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# CDAs Must Monitor Public Officers - Amusat, Lagos State CDAC chairman

In this interview with Abolaji Adebayo, the Chairman of Lagos State Community Development Council, Alhaji Azeez Amusat, explains that the CDAC is not a puppet but working in harmony with the government to secure developmental projects for the communities. He also pointed out the lapses of the local councils which affected the last general elections. Excerpts:

an you tell us about your achievements as the Chairman of CDAC so far sir?

**COVER** 

Well, to the Glory of God, we came in about the time Covid-19 appeared. We were inaugurated in March 2020. We were invited to the State House at Ikeja, where we were briefed about the emergence of Covid-19 on the 2nd of February, 2020.

By Monday, February 3rd the State Government invited us and all other stakeholders to the Blue Roof at LTV8 where the Deputy Governor addressed the entire stakeholders and there we were requested to go out to sensitise our people to pass the information to our community members. And that's where we started work, that was the very first assignment we were given by the state government. And to the glory of God, we did our very best in the dissemination of that information to the grassroots.

Information about Covid-19 right?

Yes and what the community and individuals were expected to do like the use of nose cover, washing of hands, use of sanitizer as well as maintaining distance between individuals. So all these we passed around to the entire community, in fact, to the extent of planning this information for the five divisions of the State . We started the programme from the palace of the Oba of Lagos.. So one of the achievements of this CDAC is that we were able to disseminate government information to the grassroots and we're doing it passionately.

Secondly, we have been

maintaining, and seeing through the coordination and organisation of all CDAs in this State because the State Government felt that we should make sure that our people are well organised. And you know the CDAs are growing so, there has been an increase in the number CDAs in Lagos State. We have added more members as more CDAs have been established in the State.

Then thirdly, there has been serious training og our members about the duties and functions of the CDAs according to the constitution of the CDA. We collaborate with other agencies. We are collaborating with the University of Lagos where our members, some of our CDAs are now being educated about engagement with political leaders and the elected officers.

Some CDAs through the CDAC have enjoyed support and training on Community Engagement; Community Charter of Demands from UNILAG Centre for Housing & Sustainability Development and Heinrich Boll Stiftung Abuja office. CDAC has been a link between USAID Youth-Powered Ecosystem to advance Urban Adolescent Health (YPE4AH) and our CDCs to disseminate information about the benefits of the programme to our needy Community

In the past, CDAs were not putting the elected officers to question but the system has changed, things are done accordingly and the elected officers are now being asked about what they do for their communities. There is an



Alhaji Azeez Amusat

engagement between CDA and the elected officers. This is now made possible by this administration because training programmes were organised for them to that effect.

The total number of CDAs is now 4,604as against 3,000+ when we took over. CDA Law C27 stipulates that not less than 20 voluntary members can form a CDA.

We also introduced an A n n u a l Interdenominational Prayer for the peace, stability, and prosperity of the Nation and Lagos State in all the 57 CDCs same day same time.

Apart from that, there is serious accountability. We have been rendering

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annual accounts and annual reports of activities to all our members. There is an open policy in what we do, you know when you are leading a group and they don't know what you are doing and they see you doing it but they don't have access to information about the activities of your organisation, there will be rumours, fighting and so on, but where you make it

open and they can see what you are doing, they see transparency in your ability, definitely there will be cooperation. And there has been strong cooperation and collaboration between all the CDCs and the State Advisory Council because we are so transparent to them and we have been carrying them along in everything we do.

We ensure that we assist the government. We have been supporting the State Government in all its activities, and the type of cooperation that we enjoy from the state government is unprecedented. The state government has been very co-operative with us On our part, we have been doing our best to give our maximum cooperation to the state. In fact, during that Covid, we were involved in the distribution of palliatives to our members, and we did that systematically and according to what was given. We made sure what was given by the government was distributed to our members.

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Sir, I think there is an annual ceremony that the State Government always organises to reward the Best CDAs?

I am coming to that, that's what we call Community Day. Since we came to office we have been celebrating Community Day every year. It has never failed, and the state government has been funding it, enumerating and rewarding CDas that perform well in their selfhelp projects. And since we came into the office, the government has increased the number of vehicles being given to CDAs from 3 to 5. That's to show how happy the government has been with the community body.

But there is one particular international or foreign body that has been assisting the youths, the adolescents in our community. The body is called USAID Youth Power Adolescent Ecosystemen to advance adolescent health. This organisation has been doing a lot. It collaborates with the Ministry of Sports, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, and Ministry of Local Government and Community, and with the Lagos State Community Development Advisory Council to take care of our out-of-school children. Some children have left school for one reason or the other and we are trying to rehabilitate them back to school. For those who want to learn a trade, we are collaborating with different agencies and different groups to help them.

The state party has also been relating with us. Since we came into office, the state government has been inviting us to budget consultative forums done in each division of the state and we have been going there with our demands. Our demands have been included in the budget and executed since we came into office. If any of our demand has not been met, we present it again in another budget forum.

When we came in, the account of CDAC was almost empty but, we thank God that we have much in our account now.

Since you came in recording all these achievements, was there no challenge you faced as a leader of the LCDA?

Thank you. We faced some challenges at the initial stage. One of the challenges encountered during the Covid-19 pandemic concerning palliative distribution. Some people who were not CDAs started parading themselves as CDAs and complaining that they did not get the palliative they were supposed to get from the government. But we conducted an investigation immediately to identify that they were not really CDAs; they were just blackmailers, who wanted to strain our relationship with the government. But with the maturity of the State Government, we were able to overcome the problem.

You will recall that during the #EndSARS crisis, properties were being damaged, and the politicians were nowhere to be found in our various communities; we directed all the CDC chairmen to go and appeal to those youths and calm them otherwise the damage to the public properties would have been more than what we witnessed.

Then some of the local council chairmen procured buses for the CDCs in the communities to facilitate their movement. I know Ejigbo, Egbe, Onigbongbo and some others have bought buses for their CDCs. We are appealing to other council chairmen to do the same for their CDCs. Is there cooperation between CDAC and the local council authority?

Yes, there has been collaboration and cooperation between us. We have our HODs in the local governments who



Alhaji Azeez Amusat

serve as intermediaries between the community and the local government chairmen.

What are the responses of the Ministry of Local Government and Community Affairs, and other Ministries to your demands?

The Ministry of Local Government and Community Affairs is our major ministry, it is the provider of almost all our needs or should I say it is a link between the CDAC and the state government. So, we have a cordial They are cooperating and

been doing a lot of things together harmoniously. The annual Community Day we talk about is organised by the Ministry of Local Government and Community Affairs so, we have a very good relationship with the ministry.

There are various corporate organisations and companies in each of the local council areas, have they been supportive of the CDAC? What are their impact on the communities sir?

relationship and we have supporting the CDCs at the

local government level. They are indirectly supporting the state, the Advisory Council. So, we have been hearing of different types of assistance being rendered to various CDCs by various NGOs. So, what they are doing is to the advantage of the Advisory Council. We have been enjoying the assistance of those bodies and appreciate them.

Some critics see CDAC as a government tool to control communities rather than being a community platform to engage the government. What is your take on this sir?

You will recall that I told you that the Community Development Advisory Council is more or less like a pressure group on the government. And for any community to enjoy government patronage in terms of projects, it must liaise with that government, and cooperate

and support the government. The government will only relate with those who support them, not those who antagonize them. We cannot be antagonizing the government when we know they are doing little within their power, if we want more, we have to liaise with them, lobby, and contact those we know in government to get those things done. We cannot antagonize the government and that is what some people consider to be the government's puppet. But no, the government is not using us as puppets, we have our areas of disagreement but we will never go to the pages of newspapers to condemn the government, we prefer to settle our disagreements at the round table. We know whom to report our grievances to and that is why people do not hear us fighting with the government.

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### **COVER**

The State government normally rewards CDAs for their selfprojects annually. How has that motivated other CDAs and how many projects have they done this year?

We are yet to compile their projects this year, we celebrated last year's achievements. Let me give you the assessment of last year. Last year, we recorded 63 projects executed by CDAs across the State. But those that were standard were rewarded. The best four CDAs went home with a bus each. Then some others were given grants.

As the overseer of all CDAs in Lagos, how do you motivate the CDAs that are lagging in selfprojet execution?

The award given to the Best CDAs is a way of encouraging others to be up and doing, to buckle up so that they too can get such rewards. And again, you will notice that the awards have been spread all over the state, they are not concentrated in a particular area or division. And I have to tell you what the state government has done to this award which is one of its major achievements for this Babjide Sanwo-Olu's administration.

It has divided the awards into both urban and rural areas. Two buses went to the urban area while two also went to the rural area and that is why CDAs in Epe, Eredo, and other CDAs in Ifako-Ijaye, Agege were able to get buses as gifts. Before it used to be concentrated on urban areas alone but in my address at the 2020 Community Day, we suggested that the rewards should be divided into urban and rural and we thank God, the government yielded and even increased the number of vehicles to four.

Although Lagos State has about 7.1 million registered voters, still there was a low turnout of voters during the 2023 general elections. What do you think caused this?

It was caused by some factors. One is the aftermath of the #EndSARS crisis. Our youths were blindfolded by the #EndSARS thing and that is one of the reasons why the number of voters was low, particularly during the presidential election.

Another factor that made it very low was that the arrangement made by the INEC for the collection of PVC was not good enough, many people had to go far distances to get their PVC at their collection centres. And due to the creation of new polling units, during the election, there was no movement of vehicles to take them to their new polling booth to cast their vote.

Then finally, I have to say this and it is very important. The local government needs to change and improve their performances. People are not happy with them. You will recall that during the local government election, even though there was no manifesto, people still believed in APC and voted for the council chairmen. But now. people are enlightened, they want to know what you will do before voting for you, it is no more than N1000 per

vote, they want development in their communities. So, I will appeal to our local government chairmen to make sure they perform excellently in their various local governments. The era of wishy-washy empowerment has gone, nobody will appreciate any empowerment that is not meaningful. You organise a two-week training for people and give them a token and you call that empowerment, that is not the kind of empowerment people want for now. Their underperformance is affecting the party at the state and federal levels because all politics are local. If we had had local government elections together with the state election, many of them would have failed. You could see how some of them could not deliver their local governments during the last general election, it was due to the non-performance in their various communities.

Is there any way the state government can monitor and measure what they do quarterly or yearly to make sure they perform?

The state government can only monitor the local government through the House of Assembly. It is the oversight function of the State Assembly that could take them up. This has to be done genuinely by the Assembly; if they don't do it genuinely, we can't have that result. If any ministry goes to any local government to challenge them, they will tell that ministry that they were duly elected by the people and that they are the executive officers of their own

have much control over them unless the State House of local governments. It

Assembly. So we are appealing to the State House of Assembly to perform its oversight function thoroughly and effectively so that the party will excel in the forthcoming local government elections. Finally sir, how can residents in Lagos State form a CDA and how many CDAs are in the State currently? Presently, there are 4,604 CDAs. You see, CDAs are under the CDCs and the CDCs are the committee at the local government level. They are the one that oversees the activities of the CDAs.

seems the state

government doesn't

But when we observe that they are not performing well in any local government, that is when we come in. Or if there is a petition to the state, we will come in to resolve the issue.

The formation of a CDA has been made easy, 20 residents, I mean households can form a CDA once they agree to operate and fund the associations, they have the constitutional right to form it. What they need to do is to register with the local government and also register with the state. Once that is completed, the CDA is formed and they will operate according to the constitution.



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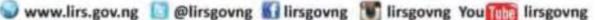














# he Public Affairs Unit of the Ministry of Local Government and Community Affairs has charged Community Media Practitioners in Lagos State to be objective and factual with news reporting in their communities.

Addressing the participants, Assistant Director, Public Affairs Unit of the Ministry, Kehinde Adebayo, said the event was in line with Sanwo-Olu's agenda of bringing governance closer to the people and strengthening as well as cementing the relationship between the Government and the grassroots through the Community Media across the State.

He said it is also to ensure that there is effective and efficient in formation to the grassroots in the State. Adebayo noted that it would not have been possible without the approval of the State Governor.

He said: "This interactive session would not have been held without the gracious approval of Mr Governor; Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu, who sees the pivotal role that Community Media Practitioners play in disseminating information at the grassroots; hence my deepest gratitude to Mr Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu for his approval of this interactive session.

"Surely, he is a man driven by purpose and concern for the grassroots. Having seen ahead of time the damage false information and repertoire can do to the image of the State, thus the need to tell our stories ourselves rather than have someone do it for us.

"The role of

# Adebayo Charges Community Media

Community Media cannot be overemphasised, hence the need for this periodic capacity building training for practitioners."

Reeling out the aims of the interactive session, he explained: "The sole aim of this august gathering is to enable practitioners to project the programmes, activities, and policies of the government in a manner easily understood by the public.

"To the participants here present, I want to assure you that seasoned facilitators are here to equip you with the tools needed to engage in the best practices as Community Media Practitioners; and I believe that it would be an interesting interactive session for brain-racking deliberations.

"Today, you will be exposed to modern media practice in news dissemination and you will acquire knowledge on best practices in News Reporting and media relations with the government and the communities you

represent," he said.
Earlier, Mr. Yomi
Adejumo who doubles
as Publisher, Festac
Weekly and President
of the Association of
Practitioners of
Community Media
(APCOM), thanked the
Ministry for its efforts
in putting the
practitioners on their
toes.

He lauded the administration of Governor Sanwo-Olu for identifying with the practitioners despite all odds.

He said: "I appreciate the Ministry for its unflinching support and affection for the Community Media Practitioners."

He reminded the Ministry of APCOM's upcoming event tagged, "Community Media Summit" billed for August 15, 2023, in Ikeja, Lagos where he said the practitioners will converge to socialise, network, and learn new ideas about their profession.

He reiterated the decision of the practitioners to partner with Governor Sanwo-Olu in information dissemination, especially at the

grassroots.

"We have decided to partner with you to organise a Community Media summit to ignite our members. This is to enable us to tell our stories better," he added.

Also speaking, the Senior Public Affairs Officer, Mr. Alabi Victor, charged the practitioners to seize the opportunity of various social media handles to tell their stories.

He urged them to disseminate the achievements of Mr. Governor to the grassroots.



Kehinde Adebayo

#### he Igbogbo community has honoured Prof. Olufunsho Abayomi Omobitan on his recent emergence as the Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academics), Lagos State University (LASU), Ojo, Lagos.

This was held at the gathering of the royal father of the ancient Igbogbo community, Oba Semiudeen Orimadegun Kasali, the Adeboruwa of Igbogbo, and other eminent sons and daughters of the community.

At the event organised by the First Club, Igbogbo, at the Rotary Centre in Igbogbo, where Prof. Omobitan who is a former

### Igbogbo Community Honours Prof Omobitan, New LASU DVC

two-term Dean of the Social Science Faculty of LASU, was honoured, Oba Kasali charged him and other sons and daughters of Igbogbo, who are in the academic sector, to use their positions in mobilising other scholars for the development of the ancient town.

The First Club President, Mr. Olayiwola Ayeni, said the club and the entire Igbogbo community are proud of the feat attained by the Professor of Economics.

He described the development as the beginning of many great things that will be happening to Igbogbo.

"We are here to celebrate our own Prof. Omobitan. This is unique. Actually, we have had a DVC from Igbogbo before, that was when LASU first started. That was Pa Odusanya who was DVC (Account), but his tenure was shortlived. He only prepared the way for you.

"We are excited that you



are stepping into this special position, and as soon as we heard about it, we decided to celebrate you. We are happy to host this reception in your honour. This is just the beginning. You will still go much higher.

"This is happening during

the time of Kabiyesi. Just yesterday, Igbogbo Day USA was celebrated in New York and it was an innovation from Kabiyesi. I thank God for giving you the wisdom, knowledge, and understanding to continue to move Igbogbo forward, and during your time, Igbogbo will

continue to move higher and higher."

The President, commending members of the club for organizing the ceremony, also congratulated Oba Kasali whose reign he said has been attracting so many developments and innovations.

### Otunba Awomodu, Iyalaje Ojora, Chiefs Grace Egbe Tobalase's 3rd Anniversary

t was a glitz, fun-filled, and colourful outing as the Egbe Tobalase Obinrin Ikorodu Kingdom celebrated its third anniversary of the existence of what is known and called in Ijebu circle as, 'Regberegbe' (a socio-cultural) club, existing in honour of the Ayangbure of Ikorodu.

At the ceremony held at 17, Gbasemo Street, Aga, at the Baale Aga, Chief Ibrahim Olukotun's palace were Otunba Akinola Awomodu, Grand Patron and Otunba Anoko, Ogboyari of Ikorodu and Remoland, Chief Mrs. Folake Ijelu Okeowo, Royyal Adviser (female) and Mrs. Bolanle Adigun, a matron who was represented by a team.

Chief Ibrahim Olukotun, Baale Aga, led about seven other Baales to grace the occasion. Among them are: Chief Adeowo Olaiyiwola Idris, Baale Orija Okegbegun, Chief Lookman Alade Awomodu, Baale Liwe Awomu Owode, and Chief Lateef Kamson, Baale Olugbusi.

Another 'Regberegbe' group, 'Gbogeniyi', was fully represented at the anniversary.

Mrs. Olufunke Ashabi Owoyele, the founder and lyalode of Tobalase Obinrin of Ikorodu Kingdom, said the club exists to support members, empower petty vulnerable people and support the development of Ikorodu.

"We are women of substance. We empower both men and women. This is our third year of existence, and we have been making impacts in Ikorodu.

"We are known to the Ayangbure palace and have received recognition from His Royal Majesty, Oba Kbair Shotobi, the Ayangbure of Ikorodu. We have been participating in the activities of the Ikorodu — Oga Development Association (IKODASS), and by God's grace, we are going to do more.

"The club has been assisting its members with soft loans, and we have also been extending the same to the less privileged in society. We equally give out capital to some to empower them and not pay back," she explained.

Speaking on the club's plans, lyalode Tobalase said the club has big plans for next year's 'Odun Osu' (the first annual traditional celebration in Ikorodu Kingdom).

She said: "In the next five

years, we are hoping to do more empowerment for members and others in Ikorodu. We are also planning to do something special at the next year's 'Odun Osu', but we are not disclosing the details now. "We thank the Ayangbure of Ikorodu, Oba Kabir Shotobi, and his Olori who always pray for us whenever we are at the palace. We also want to thank our grand patron, Otunba Akinola Awomodu, matrons and patrons, Alhaja Sanda, Asiwaju Steve Anifowoshe, Arabinrin Oluwatoyin Shobowale, Erelu Bonike Ayedun, Baale Ibrahim Olukotun, Mrs. Bolanle Adigun and Alhaja (Chief) Mrs Folake Ijelu. They have all been doing wonderfully well for Tobalase in Ikorodu."

Princess Abiola, the General Secretary of the club who spoke about the club to the guests, said:" Egbe Tobalase is a foremost 'Regberegbe' group in Ikorodu, with professional and skilled members as members.

"We are foremost 'Regberegbe' in Ikorodu Kingdom, and we have members who are professionals — medical doctors, engineers, and

### Market Street Project Ready In Two Months - Daini Assures

By Nurudeen Adebayo

he Chairman, I g b o g b o - Bayeku Local C o u n c i I Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Sesan Daini, has assured the residents that the Market Street project will be completed in the next one or two months.

it was noted that work has resumed on the project after it had stopped months back.

It would be recalled that the project, which was awarded to Western Concrete Nigeria Limited and started on May 19, 2022, was earlier slated for completion within 12 weeks, but suffered a setback a few weeks after.

The scope of the work, according to the information board on the site

when it started, stated that there would be two sides drains (both sides reinforced concrete with cover slab), surfacing with interlocking stones, marking of the road, and painting of kerbs and installation of street lights, but stopped weeks after the construction started.

The contractor, in September 2022, moved back to the site to start construction works. and did the concrete drains on both sides, only for the work to be abandoned again. The council boss, responding to residents' outcry at 2 0 2 2 t h e Budget/Stakeholders' Forum held at the Igbogbo/Bayeku LCDA on Monday, November 7, 2022, appealed to the residents and assured them that the project would be completed by the end of last year, but that did not come to fruition.

"It is supposed to have been completed, but we have one or two challenges. I can assure you that before the last week of this year (2022) or the second week of January (2023), we are going to commission that road for usage," Daini said at the stakeholders' forum last year.

Speaking on the project, the council chairman said the concrete application is meant to permanently resolve the challenge, and assured motorists and other road users that the road is safe for them.

#### n a bid to intimate the public on the much-awaited maiden edition of its . Chairman's Cup Under 21 Football Competition scheduled to hold between July 15 and 29, 2023, Ibeju-Lekki Local Government under t h e chairmanship of Hon. Abdullahi Sesan Olowa, has grouped the 16 qualified teams into various groups.

In his address, the council chairman reiterated the commitment of the Local Government to the promotion of football while emphasising the need for his people to invest in and promote m soccer games and other grassroots sports.

Olowa stated that the decision to do the Draws for the grouping of the participating team was to showcase fairness, equity and provide a level ground for all the 16 Clubs participating in the game.

"This was why a thorough screening was earlier conducted for the players to pick the most qualified a mong other participants," he said.

The council boss expressed his gratitude on behalf of the council to Harmony Gardens and Estates. who is the main sponsor of the competition, while applauding other sponsors including Corona Schools' Trust Council, Oluwalanbe, and others who keyed into the dream of showcasing talents and further promoting grassroots sports in the local government area. Also speaking at the occasion was Hon. Oladele Ajayi,

The Lagos State House of Assembly Member representing Ibeju-Lekki Constituency 2,

### Olowa Re-iterates Commitment To Grassroots Sport

By Nurudeen Adebayo

Hon. Oladele Ajayi, commended the O I o w a - I e d administration for being innovative, unique and showing how passionate he is in the growth of his people and grassroots football.

"Ibeju-Lekki local government is getting it right for the first time,' the lawmaker said.

The Corona Head of School, Mrs. Grace Omo Egbekuse, and the Head of Public Relations of the School, Mr. Biodun Oseni spoke on behalf of sponsors, emphasising the need to support laudable programmes like the Ibeju-Lekki Chairman's Cup to engage, encourage and channel a path for youths interested in sports.



### Olowa Honours LASU First Class Graduate Of Transport

he Chairman of Ibeju Lekki Local Government, Hon.
Abdullahi Sesan Olowa, has honoured Mr. Kabir Suluka Olakunle, a first-class graduate of Transport and Logistics from the Lagos State University (LASU).

The council boss hosted the graduate in his office last week to commend him for his excellent performance in school. Olowa, who appreciated Suluka for making the Local Government proud of this laudable feat, admonished upcoming younger ones to be committed and dedicated to their academics as knowledge is light.

Suluka appreciated the Olowa-led administration as he promised to continue making the council area proud.

In attendance were, the

Supervisor for Education, Hon Temitope Sofwan Ogungbo, Supervisor for Hon. Akeem Budget, Balogun, S. A. on Works and Infrastructure, Hon. Fatai Alonge, S. A. on Civic Engagement, Hon. Wakilat Odupe, Council Manager, Mr. Otinwa Oladipupo, HOD Education, Mr. Peter Ademelehin, NULGE representatives led by Mr. Ahmed Talemu.



The First Class LASU graduate being honoured by Ibeju-Lekki LCDA Chairman, Hon. Abdullahi Olowa

## PUBLIC NOTICE ADUBULEJA OJUELEGBA CENTRAL MOSQUE

This is to inform the general public that the above-named mosque has applied to the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC) Abuja for registration under Part "C" of the Companies And Allied Matters Act 2020.

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- 3. ADEBAYO RASAQ ABOLAJI
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- 6. OLUSANYA TAOFEEK ADENIJI

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- AUTHENTIC HADITH.

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An objection to the registration should be forwarded to the Registrar General, Corporate Affairs Commission, Plot 420, Tigris Crescent, off Aguyi Ironsi Street, Maitama, Abuja within 28 days of this publication.

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# TEXT OF MEDIA BRIEFING BY MR. DELE ALAKE, SPECIAL ADVISER TO THE PRESIDENT ON SPECIAL DUTIES, COMMUNICATIONS AND STRATEGY ON THE DETAILS OF PRESIDENTIAL INTERVENTION ON FOOD SECURITY, FOOD PRICING & SUSTAINABILITY ON THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023

entlemen of the press, i welcome you once again to this press conference to update the public on President Bola Tinubu-led administration's immediate response to the current food inflation in the country.

As a hands-on- leader who follows developments across the country everyday, Mr. President is not unmindful of the rising cost of food and how it affects the citizens. While availability is not a problem, affordability has been a major issue to many Nigerians in all parts of the country. This has led a significant drop in demand thereby undermining the viability of the entire agriculture and food value chain.

Accordingly, in line with this administration's position on ensuring that the most vulnerable are supported, Mr. President has declared, with immediate effect the following actions:

That a state of emergency on food security be announced immediately, and

That all matters pertaining to food & water availability and affordability, as essential livelihood items, be included within the purview of the National Security Council.

As a direct and immediate response to this crisis, a number of initiatives will be deployed in the coming weeks to reverse this inflationary trend and g u a r a n t e e f u t u r e uninterrupted supplies of affordable foods to ordinary Nigerians.

As with most emergencies, there are immediate, medium- and long-term interventions and solutions.

In the immediate term, we intend to deploy some savings from the fuel subsidy removal into the Agricultural sector focusing

on revamping the agricultural sector.

In an earlier meeting with Agriculture Stakeholders (today), we drafted a memorandum of partnership between the government and the individual stakeholder representatives that encompasses the decisions taken and actions proposed from our engagements.

The immediate intervention strategies are as follows:

1. We will immediately release fertilizers and grains to farmers and households to mitigate the effects of the subsidy removal.

2. There must be an urgent synergy between the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Water Resources to ensure adequate irrigation of farmlands and to guarantee that food is produced all-year round.

As a country, Mr. President has made it clear that we can no be comfortable with seasonal farming. We can no longer afford to have farming down times.

3. We shall create and support a National Commodity Board that will review and continuously assess food prices as well as maintain a strategic food reserve that will be used as a price stabilisation mechanism for critical grains and other food items.

Through this board, government will moderate spikes and dips in food prices.

To achieve this, we have the following stakeholders on board to support the intervention effort of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu: The National Commodity Exchange (NCX), Seed Companies, National Seed Council and Research institutes, NIRSAL Microfinance Bank, Food Processing/

associations, private sector holders & Prime Anchors, small holder farmers, crop associations and Fertilizer producers, blenders and suppliers associations to mention a few.

4. We will engage our security architecture to protect the farms and the farmers so that farmers can return to the farmlands without fear of attacks.

5. The Central Bank will continue to play a major role of funding the agricultural value chain.

6. Activation of land banks. There is currently 500,000 hectares of already mapped land that will be used to increase availability of arable land for farming which will immediately impact food output.

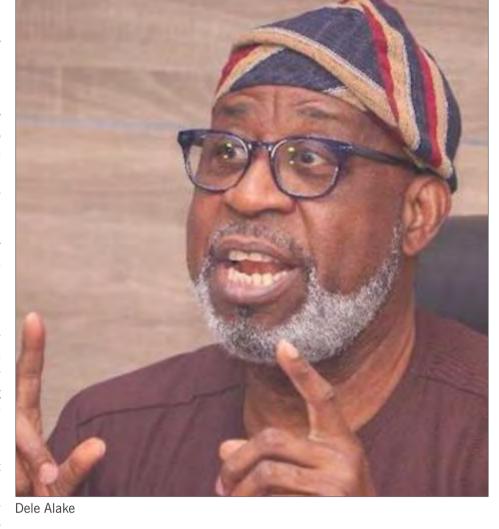
- Mechanization and land clearing- The government will also collaborate with mechanization companies to clear more forests & make them available for farming

7. River basins- there are currently 11 rivers basins that will ensure planting of crops during the dry season with irrigation schemes that will guarantee continuous farming production all year round, to stem the seasonal glut and scarcity that we usually experience.

8. We will deploy concessionary capital/funding to the sector especially towards fertilizer, processing, mechanization, seeds, chemicals, equipment, feed, labour, etc.

The concessionary funds will ensure food is always available and affordable thereby having a direct impact on Nigeria's Human Capital Index (HCI). This administration is focused on ensuring the HCI numbers, which currently ranks as the 3rd lowest in the world, are improved for increased productivity.

9. Transportation and Storage: The cost of transporting Agricultural



products has been a major challenge (due to permits, toll gates, and other associated costs). When the costs of moving farm produce is significantly impacted- it will immediately be passed to the consumers, which will affect the price of food- the government will explore other means of transportation including rail and water transport, to reduce freight costs and in turn impact the food prices. As for storage, existing warehouses and tanks will be revamped to cut waste & ensure efficient preservation of food items. 10. We will Increase revenue from food and agricultural exports. As we ensure there is sufficient, affordable food for the populace, we will concurrently work on stimulating the export capacity of the Agric sector. 11. Trade Facilitation: Transportation, storage and export will be improved by working with the Nigerian

Customs, who have

assured us that the bottlenecks experienced in exporting and importing food items as well as intracity transportation through tolling will be removed.

These are some of the immediate interventions this government will put in place to tackle this crisis.

Principally, one of the major positive outcomes of these interventions will be a massive boost in employment and job creation

Indeed, agriculture already accounts for about 35.21 percent of employment in Nigeria (as at 2021), the target is to double this percentage to about 70% in the long term.

President Bola Ahmed Tinubu's mandate to create jobs for our teeming youth population will be achieved with between 5 to 10 million more jobs created within the value chain, working with the current 500,000 hectares of arable land and the several hundreds of thousands more farmlands to be

developed in the medium term.

In closing, this administration understands that food and water are the bedrock of survival and therefore is calling on all Nigerians to partner us in ensuring the success of this strategic intervention. This administration is working assiduously to ensure that Nigerians do not struggle with their essential needs. President Bola Ahmed Tinubu wishes to use this medium to continue to assure Nigerians that this administration will not relent in its efforts until all strategic interventions are deployed efficiently and effectively and until every household is positively impacted. Our president is the president of all Nigerians and the father of the nation. The renewed

I thank you all.

hope mandate remains

alive and no one, absolutely

no one, will be left behind.



# Sir Adeyemo Alakija

Sir Adeyemo Alakija, Knight of the British Empire was born on May 25,1884 to the family of Marculino (sometimes called Elemeji) and Maxmilliana Assumpcao.

He was the youngest of the seven children in the family. His father was of Egba ancestry and his mother was the daughter of Alfa Cyprian Akinosho Tairu of Oyo. His eldest brother Maxwell Porphyrio Assumpcao-Alakija was a barrister in Bahia and father in-law of Sir Olumuyiwa Jibowu, and one of his brothers (who went on to become his law partner) was Olayimika Alakija, a former member of the Nigerian Legislative Council. An elder sister, Tejumade Assumpcao, became Olori Tejumade Alakija Ademola, Lady Ademola when she married Sir Ladapo Ademola, the Alake of Egbaland, her family's ancestral homeland. Alakija attended St Gregory's Catholic School before moving to CMS Grammar School, Lagos.

After finishing his secondary education, Alakija started work in the post office in 1900 and served in the civil service for ten years. He then proceeded to study Law in London, earning his qualification in 1913, and thereafter opened a law practice in Lagos. His law firm was successful but his foray into elective politics met opposition from Herbert Macaulay, a former friend of his whose politics diverged as a result of the Lagos Eleko crisis.] Alakija was opposed to Eshugbayi Eleko, the Oba of Lagos and the Oba's supporters including the Jamat Muslims and Macaulay. He was a candidate in the 1923 legislative elections but lost. However, from 1933 to 1941, he was a nominated member representing Egba division in the Legislative Council. He was also the first president of the Island

Club. . In 1942, he became a member of the governor's Executive Council. Alakija was president of Egbe Omo Oduduwa from 1948 until his death in 1952. Alakija's collaboration with Herbert Macaulay and Egerton Shyngle early in his political career brought him prominence but after falling out with Macaulay and because of his moderate political views, his popularity began to wane until the early 1950s when he had begun to develop favour in the eyes of the public. Alakija developed close relationships with many organizations and communities among whom were the Lebanese and Syrian community in Nigeria, he was decorated with a medal of the cedars after his visit to Lebanon in 1949.

He held the chieftaincy titles of the Lisa of Egbaland and the Woje Ileri of Ile-Ife

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### Commences Rehabilitation Of Major Roads Mushin LG

By Saheed Afolabi

ushin Local Government commenced another round of road rehabilitation across the communities with desiltation of drains and

filling of bad portions of Isolo road junction, to relieve motorists, in preparation for a permanent solution to the affected roads.

The exercise commenced with the evacuation of drains at the Omodigbo

junction of Palm Avenue, to pave the way for the reconstruction of the concrete slab into the entrance of Omodigbo Street via Palm Avenue.

In the same vein, the team led by Supervisor



Portion of roads under rehabilitation at Mushin LG

for Works and Infrastructure, Hon. Funmi Peters, carried out palliative works at the Isolo road junction of Agege motor road in Mushin, pending the time of final repair from

the appropriate authorities.

The team also had the Councillor of Ward A, Hon. Hakeem Mustapha at the site with the Supervisor for Special Duties, Special Advisers, members of Lagos Neighbourhood Safety Corps, and officers from the Olosan Division of Nigeria Police, led by the DPO, Supol Garba Oseni.

### Coker Aguda LCDA Brings Flood Relief To Residents

By Saheed Afolabi

he Chairman of Coker Aguda LCDA, Hon. Rasaq Olamilekan has desilted the community canal to avoid flooding in the rainy season.

The canal is said to have been causing menace and flood to the residents of Orile Iganmu, meanwhile, the council boss said he has decided to ensure the resuscitation of a sanitary environment and eliminate flood issues affecting the people to improve the commercial activities in the community.

Olamilekan who was accompanied by council members, and councilors, was joined by the executive members of Orile Iganmu Community Development Association (CDA) and party faithful to visit the popular Toll Gate section of Opeloyeru Street in Orile Iganmu

where the desiltation commenced.

He said the exercise commenced in the street since residents find it difficult to move from the street to Babs Animashaun road without dipping their legs into the dirty filthy water overflowing from the canal to Opeloyeru Street.

The chairman also visited the blocked exit point of the canal at Doyin Iron Market as he pleaded with residents and marketers to desist from improper waste disposal and encroachment on the canal ways.

"This is necessary to have a decent environment," he stated.

The council boss of Aguda LCDA also visited the recently desilted section of system five canals where the Emergency Flood Abatement Gang (EFAG) of Lagos State

was carting away silt from the shore to avoid falling back into the canal.

Meanwhile, the council boss also promised that the remaining section from Coker Bridge to Alafia Bridge where people were seen crossing the canal without canoes will be completed in the next few days.

The residents of Orile Iganmu, Coker, and Aguda communities who have felt the positive impact of the desilted canal from the Censor area to Coker Bridge, gave a resounding appreciation chorus to the council chairman, saying they no more experience any form of flood after the heavy downpour for the past two days.

They also appreciated the chairman for his continuous effort to ensure the safety of lives, businesses, and properties.

### Bamigboye Gets Tourism Award

By Saheed Afolabi



Associates of Travel Tourism Writers of Nigeria (ATTWN) presented the Tourism Award for Excellence to the Chairman of Mushin LG, Hon Emmanuel Bamigboye

n what was described as an appraisal of performance, support, and promotion of the Tourism sector in his community, through sponsorship of Tourism related activities, the Association of Travel and Tourism Writers Of Nigeria (ATTWON) has awarded Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye for his role in the Support Community-Based Tourism in Lagos.

The Tourism Award of Excellence was presented to the Chairman of Mushin Local Government during the annual award ceremony organised recently by members of the fourth

estate of the realm in the tourism sector.

Representative of the council chairman at the event, Mrs. Ayodamola Kamson-Owolabi (HOD - Tourism, Mushin Local Government), presented the award to Hon. Bamigboye in his office, thanking him for being a pillar and motivation behind the success axchieved by the department which was newly created in all the 57 LGAs/LCDAs by the Lagos State Government.

from the head of the Tourism department, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye, thanked the organisers for recognizing and appreciating his effort towards nurturing the infant unit into a careerdriven sector. He assured the department of more support for synergy between the state, national, and international tourism agencies that will enhance and promote the Tourism potential of Mushin Local Government.

Also at the presentation held in the chairman's office were, Supervisor for Works & Infrastructure, Hon. Funmi Peters, Council Receiving the award Manager, Comrade Sogo Osikoya, HOD Works & Infrastructure, Engr. Nojeem Mabadeje, HOD Health & Medical Services, Dr. Kayode Odufuwa, and Mr. Kehinde Babatunde (S. A. on Revenue).



The desilted canal in Coker Aguda LCDA

# Badagry Deep Seaport: Shining Example of Lagos Potentials-Permanent Secretary their parts in line with Development Limited



agos State Government has described the proposed Badagry Deep Sea Port as a shining example of the tremendous potential Lagos holds for growth, development, innovation and a sustainable economy. Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce,

Industry and

Cooperatives, Mrs.

Adetutu Ososanya, FCA,

stated this at a

Stakeholders' Meeting on the development of the Badagry Deep Sea Port organised by the Ministry in conjunction with Badagry Port Development Limited, held at Radisson Hotel, Ikeja.

Speaking at the meeting, Ososanya declared that the strategic and economic importance of the Badagry Deep Seaport project cannot be overemphasised, taking into consideration the will ensure that the quantum of investments benefits of the Port that will spring up in the extend far beyond its area when the project is boundaries, creating a completed.

Badagry Port corner of Lagos State, Development Limited is Nigeria and the global expected to promote economy as a whole". socio-economic The Permanent development in the Secretary tasked surrounding MDAs to support the communities, project by being particularly through actively involved in the Corporate Social decision-making Responsibility initiatives. process, aligning with The inclusive approach their respective

positive ripple effect Her words: "The that reaches every

mandates and playing

extant laws and policies of Lagos State. "Our collective effort is highly required for the realisation of the dream and aspiration of the Badagry Deep Sea Port, and there is a need for collaboration and synergy in the ecosystem to ensure the timely completion of the project", she said. Ag. Surveyor-General

of Lagos State, Surveyor Ayokunnu Adesina gave a technical overview of presentations by government stakeholders, saying the entire parcel of land for the Badagry Deep Sea Port has been mapped out while resettlement lands have been provided for communities that would be displaced through the project.

"We have also processed some Certificate of Occupancies for the Badagry Port Development Limited while the Office of Surveyor-General is ready to provide any support as may be required by the organisation in respect of the project", he added.

The representatives of Badagry Port and Head, Government Relations, Mr. James Clinton confirmed that the Badagry Deep Sea Port is a 2.6 Billion dollar project and it would be the second largest in Africa.

"I really want to appreciate the Lagos State Government, through the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives and other MDAs, for the commitment and drive that have pushed the project to where it is. I am most assured, with this level of cooperation, that all possible impediments to the project would be removed for its smooth take-off", he said.

The Community Relations Manager of Badagry Port Development Limited, Mr. Justin Okwuofu commended the people of Badagry for their cooperation as the organisation has received tremendous support from the communities.

Representatives of MDAs such as Physical Planning & Urban Development, Lands, Justice, Local Government & Community Affairs all affirmed their commitments to ensuring the timely conclusion of all processes leading to the final take-off of the project.

# Albinism Day: Lagos Govt Enjoins Albino Pupils To Recognise Their Uniqueness

Ministry of Education has joined the rest of the world to commemorate the Year 2023 Albinism Day with a call to everyone, especially pupils and students, to recognize their individual uniqueness and explore it for positive benefits.

he Lagos State The Permanent Secretary of the Ministry, Mr. Abayomi Abolaji made the call in his address at an event organised to celebrate the 2023 Albinism Day with students and pupils living with albinism in Lagos State Schools, held at the Lagos State Education Resource Centre,

Ojodu.

Abolaji, represented by Mrs. Omolayo Akinlade, the Director of the Education Resource Centre, stated that the importance of selfworth creates a positive mindset for learning and assimilation of educational values.

He emphasised the

importance of believing in oneself and recognizing one's uniqueness at all times, stressing that Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu is committed to ensuring that pupils and students with albinism are protected against all forms of discrimination. According to him, the

annual World Albinism Day organised by the Child Guidance, School Counselling and Special Education Department of the Lagos State Ministry of Education with the theme "Inclusion is Strength", is aimed at ensuring the inclusion

of the voices of persons with albinism in all sectors of life.

The event attended by pupils, students, parents and advocates for the right of albinos also featured two speakers who shared their "Living with Albinism" experiences with the participants.

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### Importance of Eating Mango In Pregnancy

By Edith Igbokwe

ating mangoes during pregnancy may provide you with various vitamins, minerals, and energy. Mangoes are rich sources of vitamin C, folic acid, vitamin A, and potassium and so, are good for maternal health. The fruit is also a good source of dietary fiber that prevents

You may include mangoes into your diet to enhance the taste and flavour. Although mangoes are safe during pregnancy, you may limit their consumption or eat them in moderation since they contain sugar.

constipation.

gestational diabetes or diabetes mellitus Dietary fiber manages should seek their prenatal health care provider or doctors' advice to learn more about consuming mangoes.

Mangoes also help develop the fetus's nervous system and brain.

The following are the health benefits of consuming mangoes during pregnancy.

Iron prevents anemia: Mangoes are rich in vitamin C and help in the nutrient absorption of iron, which an expecting mother needs to overcome pregnancyrelated anemia.

Folic acid aids fetal the fetal brain and development: Mangos is a great source of folic also helps prevent acid which is essential for the development of the fetal brain and spinal cord. Mango consumption prevents neural tube defects which can occur in early pregnancy.

Just a 3/4th cup of mango provides you with 15 percent of your



Pregnant women with recommended daily allowance of folate.

> digestive health: The fiber content in mangoes helps you feel full for a longer duration. Mangoes also aid digestion and prevent constipation that women experience in the first trimester.

Provides rich antioxidants: Vitamin C in mango acts as a powerful antioxidant that helps develop resistance against free radicals, which can disturb fetal development and even lead to cancers. Vitamin C can also lower the risk of premature birth.

Vitamin B6 is ideal for nervous system and conditions such as eczema and low birth weight.

Vitamin A in mangoes helps in baby development: Vitamin A, abundantly found in mangoes, helps in the formation of a baby's teeth and bones. It is also essential for eye

and immune system development and aids in the development of the heart, lungs, and kidneys.

Magnesium prevents preeclampsia: Magnesium present in reasonable amounts in mango, acts as an excellent natural f o r remedy preeclampsia or increased blood pressure, while the preeclampsia.

sickness: Eating lead to dehydration. morning sickness.

The fresh taste of keeping the diet and mango helps prevent nutrition needs in morning sickness. check. Vitamin B6 in this fruit There are fermentable also plays a key role in relieving you from mangoes that can cause nausea and morning sickness.

Balances body fluids: During pregnancy, some As the blood volume increases during pregnancy, your body needs extra minerals. Mangoes contain electrolytes such as potassium, calcium, magnesium, and

sodium that help in maintaining fluid balance.

Electrolytes ensure optimal heart health and make the brain, nerves, and the muscles work as they should.

Although mango offers numerous benefits, you need to be mindful of eating it while pregnant. The side effects of consuming mangoes vitamin E in this fruit during pregnancy helps build fetal muscle include Diarrhea: and prevents Overconsumption of mangoes can cause Beats morning diarrhea, which can

mangoes during Dehydration during pregnancy helps beat pregnancy is common and can be dealt with by

> carbohydrates in sensitivity in some women.

women might experience irritable bowel syndrome and other gastrointestinal issues that can cause indigestion, gas, and bloating.

Nevertheless, mangoes are high in fiber and can keep your gut working regularly, while also helping feed the healthy bacteria.

Increased risk of gestational diabetes: Mangos has high levels of sugar and can put you at a greater risk of diabetes Mellitus. Eating fewer mangoes, which have a medium Glycemic Indexi (GI), can help overcome the risk of gestational diabetes

Pregnant women who experience gestational diabetes should avoid eating too much mango and always pair the fruit with a source of protein. Also, they should avoid eating it in the mornings to prevent hyperglycemia. Excess weight gain: Mangoes are rich in carbohydrates and add to your already increasing pregnancy weight. So, consume them in moderation as part of a healthy eating

Allergic reactions: Some people can experience allergies when they come in contact with the fruit skin or the sap. If you experience the 'mango itch', avoid the fruit.

Reactions from artificially ripened mangoes: Mangoes that have been artificially ripened can have an adverse effect on both the mother and the baby. These fruits are ripened using calcium carbide, a toxic substance that contains traces of arsenic and phosphorus.

Consumption of artificially ripened mangoes could lead to mood swings, sleepiness, headaches, dizziness, confusion, seizures, mouth ulcers, and tingling in hands and feet.

So only choose mangoes that have been naturally ripened.

### 1000 Street Sweepers Get Free Medical Checks In Lagos



Sweepers

he Lagos Waste Speaking at the event, Authority (LAWMA) has organised a free medical screening for over 1000 Sanitation Workers (Street Sweepers) at the Governor Babajide Authority's Headquarters, Ijora administration to Olopa.

Management the Acting Managing Director of LAWMA, Mr. Kunle Adebiyi noted that the exercise was a testament to the commitment of Sanwo-Olu's prioritise the wellness

of LAWMA Sweepers. He said, "Your well-being is our priority. Whatever happens to your

health will affect us in one way or the other. Therefore, we don't want any ill health to befall you. Today, your blood pressure, sugar level, urine and eye as well as hepatitis will be checked for proper diagnosis. The aim of this is to manage the health of our workers and detect early health issues.

"Our sweepers are our heroes, we need to take good care of them. We have over 16,000 of them who keep Lagos clean every day. We aim to ensure we capture that all of them participate in this screening exercise and there will be followups. Some will be recommended for further consultation; Some will be for

referral while others will be given medications. All of these are to ensure their health is properly managed. We

appreciate the Governor for his consistent support", he added.

The Medical Director of LAWMA, Dr. (Mrs.) Modupe Okoh noted that the medical screening exercise was a demonstration of the state's commitment to the welfare of LAWMA's workforce, adding that early detection of diseases would go a long way in helping to manage the health of sweepers who work tirelessly on our roads.

of the One beneficiaries, Nafisat Rahman, appreciated the state

government for the medical checks, saying "We do spend a lot on

hospital bills, but this kind of initiative, will reduce expenses and we will be more aware of our health status. I want them to continue with this kind of exercise".

Another beneficiary, Godwin Imeh, said the medical screening exercise

was a nice initiative. He encouraged the Authorities to continue to prioritise the welfare of sweepers.

In attendance at the event were members of LAWMA's management staff.

The medical outreach for LAWMA's sanitation workers is a continuous exercise, with sweepers in other districts in the state set to benefit from the health screening exercise.

### Lagos Wastewater Management: SWADAN Pledges To Adopt Advanced Method sector of the State and



Dislodgers Association of Nigeria cooperate with the (SWADAN) has State Government pledged to adopt towards an improved advanced method of sanitation at a meeting managing the effluents with Lagos State Water in Lagos.

SWADAN Chief 'Tunde (LASWARCO)

he Sewage and Afowedu, expressed Wastewater the readiness of the Association to Regulatory The President of Commission He said, "We agree that the business of sewage management has advanced, we are eager to improve, we will escalate enlightenment received to our members and adopt new methods".

Addressing members of

Secretary of LASWARCO, Mrs 'Funke Adepoju said the dynamics of sewage meeting was conceived to reiterate the powers of Commission to regulate all water and wastewater activities in the public and private

to find common grounds to achieve the sanitation objectives of the State which has become expedient in view of the Sustainable Development Goal 6:2 tailored to achieve access to adequate and equitable sanitation in Lagos.

She emphasised that the stakeholders' engagement has become essential to ensure that structures are set regarding standards, licensing, guidelines, tariffs, coverage area and other regulatory provisions to achieve citywide Inclusive Sanitation.

SWADAN, the Executive She said, "This partnership is most essential because the disposal and treatment has advanced worldwide. Lagos State cannot be left behind.

> Thus the state Wastewater Management Office as

the service provider is poised to improve the methods used".

Adepoju further said there is a need to know specific indices, duration, volume evacuated, areas covered and transport for a robust database that can be used to upscale and transform the sector".

Also speaking, Engr. Adebola Matanmi, General Manager of the Lagos State Wastewater Management Office (LASWMO), who was represented by the Director, Policy, Planning and Programmes, Mr. Ayodeji Awolesi opined that collaboration is the new efficiency.

The General Manager said, "We have seen how sewage management has improved the world over using ecologically safe systems, regulation is the way forward for the sector".

### Badagry Traditional Ruler Gets Govt's Approval To Establish School

By Saheed Afolabi

he Lagos State Government has approved the establishment of Apa Secondary School in Badagry West Local Council Development Area.

The government through the Ministry of Education has also approved the enrolment of new students for the year 2023-2024 session to ensure the school commences a new term

The school, Apa Grammer School, was facilitated by HRM Oba Oyekan Adekanmi



The King of Egun-Awori kingdom, Oba Dr Oyekan Adesanmi Ajose

Ilufemiloye Ajose Posii III, the Alapa of Apa Kingdom who showed concern about how students from his area walked miles before they could have access to secondary education.

The king personally constructed blocks of classroom with community effort

and philanthropists who the community do not want their names especially in the area of disclosed also did the education, while

education and the secondary education for development of the Apa community has been highly commended by residents of the area.

approval would bring community.

while a few indigenes more development to relieving them of the Alapa's passion for stress of getting their children.

It was said that the new development would also reduce our of The residents said the schoolchildren in the

### Iba LCDA Staff Seeks Newly Deployed CM's Intervention On Their Challenges

By Saheed Afolabi





Iba LCDA newly deployed Council Manager, Babalola

ba LCDA Staff Seeks Newly Deployed Their Challenges

By Edith Igbokwe

Local Council Development Area (LCDA) have tendered their challenges to the newly deployed Council Manager (CM), Olufemi Babalola as he made an official familiarisation Secretariat.

The staff members presented their CM's Intervention On challenges to the new CM to seek his intervention to get Departments in Iba solutions from the council chairman. They made this known while the CM was being introduced to them in their various departments.

Each of the departments tendered tour to offices within the its challenges that might slow down work if not attended to.

He appreciated their efforts and promised to appeal to the council chairman, Hon. YISA Jubril to look into their challenges.

He enjoined Human Resources Officer (HRO) Mr. Taiwo Quadri to have an attendant register for the staff as he will not condone lateness to office and abuse of privileges.

### Lawmaker Calls LAHA Attention To Multiple Checkpoints On Badagry Expressway

By Saheed Afolabi

A member of the Lagos State House of Assembly (LAHA), representing Badagry Constituency I, Hon. Solomon Saanu Bonu, has tabled the grudge of his constituents about multiple checkpoints along the Lagos-Badagry Expressway before the House.

According to him, the commuters on the route have continued to lament as he sought the intervention of the

House on the matter. Bonu, a lecturer cum politician, called on the House and other relevant authorities to checkmate the presence and excesses of different security personnel, especially

operatives mounting roadblocks on the Lagos-Badagry Expressway from Agbara to Seme Border.

The Speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Mudashiru Obasa has led the renewed call for the establishment of State police, saying the approval would assist in stemming the spate of insecurity in the country.

While adding his quota on the floor of the House, the newly inaugurated member, Bonu, added his voice and called on relevant authorities to checkmate the excesses of the security personnel. Bonu stated that the uncoordinated operations of these law enforcement officers usually discourage some

tourists from visiting the State. This, according to him, will affect the economic activities of not only Badagry but the State as a whole.

He implored the leadership of the Nigeria Police Force to put measures in place to regain public confidence in the ability of the police to ensure adequate security of all citizens without trampling on the fundamental human rights of Nigerians as enshrined in the Constitution.

Recalling some of the latest happenings in and around Lagos in terms of security, the House noted that there is a need to call on the 10th National Assembly to see it as a matter of urgency to make the issue of State Policing a major factor of development.



Hon Solomon Saanu Bonu, representing Badagry federal constituency in the LagosState House of Assembly.

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# Lagos Govt Trains About 4000 Youths In Film Production, To Incorporate PWDs



agos State graduation ceremony 950 youths in film partnership initiative production from its between Ebonylife sponsored training programme for young the Lagos State creative minds across the State.

The Permanent represented by the Secretary, Ministry of Director of Admin and Tourism, Arts and Human Resource, Ms. Culture, Mrs. Toyin Ogunlana at the Oluwatoyin Atekoja graduation ceremony

Government has for another set of so far trained 3, creative trainees under a Creative Academy and Government.

Atekoja, who was made the disclosure at the held at EbonyLife Place Victoria Island,

informed that the 3,950 trainees were jointly trained by four creative academies namely Delyork Academy, AMA, Ogidi Creatives and EbonyLife Academy.

The Permanent Secretary affirmed that the impact of the training programme which was instituted under the present administration had been positive, judging by the testimonials of several beneficiaries that were

past trainees under the Lagos Creative Industry Initiatives (LACI).

She informed the gathering that, in line with the T.H.E.M.E.S PLUS agenda of Governor Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu, the training programme will henceforth ensure a balance in the numbers of beneficiaries admitted into the various creative fields as trainees under the government sponsored training programme, stressing that equal opportunities and considerations would be given to gender equality.

She also added that a window of opportunity is now also open to Persons With Disabilities (PWDs) to benefit from the various capacity enhancement programmes being offered under the

arrangement between Ebonylife and the Lagos State Government.

"The Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture is already working with Lagos State Office of Disability Affairs (LASODA) to incorporate this category of persons as beneficiaries of this training", she stated. tekoja also seized the

opportunity of the graduation ceremony to acknowledge the resilience and courage displayed by the trainees from inception of the rigorous training to the

graduands not to rest on their oars but to strive and break even in their various areas of focus, saying "Do not deviate from your dream of changing the narratives in the creative sector, keep making efforts to be better than what you are presently and I can assure you that the sky will just be your starting point".

The Head of School for EbonyLife Creatives Academy, Drilkus Volschenk appreciated the Lagos State Government for investing in the future of the youth through c a p a c i t y enhancement.Volschenk said that EbonyLife Academy had impacted the lives of the beneficiaries positively and equipped them with the skills they need to break even in the creative sector.

She, therefore, urged the He advised the youth beneficiaries to be determined to make the State Government's investment worthwhile through self-development and by continuously seeking for more knowledge in their various fields of endeavour.

# Building Collapse: Lagos Comes Up With Accreditor and Structural Integrity Programmes



n its effort to curb incident of building collapse in Lagos, the state government is set to implement a new initiative tagged the Certified Accreditor Programme and the Certificate of Structural Integrity Programme The Permanent

Secretary, Ministry of

Physical Planning and Urban Development, Engr. Oluwole Sotire made this known during a stakeholders' meeting with professionals in the built environment at the MUSON Centre, Onikan.

According to him, the

new initiatives were designed to hasten the building approval process, curb building collapse and enhance service delivery in the built environment are about to come on board.

Sotire stated that the state government had

participatory approach Building Control in coming up with these Agency (LASBCA) Arc. initiatives as the Gbolahan Oki urged engagement with professionals in the professionals in the built built environment to environment was embrace the initiatives coming on the heels of as a collaborative similar meetings with measure to broaden leaders of the participation and professional bodies and protect the sanctity of other stakeholders.

confidence that the He added that both involvement of private professionals and the professionals in building entire state had a lot to approval and regulatory gain from taking process would birth a ownership of the new dawn of efficiency, initiatives, among and relegate building which is instilling collapse to the confidence in the background while system and enhancing projecting Lagos as a the sustainability of the centre of excellence and built environment. a trailblazer.

Earlier, the General

embraced the Manager, Lagos State the built environment He expressed sector of Lagos State.

Others who spoke at the event include the General Manager,

Lagos State Physical Planning Permit Authority (LASPPPA) Tpl. Kehinde Osinaike; former Senior Special Assistant to the Commissioner on Physical Planning, Arc. Dokun Roberts and the Consultant to the Ministry on CAP, Engr. Aileme Unuigbe.

The event was also graced by former Permanent Secretaries; the General Manager, Lagos State Urban Renewal Agency (LASURA) Tpl. Ajibike Shomade and other functionaries of the Ministry of Physical Planning and Urban Development as well as professionals in the seven professions in the built environment.

# FIFA WWC: Ireland Boss Certain Bonus Row Won't Affect Super Falcons



Super Falcons players jubilating a goal scored at the last Women Africa Cup of Nations (WAFCON) in Morocco

### Ogenyi Onazi Joins Hong Kong Club Side

By Saheed Afolabi

ong Kong topflight side, Kitchee SC has completely the signing of former Nigeria international, Ogenyi Onazi on a free transfer. Kitchee SC unveiled Onazi with three other players on Wednesday, July 12.

Onazi's energy and passing accuracy were key to his move to the

Hong Kong move as the head coach, Alex Chu was impressed with the midfielder's abilities.

The former Super Eagles midfielder saw his career blossom in Lazio as he played 76 matches across four seasons, scoring four goals.

The combative midfielder joined Kitchee SC. from Bahrain side, East Riffa. Founded in 1931, The Bluebirds are the defending champions of the Hong Kong Premier League and have won the title four times in their history.

The club also made history as they became the first side from Hong Kong to reach the knockout stage of the AFC Champions League.



epublic of Ireland coach. Vera Pauw is certain the bonus row involving the Super Falcons and the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) won't affect the players' performance when they meet at the World Cup.

The relationship between the Nigeria Football Federation (NFF) and the Super Falcons got estranged as they clash over bonuses to be received at the World Cup.

Pauw expects the

Falcons to be at their full swing against them and feels the bonus row won't affect them. The former South Africa coach said the players are used to it,

urging them to fight strongly for their rights. "They are our third game so they'll be in full swing and I don't think it affects them. I've coached in South Africa and, these issues are quite common.

"It doesn't influence the players on the pitch at all. They are so used to these issues that

they have to fight for themselves. So well done to them I will say.

"I don't think when they go on the pitch, they will be influenced by that. Especially not the professionals from England, this is part of their daily life.

"They don't want it but I don't think it will influence them."

The Ireland team had already sorted their bonus right with the Football Association of Ireland (FAI) apart from the \$30,000 to be received by the players from FIFA.

### Rangers Manager Expresses Satisfaction Over Signing Of Leon Balogun

By Saheed Afolabi



#### The unveiling of Leon Balogun at Rangers

angers Boss, Balogun's abilities to satisfaction over the leadership qualities signing of Nigeria will be of great defender, Leon Balogun advantage to the club.

defender, Balogun as a footballer and a returned to the club on a man. one-year deal after the "He is extremely wellexpiration of his liked by everyone contract at English inside the club, and we Championship side, are very happy to have Queens Park Rangers someone with his (QPR).

revealed that he has joining our squad. absolute trust in

Michael Beale deliver for the club, has expressed adding that his

"Leon is a person that I The Super Eagles have full trust in both

experience and The delighted Beale leadership qualities re-Naturally, he will integrate back into the

club very quickly and he understands fully our way of working and style of play.

"As a free agent, we were able to move quickly so that he could join us here in Germany. It was really nice to see the reception he received from the players and staff on joining us here at the camp."

The 35-year-old Balogun won the Scottish Premiership and Scottish Cup during his first stint at the club from 2020-2022.



### NWFL Championship: How Dannaz Ladies Qualified For NWFL Premiership

By Saheed Afolabi

annaz Ladies made history as they gained promotion to the Nigeria Women Football League (NWFL) Premiership in their fifth year of existence.

The club, based in Ikeja, Lagos will be playing against the big guns when the NWFL Premiership 2023/2023 starts later this year.

The Cedars were grouped in Group A of the 2022/2023 Championship season alongside Dreamstars Ladies, Pelican Stars, Ekiti Queens, Moje Queens, and Kwara Ladies.

Dannaz Ladies defeated Kwara Ladies 2-1 to start their ambition on a good note.

Facing another Kwara based side, The Cedars needed just a

lone goal victory to stay on track.

In match day three, Dannaz Ladies were stunned as Pelican Stars ran away with a 1-O victory leaving their promotional hopes hanging by the wire.

The loss against Pelican Stars brought out the best in Dannaz Ladies as they ran riot in their next game against Ekiti Queens by emphatically thrashing them 3-0.



Dannaz Ladies of Lagos after sealing promotion to the NWFL Premiership after the Championship Playoffs at Remo Stars stadium, Ikenne

The victory propelled the Cedars to the top of the NWFL Championship group A on the same points as Pelican Stars, and

Ekiti Queens, meaning they needed to win their last game by a wide goal margin to secure the Ione Premiership ticket in the group.

Dannaz Ladies came out blazing high in their last game as they walloped Dreamstars Ladies 3-1 to clinch the NWFL Premiership slot.

### Exceptional Talents Abound in NWFL Championship - Olowookere

By Saheed Afolabi



Olowokere

he Chief Coach of Nigeria U17 women's side, Bankole Olowookere has expressed excitement over the number of exceptionally talented players he saw at the just concluded Nigeria Women Football League (NWFL) Championship.

Coach Olowookere made history with the Flamingos as he took them to a third-place finish at the last U17 FIFA Women's World Cup in India.

The experienced gaffer lauded the NWFL for organizing a top-notch Championship where the best sides qualified for the NWFL Premiership.

Olowookere said he was astonished by the talented players at the

Championship as he was glad he experienced the tournament himself.

"The NWFL Championship is a well-organized tournament, kudos to the organizers and it shows we have a lot of talents in Nigeria, the two teams that qualify give good accounts of themselves," he said.

"Honesty, if I have not been around here I would have been pained, it wouldn't be nice if I was given a second-hand story, thank God I came here and I saw wonderful talents, I tell you as we are progressing, these talents are good and bound around which we can pick some exceptional one and the one we are going to

work on as well.

"I and my other technical team still have some work to do on them to make sure they are ready for the national assignment, Nigerians are expecting more from me and they are expecting to do Nwokocha tested more than what we have done in the past. This is why I came around to select the right players to begin to work on them before time."

The Flamingos are expected to start their campaign to qualify for the FIFA U17 Women's World Cup in the first quarter of 2024.

Dominican Republic has been scheduled to host the next U17 Women's World Cup in 2024.

### Doping Test: Commonwealth Games Strips Amusan, Others Of Gold Medals

By Saheed Afolabi

Commonwealth G a m e s Federation has stripped Nigeria of the gold medal it won at the women's  $4 \times 100$ meters event at Birmingham 2022.

This came as a rude shock as the quartet of Tobi Amusan, Favour Ofili, Rosemary Chukwuma, and Grace Nwokocha have been stripped of the gold medal they won in the relay race after positive for a banned

substance.

In an official statement released by the Commonwealth Games Federation, it was announced that Nwokocha had used the Ostarine and Dihydroxy-LGD-4033, a metabolite of Ligandrol that has been banned from usage by athletes.

"The Commonwealth Games Federation Court has delivered its judgment concerning an in-competition sample provided by Ms. Nwokocha, who showcased her Athletics at the

Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games,' stated the official statement.

"The analysis of the sample revealed an Adverse Analytical Finding (AAF) for Ostarine and Dihydroxy-LGD-4033, a metabolite of Ligandrol. Both substances are classified as non-Specified Substances falling under the Other Anabolic Agents category, as specified in the WADA 2022 Prohibited List.

"As a consequence, all of Ms. Nwokocha's results in the following events have been unequivocally exceptional talent in disqualified, resulting in the forfeiture of any points and prizes: Athletics -Women's 100m, Athletics

- Women's 200m, Athletics - Women's 4x100m Relay, including the team's forfeiture of the gold medal."

Following the decision by the Commonwealth Games Federation, England who originally took second will come in place to take the gold medal, while Jamaica will step up from third to the silver spot and finish fourth before Australia will now take the bronze medal place.



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8x5 inches	49,000	8x5 inches	39,200
9x2 inches	22,000	9x2 inches	17,600
9x3 inches	33,000	9x3 inches	26,400
9x4 inches	44,000	9x4 inches	35,200
9x5 inches	66,000	9x5 inches	52,800
9x6 inches	80,000	9x6 inches	64,000
10x3 inches	37,000	10x3 inches	29,600
10x4 inches	49,000	10x4 inches	39,200
10x5 inches	77,000	10x5 inches	61,600
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11x6 inches	97,000	11x6 inches	77,600
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### Urges Residents To Plant Tree Abila

By Edith Igbokwe

he Chairman, Iba Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Yisa Jubril (Abila) has awakened the conscience of the residents with a great reminder of the essence of tree planting as the council marked the 2023 tree planting programme. The event is a yearly exercise in compliance

with the Lagos State Government directive as they celebrated the Year 2023 Tree Planting Campaign Day with the theme: "Let's Green Our City."

Abila noted the importance of protecting the environment through tree planting and other activities to reduce the unfavorable impact of climate change.

He stated that a green city is achievable through continuous tree

Iba LCDA Commissions Public

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planting, establishment of parks and gardens, and putting a stop to illegal pruning and felling of

"We will continue to campaign to the public that trees are a vital part of our natural environment and our immense contributor to human life, to provide shade, to produce oxygen, and purify the air that we breathe in by removing harmful particles from the atmosphere."

The event was capped with tree planting in the council area to protect the environment.

It was graced by representatives of Oba Sulaimon Adeshina Raji-Ashade (Oniba of Iba), High Chief Hassan Wahab Agbera, while the Chairman Council of Baales in Ojo Federal Constituency led other Baales to the event.

The market men and women were led by Alh. Fatai Raheem, the Baba-Oja, Iba LCDA, and the representatives of the

Iyaloja, Mrs. Folashade Ogidigbo.

The NIREC representatives were also led by the members of the League of Imams, Iba LCDA, Imam Sufiyullah Yekeen (Chief Imam Isashi), and Imam Muftaudeen Adenopo.

### Isokan, Abanise CDAs Applaud Iba Council Boss' Effort On Community

By Edith Igbokwe



Presentation of project fund support to Iba CDAs

fund.

sokan and Abanise Community Development Associations (CDAs), Iba Local Council Development Area (LCDA) have appreciated the Council Chairman, Hon. Yisa Jubril for the project support fund and their canal clearing intervention.

The project support fund by the chairman was presented by the HOD Environment, Mrs. M.O. Adeoye.

The communities were led by the Isokan CDA Chairman, Alh. Opomulero Shehu, with others such as Peter Abioye, Alh. Issa Ajao and the former Chairman of Abanise (CDA), Pastor Collins Ibekwe to receive the

The canal clearing in the environment was duly supervised by the Supervisor for Environment, Hon. Hassan Mustapha, Councillor Ward A, who doubles as the Chairman of the House Committee on Environment, Hon. Ododo Kabir, and HOD Environment Mrs. M. O. Adeoye.

The drainage links the canal between Abanise a n d Isokan communities.

The exercise was attracted by the influence of the former Supervisor for Health. Iba LCDA, Hon. Usman Ahmed who is a notable member of the Community Association.

The Supervisor for Environment, Hon. Hassan Mustapha, and the Chairman, House Committee on Environment, Hon. Ododo Kabir advised the Community Associations to write a formal letter to the council concerning drainage clearing.

Mustapha noted that drainage clearing is one of the responsibilities of the council and that it is a major concern of the community which needs the proper attention of the council for a sustainable and habitable environment for the residents.

#### defecation in the local council area, Iba LCDA commissioned a new public toilet at Igbo Elerin junction of the Badagry express road.

By Edith Igbokwe

s part of an effort

to end open

Hon. Hassan Mustapha, in the company of the HoD Environment and health officers, commissioned the toilet during the weekend.

The project which lasted for six months was eventually commissioned for use as the council chairman, Hon. Yisa Jubril (Abila) promised to reface and

make a great and suitable environment for the inhabitants of Iba LCDA.

The project, which was constructed by Mawiyyah Investment Company, has been completed and commissioned by Supervisor for Environment, Hon. Hassan Mustapha (Hajj LaLa), and others in attendance including the Supervisor for Health. Hon. Ajanaku Saheed, the Councillor for Ward B & Majority Leader of the House, Hon Ibrahim Bakare, Amb. Tijani Saheed, Chief

Press Secretary to the Chairman, the HoD Environment, Mrs. Adeoye M. O.

"The people of Igbo Elerin junction and the inhabitants of Iba LCDA and those who have their route around this axis should please use this edifice judiciously and not mess the road and environment up with excretion," Mustapha advised the residents during the commissioning while enjoining the management of the edifice to maintain cleanliness and high level of hygiene..

### Driver Bags Life Imprisonment for Raping Employer's Granddaughter

By Nurudeen Adebayo

n Ikeja Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence court has sentenced Folarin Rauf, a 56-year-old driver, to life imprisonment for raping his employer's five-year-old granddaughter in Lagos. Abiola Soladove, the judge, convicted Rauf of defilement.

In November 2021, the driver was arraigned on a one-count charge of defilement but pleaded not guilty.

During the trial, the prosecution team called the victim and three other witnesses to testify before the

The defence team only presented the defendant as the witness.

The victim had told the court that Rauf raped her on several occasions in the

room and inside a Jeep. In her ruling, Soladoye corroborated the said the prosecution was able to prove that the defendant raped the victim, who is a minor.

The judge described the action of the defendant as "nasty and devoid of character", adding that grandfather before it he compensated his was reported to the employer with the authorities. defilement of their granddaughter.

"The prosecution has satisfied the three

grandfather's living ingredients and the evidence of the victim evidence of the other witnesses," Soladoye

> "The testimony of the victim was well corroborated by the mother and

"The defence in their written address urged the court to discharge the defendant as there was no evidence against him.

The conduct of the defendant is nastv. devoid of character, reckless and his own way of saying thank you to his employer was to defile his granddaughter."

Reacting to the ruling, the Lagos State Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (DSVA), in a statement, said the convict's name will be added to the sexual offenders register list.

The agency said justice has been served on the crime committed by the convict.

"The sentence passed by Justice Abiola Soladoye represents a significant victory in the fight against sexual offences and domestic violence, and serves as a warning to perpetrators that justice will always be served," the agency said.

# Ejigbo Council Boss, Obe Receives Daaru Naim Award of Excellence

By Nurudeen Adebayo

gain, the Chairman of Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Alhaji Monsurudeen Bello Obe, has been honoured with Award of Excellence by Daaru Naim International School, Isheri-Olofin.

The award, according to the School, is in recognition of the "chairman's support, dedicated commitment, and significant contribution towards the progress of the school."

The school's Administrative Officer, Mr. Wasiu Taiwo, who

presented the award on behalf of the Proprietor, Sheikh Imran Abdulmajeed Eleha, to the council boss in his office at the council secretariat, said the award is deserving.

The School Principal, Mr. Taoheed Salahudeen, declared that the council boss, whose daughter graduated from Daaru Naim School, has constantly supported the citadel of learning morally and financially.

He noted that his tremendous contributions have also helped to achieve

the school's aims and objectives, "hence he is worthy of appreciation and honour."

Also speaking, the School coordinator, Mallam Abdulrazak Akanbi, appreciated the council boss for always finding time within his busy schedule to visit the school whenever the need arose, saying Obe is worthy of emulation.

While receiving the award, the chairman appreciated the proprietor of Daaru Naim School and the entire Management Team, for instilling in his children and other students, standard Islamic, Western, and



Hon Obe receiving the award

Moral education.

He further explained that it was after attending his first conference in the school many years back that he decided to enroll his children there and that he has been getting value for his money.

Meanwhile, Obe charged all public officers either elected, appointed, or employed to put in their best and ensure

service to humanity, saying "This is the only way to uphold the people's trust and receive blessings from the Creator."

In attendance at the award presentation were the Vice Chairman, Mr. Ayodele Ayodeji, the Council Manager, Mr. Olusegun Ajaguna, and some members of the Executive and Management Teams of the Local Council.

Also present were the

2023 Tree Planting Day: Ejigbo Lays Example,

Plants Trees Along Ifoshi Road

Co-ordinator of Daaru Naim International School, Mallam Abdulrazak Akanbi, the Principal, Mr. Taoheed Salahudeen, the Administrative Officer, Mr. Wasiu Taiwo, the Headteacher - Mrs. Fatimah Wahab, the Head of Language and Humanity, Mr. Kabir Afolabi, and a primary school pupil, Sulaiman Taqwa.

### Planting: Itire Ikate LCDA Boss Urges Community To Desist From Burning Refuse

By Saheed Afolabi

n commemoration of the year 2023 Tree Planting Day, the Chairman of Itire-Ikate LCDA, Hon. (Dr.) Ahmed Olanrewaju Apatira has urged the residents of the council area to plant trees for a sustainable environment, adding that planting trees would ensure a healthy and beautiful environment for residents.

The council boss made this call during the celebration of the Year 2023 Tree Planting Day on Friday in the council

While speaking at the event which was tagged 'Lets Green our City', the council boss who was represented by the council leader, Hon. Hammed Oladipupo Idris said: "The wrongdoings in the environment have become worrisome issues and the local government is getting increasingly concerned.

"It has, therefore, become expedient that everyone must join the current face of environmental regeneration.

"Please join the crusade to sustain a healthy environment for future



The chairman of Itire Ikate LCDA, Hon Ahmed Olanrewaju Apatira at the tree planting excercise

generations by beautifying and enhancing the aesthetics of your and the tenements environment.

"Residents should clear tertiary drains in front of their tenements and desist from dumping refuse into the drainage channels and water bodies.

"They should desist from indiscriminate burning of refuse and plant trees at every given opportunity."

Apatira then reiterated that his government is committed to the treeplanting campaign, hence people should continue to embrace its

noble objectives.

On his part, Hon. Folu Aofolajuwonlo, the Supervisor for Environment, thanked the people for gracing the occasion and prayed for more participation in the subsequent edition of the annual event.

Present at the event were the Surulere APC Apex Leader, Chief. D. O. Adenekan, Itire-Ikate APC LGA Chairman, Alhaji Safariyu Ayinde K u s h i m o , A P C Chieftain, Chief Fadoju, representatives of the CDC, SLG, Hon. Kehinde Baruwa, Councilors, and culverts, a management staffs laying, amongst others.

By Nurudeen Adebayo

jigbo LCDA has furnished its participation in the Year 2023 Tree Planting Campaign Day by planting trees along the newly constructed Ifoshi Road.

According to the council, the exercise is an effort to protect the environment and harmonise with nature.

It was held in celebration of the Year 2023 Tree Planting Campaign Day with the theme "Let's Green Our City".

It was gathered that the tree was planted to form the newly constructed road.

Ifoshi Road has just been reconstructed by the Local Council. The reconstruction which covers drainages, culverts, asphalt a n d

interlocking of the road, is almost at a complete stage. Speaking at the event, the Council Chairman, Alh. Monsurudeen Bello (Obe), encouraged everyone to plant and nurture trees, not just for beautification purposes, but also to ensure t h e sustainability of life, through the oxygen which is released into the environment by the trees.

The chairman was represented by the Vice Chairman, Hon. Ayodele Ayodeji, who delivered the speech and planted a tree on his behalf.

On her part, the Head of the Environmental Services Department, San. Temitayo Salami encouraged everyone to plant trees any day, any time, to make the environment more conducive and healthy to live in.

She further pointed out that it is against the law to fell (cut) a tree without due permission from the Lagos State Parks and Garden Agency (LASPARK).

She disclosed that the type of trees planted were specially selected so that the root does not eventually destroy the b u i l d i n g / r o a d construction in the long

The trees were planted at Ifoshi Road, by the representative of the Council Chairman and the other members of the Executive Team, the Council Leader and members of the Legislative Team, the Council Treasurer, H.R.O and some members of the Management Team, the wife of the APC Party Leader, Youth Leader, e.t.c.

The Tree Planting Campaign Day has been celebrated annually in Lagos State, for over a decade, on July 14.

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### Kosofe Residents Demand Urgent Completion of Demurin Road

By Nurudeen Adebayo

esidents of the Kosofe area have demanded the immediate completion of the longawaited Demurin Road under the Agboyi-Ketu Local Council Development Area.

The road construction, which commenced in 2020, has faced numerous delays, causing significant hardship for businesses, road users,

motorists, and commuters.

The Demurin, Agidi, and Church road construction projects were awarded last year, with completion expected within 9 to 12 months.

However, the prolonged delay has prompted an outcry from concerned residents, who have taken to social media to express their frustrations.

Sharing an image depicting the current state of Demurin Road, Tracka an organization in charge of monitoring construction initiated road rehabilitation, posted on the tweeter and the tweet reads: "This is the current state of Demurin, Ketu, Kosofe LGA, for your living on Demurin urgent attention."

One resident, Tholu Olamipo through a

directly addressed the

governor, saying, "Dear Governor, the entire Demurin Street, Ketu, which had its road in July 2020, has become an abandoned project since last year. The entire road is now a death trap for people Street. Kindly complete this road project ASAP!"

Mudashiru Ismaila, a resident, echoing the concerns of many, emphasised the need for prompt action on the road.

He stated: "Sincerely. this road needs adequate attention. Moreover, several roads in Ikosi-Isheri require the same level of attention, not just for the short term but with a focus on sustainable development that will withstand the test of time. The affected areas include Anibaba, Olarenwaju, Sarumi,

Despite the outcry from residents and Tracka's call for action, the lawmaker representing Kosofe constituency II at the Lagos State House of Assembly, Hon. Femi Saheed has yet to respond to messages seeking information on the steps he has taken to draw the attention of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu and the contractor responsible for

the project to the

concerns of his

constituents.

and Church Avenue."

### Federal Medical Centre Bill for Kosofe Passes 1st Reading At House Of Reps

By Nurudeen Adebayo

he member, House of Representatives in Shomolu Federal Constituency, Hon. Ademorin Kuye, has sponsored several significant Bills, including the Federal Medical Centre Bill for Kosofe, which has successfully passed the first reading at the House Representatives.

This was disclosed by the lawmaker who shared the news on his Twitter account.

In his tweet, Kuye announced: "My sponsored Bills passed through the 1st Reading today @HouseNGR, namely; 1) Fed. Medical Centre Kosofe, (Estb) Bill. HB 53 2. Fed. Medical Centre Alimosho (Estb) Bill. HB 53. 3. Nat. infrastructure Mgmt Maintenance Agency Bill. HB 55, and 4. Nat. Agency for Control of Cancer (Estb) Bill."

The proposed Bills cover various crucial areas including the establishment of Federal Medical Centres in Kosofe and Alimosho as well as the creation of the National Infrastructure Management Maintenance Agency and National Agency for Control of Cancer.

While the specific details of the Bills have not been disclosed to the public at this time, their introduction marks



Hon.Kuye

an important step towards addressing pressing healthcare and infrastructure needs in the region.

The Federal Medical Centre Bill for Kosofe has drawn particular attention as it aims to establish comprehensive medical facility that will cater to the healthcare needs of the local community.

This development is expected to enhance accessibility to quality healthcare services and provide specialized treatments to residents in Kosofe and its surrounding

Additionally, the proposed creation of the Federal Medical

Centre in Alimosho indicates commitment to expanding healthcare infrastructure and services across Lagos State, benefiting a larger population.

The National Infrastructure Management Maintenance Agency Bill and the National Agency for Control of Cancer Bill demonstrate Hon. Ademorin Kuye's dedication to addressing critical issues beyond healthcare. These bills suggest a proactive approach to improving infrastructure management and combating the prevalence of cancer in the country.

### Abduction: Court acquits bricklayer

By Nurudeen Adebayo

odspower Iporu, a bricklayer, 🖊 who was alleged and charged with abduction and defilement of his neighbour's 12-yearold daughter, has been discharged and acquitted by Ikeja Sexual Offences and Domestic Violence court.

Justice Abiola Soladoye held that the prosecution failed to establish the two-count charge of defilement of a child and abduction from the custody of parents against Mr. lporu.

Soladoye said the prosecution - Lagos State Government failed to present the alleged survivor, who should be the star witness, to testify against the defendant. According to her, the alleged survivor ought to be in court to testify.

She said: "All the evidence adduced before this court, both oral and document, no matter how beautifully presented, cannot lead to the conviction of the defendant in the absence of the star witness to testify as to whether or not she was abducted from the custody of her parents.

"Evidence of the survivor, in this case, is very crucial as her evidence would have corroborated the testimonies of other prosecution witnesses. "The defendant is not found guilty of the twocount charge, and he is

The judge said there was a need for survivors to be encouraged to come forward and testify before the court.

hereby discharged and

acquitted."

"They must be encouraged, by being physically present, to give accounts of their encounters in the hands of their assailants, so that the court can listen attentively.

"All the stakeholders in the administration of justice, particularly the police, counsel at the Ministry of Justice, and private practices should speak to their clients to present themselves in court, otherwise, a case of this nature will be a colossal waste of time," she said.

Lagos State Government had alleged that Mr. Iporu abducted the alleged survivor from his parents for three days and sexually defiled her.

The alleged offenses contravene Sections 137 and 269 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State,







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### Mushin LG Commences Rehabilitation Of Major Roads

By Saheed Afolabi

ushin Local Government commenced another round of road rehabilitation across the communities with desiltation of drains and

filling of bad portions of Isolo road junction, to relieve motorists, in preparation for a permanent solution to the affected roads.

The exercise commenced with the evacuation of drains at the Omodigbo junction of Palm Avenue, to pave the way for the reconstruction of the concrete slab into the entrance of Omodigbo Street via Palm Avenue.

In the same vein, the team led by Supervisor



Portion of roads under rehabilitation at Mushin LG

for Works and Infrastructure, Hon. Funmi Peters, carried out palliative works at the Isolo road junction of Agege motor road in Mushin, pending the time of final repair from

the appropriate authorities.

The team also had the Councillor of Ward A, Hon. Hakeem Mustapha at the site with the Supervisor for Special Duties, Special Advisers, members of Lagos Neighbourhood Safety Corps, and officers from the Olosan Division of Nigeria Police, led by the DPO, Supol Garba Oseni.

### Coker Aguda LCDA Brings Flood Relief To Residents

By Saheed Afolabi

he Chairman of Coker Aguda LCDA, Hon. Rasag Olamilekan has desilted the community canal to avoid flooding in the rainy season.

The canal is said to have been causing menace and flood to the residents of Orile Iganmu, meanwhile, the council boss said he has decided to ensure the resuscitation of a sanitary environment and eliminate flood issues affecting the people to improve the commercial activities in the community.

Olamilekan who was accompanied by council members, and councilors, was joined by the executive members of Orile Iganmu Community Development Association (CDA) and party faithful to visit the popular Toll Gate section of Opeloyeru Street in Orile Iganmu

where the desiltation commenced.

He said the exercise commenced in the street since residents find it difficult to move from the street to Babs Animashaun road without dipping their legs into the dirty filthy water overflowing from the canal to Opeloyeru Street.

The chairman also visited the blocked exit point of the canal at Doyin Iron Market as he pleaded with residents and marketers to desist from improper waste disposal and encroachment on the canal ways.

"This is necessary to have a decent environment," he stated.

The council boss of Aguda LCDA also visited the recently desilted section of system five canals where the Emergency Flood Abatement Gang (EFAG) of Lagos State

was carting away silt from the shore to avoid falling back into the canal.

Meanwhile, the council boss also promised that the remaining section from Coker Bridge to Alafia Bridge where people were seen crossing the canal without canoes will be completed in the next few days.

The residents of Orile Iganmu, Coker, and Aguda communities who have felt the positive impact of the desilted canal from the Censor area to Coker Bridge, gave a resounding appreciation chorus to the council chairman, saying they no more experience any form of flood after the heavy downpour for the past two days.

They also appreciated the chairman for his continuous effort to ensure the safety of lives, businesses, and properties.

### Bamigboye Gets Tourism Award

By Saheed Afolabi



Associates of Travel Tourism Writers of Nigeria (ATTWN) presented the Tourism Award for Excellence to the Chairman of Mushin LG, Hon Emmanuel Bamigboye

n what was described as an appraisal of performance, support, and promotion of the Tourism sector in his community, through sponsorship of Tourism related activities, the Association of Travel and Tourism Writers Of Nigeria (ATTWON) has awarded Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye for his role in the Support Community-Based Tourism in Lagos.

The Tourism Award of Excellence was presented to the Chairman of Mushin Local Government during the annual award ceremony organised recently by members of the fourth

estate of the realm in the

tourism sector. Representative of the council chairman at the event, Mrs. Ayodamola Kamson-Owolabi (HOD - Tourism, Mushin Local Government), presented the award to Hon. Bamigboye in his office, thanking him for being a pillar and motivation behind the success axchieved by the department which was newly created in all the Lagos Government.

Receiving the award from the head of the Tourism department, Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye, thanked the organisers for recognizing and appreciating his effort

towards nurturing the infant unit into a careerdriven sector. He assured the department of more support for synergy between the state, national, and international tourism agencies that will enhance and promote the Tourism potential of Mushin Local Government.

Also at the presentation held in the chairman's office were, Supervisor 57 LGAs/LCDAs by the for Works & State Infrastructure, Hon. Funmi Peters, Council Manager, Comrade Sogo Osikoya, HOD Works & Infrastructure, Engr. Nojeem Mabadeje, HOD Health & Medical Services, Dr. Kayode Odufuwa, and Mr. Kehinde Babatunde (S. A. on Revenue).



The desilted canal in Coker Aguda LCDA

# Orile Agege LCDA Provides ICT Centres In Primary Schools Benefit ICT Centres

By Edith Igbokwe



ICT Centres in Orile Agege primary schools

rimary schools in Orile Agege Local Council Development Area (LCDA) have been equipped with computers to enhance sound quality education for the pupils.

The equipment was powered by the LCDA chairman, Babatunde Johnson.

According to him, education is one of the administration's focal points, and the

mission is to leave an enduring legacy with the provision of quality education under a conducive environment with appropriate learning tools.

He noted that his passion gave birth to the creation of Information Communication and Technology (ICT) centres in the primary

schools within the LCDA.

Hundreds of computer sets have been delivered and Orile Primary School is one of the first schools to benefit from the venture.

He promised that more computers would be provided to have all the primary schools in Orile Agege LCDA

benefited from the special dividend of democracy.

"The world is a global village already and it's better to catch them young."

He further pledged to be committed to taking children out of the streets and to give hope to the less privileged, which he said has been his driving force.

### I hold No Grudges Against Anyone As I Step Out Of Office - Owolabi

By Edith Igbokwe



Hon. James Owolabi (Omo Iya Elewedu)

he immediate past member of the Federal House of Representatives in Representatives in I fako - I ja i ye Constituency, Hon. James Owolabi (Omo Iya Elewedu) has affirmed that he remains a happy man and bears no grudges against anyone as he offered a thanksgiving service for successful completion of his tenure in office.

The Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), Ifako-Ijaiye LG, and Ojokoro Local Council Development Area (LCDA) chapters under the leadership of Prophet, Olubode Sobukola and Pastor C.G. Coker co-hosted the thanksgiving service. service.

in his short message, the CAN Chairman of Ifako-Ijaiye LGA, Prophet Sobukola, admonished the celebrant to be grateful to God for His numerous blessings over his life.

He urged Owolabi to let go of all grudges he might have held against anyone as thanksgiving entails forgiving and letting go of all ill actions of the past.

Responding, Owolabi said he remains a happy man and bears no grudges against anyone.

He stated that his political sojourn has been from grass to grace and that he has all reasons to give thanks to God Almighty.

"The time has come for me to leave office having done my best in this regard, I seek forgiveness from those whom I might have offended in the course of my representation at the national assembly, lam indeed very sorry.
But for me, I bear no grudges with anyone. I appreciate all the support I enjoyed from CAN, the CDC Ifakoljaiye, and Ojokoro from 2019 to date."

He further stated that He further stated that the collective effort of the associations and that of his party, All Progressives Congress (APC) was the springboard to his becoming a member of the House of Representatives in 2019.

a fulfilled man after successfully facilitating successfully facilitating Federal government presence in Ifako-Ijaiye Federal Constituency through various programmes and projects ranging from skill acquisition, empowerment relief, and intervention, streetlight projects, boreholes for different communities presentation of transformers, road transformers, road rehabilitation and construction amongst

Other facilitated projects he listed include landmark education infrastructure to his constituency through the two newly through the two newly constructed Ultramodern Local Government Model Primary School Obawole in Ifako-Ijaiye and Community Primary School Bioyin in Ojokoro.

He extended his appreciation to notable personalities whose contributions he contributions he acknowledged such as the Speaker of Lagos State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Mudasiru Obasa, the former APC Lagos State Chairman, Alh. Tunde Balogun, Deacon Banjo Omole (APC) Chairman, Ifako-Ijaiye Alh S.A. Adelaja, and a host of others.

this council. This crop of staff and management he Lagos State members are all o c a l wonderful set of Government people.'

> The Permanent Secretary at the Commission, Training and Establishment, Mrs. Bibilomo Olusekun stated that training is essential for self development.

> She urged all officers to ensure that they acquire more training to equip themselves to assume more responsibilities that will move the civil service forward.

> She added that officers should not see deployment as witchhunting but as an act meant to improve productivity and to serve efficiently.

> She advised all members of staff to go

to their duty posts whenever they are redeployed, and that every member of staff should be familiar with the civil service rule particularly, on discipline, appointment, and misconduct among others.

The Council Manager, Dr. Augustine Adekoya while giving the vote of thanks appreciated the commission for deeming it fit to check on staff well-being and welfare. He promised that the staff will not disappoint

The entourage included the Chairman, Local Government Service Commission (LGSC), Commissioners, Permanent Secretaries, and Directors at the statutory visit to Orile Agege (LCDA).

the commission.

### LGSC Gives Orile Agege LCDA Pass Mark On Staff Welfarism

By Edith Igbokwe

Service Commission

(LGSC) has given Orile-

Agege Local Council

Development Area

(LCDA) a pass mark

over the welfare of the

The Commission gave

the commendation

staff members.

during its visit to the local council to inspect the workers and He emphasised that he stepped out of office as ascertain staff's efforts towards moving the council forward. The Service Commissioner, Hakeem Bamgbala, who represented the commission's Chairman, Hon Kamal Bayewu, expressed satisfaction over the outcome of their inspection in the

council.

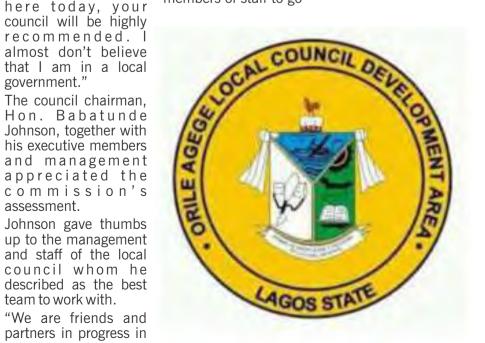
government."

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team to work with.

He commented: "With

what we have seen







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