Princess Okogie Idimudia alleging that Hoodlums invaded one St. Bridgette Catholic Church, Surulere Lagos State carried away registration machines

meant to registration of voters at the Church on July 29, 2022 was a needless distraction.

"The office has investigated and found that it is not true as no INEC Voter Enrollment Devices machine was deployed to the said Church on July 29, 2022."





Leicester loses defender, Pereira to six months injury layoff

James Maddison.

Leicester City full-back Ricardo Pereira will be out for up to six months after having surgery on a ruptured Achilles. Manager Brendan Rodgers also said winger Harvey Barnes will be out for a few weeks with a minor knee injury. Both players had to be withdrawn during Sunday's friendly win against Sevilla. "It's such a shame because a lot of our game idea over the summer was based around full-backs and him [Pereira] in particular," said Rodgers. "He was looking so good. It's a massive blow to him. He had his operation last night

[Thursday] and he'll recover now, get strong again and come back better, I'm sure. "He'll be a big miss for us but we have to push on." Portugal international Pereira's 2019-20 season was cut short by an anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injury in March 2020 and the 28-year-old did not return to Premier League action until January 2021. On 24-year-old Barnes, Rodgers added: "He'll come back and pick up where he left off because he's had a really good pre-season." Rodgers also said left-back Ryan Bertrand is "still a number of weeks away" from contention because of a knee injury which kept him out for most of last season.



Ricardo Pereira

Collins Edwin Sport Club stand to take kids off street - Uche Ugwu

James Maddison.

The Founder and General Manager of Collins Edwin Sport Club, Uche Jay Ugwu, has described the club as a place where the young talented kids are groomed to play football, adding that the aim of the club is to take the young ones off the streets. The football administrator cum journalist said the enormous talents in football made him have an interest in the game. "My interest in football started when I was very young. I played for my primary and secondary schools. Then we were not encouraged to play football and one of my coaches during my playing days at Delta Stars told me that I should give back to the society. "I started what you are doing now (Journalism). I was a pundit with Delta Broadcasting Service (DBS) and ABS Anambra, and in 2006 I relocated to Lagos and went to National Institute of Sports (NIS) for my coaching certificate. After I

graduated, I realised that Lagos is where I need to be because of the enormous talents and grassroots developmental programmes and that's how I established Collins Edwin FC. "The achievements of Collins Edwin are there to see and we have been doing well by producing a lot of players for the national team especially the youth team, like Samuel Okon (The U17 set of Kelechi Iheanacho), Arinza Agurounzi

was with the U20, Chisom Orji played for the U20, Home based Eagles and the U23, Tijani Samson captained the U17, Bruno Sobrutuchwukwu, Pascal Onozie, Ugonna Anyaora who played for Super Eagles and FK Haugesund FC in Norway. "Our aim is to take the kids away from the streets, social vices and teach them how to play football so that they can be a valuable asset to the community and nation at large."



Uche Ugwu

Professional Wrestling Championship done to promote wrestling - Chief John Uche

James Maddison.

The Maiden Professional Wrestling Championship put together by Gold Wrestling Association was not devoid of drama and razzmatazz associated with wrestling as the wrestlers gave the audience the best of wrestling. The wrestlers came in different attires as the ladies were not left out from the entertaining show held in Isolo. The wrestlers on display are Mighty Touch, Power Vic, Flying Danco, Iron Lady, Stylish Jane, Alexander, Sharpman and Zion Lion. In the first encounter of the day, Sharpman defeated Zion Lion in a dramatic fashion. The second battle was a triple fight among Mighty Touch, Power Vic and Flying Danco. Flying Danco used his flying

skills to tame his other two opponents to emerge the winner. The ladies also were on show in the event as three ladies, Iron Lady, Stylish Jane and Alexander wrestled it out as the battle ended in a draw. The organiser of the event, Chief Uche John said the aim of the championship was to promote wrestling. "I'm elated with the situation

and next time it will be bigger than this with a lot of personalities. "We are actually out to promote wrestling championship and we are preparing our wrestlers for international championship where wrestlers from Pakistan, Egypt and USA converge. "I have been into wrestling for a long time."



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