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# Rainy Season: Govt Sets Strategies In Motion To Abate Perennial Flood

By Abolaji Adebayo

**T**aking steps to avert flooding in flood-prone areas of the state and also in preparation ahead of rainy season, the state government has set strategies in motion to tackle flooding this season with the deployment of over 228 officials of Emergency Flood Abatement Gang (EFAG) deployed to the 57 Local Government Areas (LGs) and Local Council Development Areas (LCDAs), complemented with another 50 drainage attendants under the Tertiary Drains Squad (TDS) recently launched by the state government.

Flood has been one of the major challenges faced by Lagosians; the negative effects of the menace are not bearable as it sometimes leads to death and renders some homeless.

As the rainy season gains momentum in the state, it has become a daily struggle for motorists, commuters and for pedestrians going through most major roads and streets.

This is occasioned by the daily heap of garbage, rain water that cannot go into the drains due to the drain blockage with excess refuse, push and disperse all over, floating and causing flood after every single rain drop.

Despite the efforts by the governments at the state and local levels, the challenge keeps reoccurring.

The major cause of flood is blocked drains and canals across the state, though the government has continued to spend fortunes on the evacuation



of drains and canals yearly. Apart from indiscriminate refuse disposal, pet bottles and single-use plastic constitute major blockage of drains according to one of the Emergency Flood Abatement Gangs, Mr. Adeniyi Dairo.

Dairo, while speaking to ECHONEWS said Lagos State Government is much concerned over the uncontrolled use of plastics and pet bottles by the residents and its negative effect on the environment.

To curb the menace, there are officials of Emergency Flood Abatement Gang (EFAG) in the 57 Local Governments and Local Council Development Areas in the State.

ECHONEWS gathered that there are at least four officials of EFAG in each local council working on the evacuation of drains while the government is expected to employ more hands.

Dairo told ECHONEWS that the state government has procured the needed equipment for the to work.

To complement the effort of

the EFAG, the state government last month created Tertiary Drains Squad (TDS) in each local council.

Speaking, the Special Adviser on Drainage and Water Resources to the governor, Engr. Joe Igbokwe, said the Squad will complement the Emergency Flood Abatement Gang already in existence to ensure that tertiary drains properly discharge into primary and secondary drains.

While urging the Council authorities to think big but start small, he explained that with the employment of 50 drainage attendants that would be paid a minimum of N35,000 monthly, the councils would spend less but achieve more, compared to what they presently spend to clean tertiary drains, adding that there is no straight-jacket approach to implementing the directives of the state government, as each council must adopt the strategy that suits it.

The Special Adviser

reiterated that the stakeholders meeting is one of the proactive measures put in place to have synergy between the State and Local Governments in terms of interdependence as it affects drainage channels. He declared that it's high time that LGs/LCDAs take ownership of tertiary drains to reduce the pressure of desilting and cleaning of the secondary and primary channels, where the State Government has continued to engage human and financial resources.

The Special Adviser commended the enormous efforts of the Emergency Flood Abatement Gangs (EFAG) created by the State Government and deployed to undertake quick fix to free manholes or clogged up tertiary drains across the State.

Permanent Secretary, Office of Drainage Services and Water Resources, Engr Lekan Shodeinde, said the time has come for Local Government Councils to take up their constitutional roles of tertiary drainage

maintenance across the State, stressing that all hands must be on deck as the present administration is determined to ensure a flood-free Lagos in line with the T.H.E.M.E.S Agenda.

Shodeinde explained that there should be no excuse of inhibitions from political leaders in the discharge of their duties as far as such projects and intentions are well laid out.

He informed that the State Drainage Engineers and Coordinators are available in all the 57 Local Governments and Local Council Development Areas to complement the efforts of Local Government Councils with the maintenance and cleaning of tertiary drains at all times.

The Permanent Secretary also appealed to Lagosians to always report cases of drainage blockages, indiscriminate dumping of waste into canals and other unauthorised places to the State Government, through the CITIMONITOR APP available on Google Play

and App Store.

On the ban of use of plastic materials in the state, Shodeinde said the government is making effort.

He noted that the government has recently declared formal ban on the use of plastics and pet bottles among all staff of the Lagos State Environmental Protection Agency (LASEPA).

According to him, this will be extended to curb increasing rate of single-use plastics, pet bottles, polythene and other non-biodegradable items by Lagosians, stressing that there is an urgent need to reverse the trend through the use of reusable plastics or biodegradable materials.

The Permanent Secretary, therefore, advised Lagosians to be mindful of the health implications of their attitudes to the environment, saying unhealthy environmental behaviour has a vicious cycle effect on the lives of every resident.



# Aboyade calls for end to APC crisis in Alimosho

By Motolani AbdulGafar

THE newly inaugurated Vice-Chairman of the All Progressives Congress (APC), Lagos West Senatorial District, Chief Babatunde Aboyade has called for an end to all the internal crisis looming in Alimosho APC while seeking for the total support of all stakeholders, especially women and youths, during his tenure in office.

Aboyade who stated this while

delivering his inaugural speech at an event organised in his honour at the Igando-Ikotun LCDA secretariat, said: "Without mincing words, I totally concur to the statement that says women are the salt of life. In conjunction with the youth, the women of our party have given strength to our party over the years. Women and youth groups in our Senatorial District have played pivotal roles in galvanizing support for our party.

"On this note, I want to passionately appeal to you to give

me your total support so that together, we can take our great party to greater heights.

"To all our progressives men and women, as I take this mantle of leadership today, I promise that the women and the youths will be given attention in taking decisions on behalf of the party."

"The reconciliatory and harmonization steps taken by the new excos have been recognized by the Senate President, Ahmed Lawan who specifically praised the State Chairman, Pastor Cornelius Ojelabi for his efforts in

restoring peace in Lagos APC."

"This is a call that all hands must be on deck and we all need to go back to the drawing board and re-strategize so as to build whatever must have fallen apart and make Lagos West great again. With concerted efforts of all the stakeholders, we shall collectively rise up to build the Lagos West of our dreams where peace and unity will prevail," he averred.

He, therefore, called for discipline among party members, adding that the supremacy of the party is non-negotiable.



## LCDA seeks partnership with military body to drive development

By Motolani AbdulGafar

THE Chairman of Agbado/Oke-Odo LCDA, Hon. David Famuyiwa, has sought partnership with Nigerian Army Welfare Limited to drive development to his council area. In response to his proposal, the body invited him to a strategic meeting at the Nigerian Army Headquarters, Abuja for further discussion.

The Nigerian Army Welfare Limited, an agency of The Nigerian Army in response to a proposal for partnership with the military on some development projects from the LCDA, invited

the council chairman to a presentation and interactive session for details on the collaboration.

Speaking, the council chairmen said: "The engagement which held at the office of the agency in the Nigerian Army HQ in Abuja, bothered on development projects that will provide opportunities for the informal sector and enhance trading and commerce which are the bedrocks of our economy in the LCDA was quite promising and encouraging.

"The next stage is set for the coming week in Lagos and is expected to move the initiative to

the next level."

He informed that the partnership would be beneficial to the council area in term of all round development.

Present at the meeting were the Group Managing Director, Maj. Gen. A. A. Fayemiwo, Executive Director, Finance and Admin, Brig. Gen. Y.K. Musa, Executive Director Operations, Brig. Gen. G.T.O. Ajetumobi, Ag. Executive Director, Corporate Affairs, Lt. Col. O. A. Anele, Deputy Director Operations, Col. M.S. Adamu, Chief of Staff, Mr. Aderemi Adeyemo and Project Consultant, Arc. Abiodun Olaniyan.



Hon. David Famuyiwa

## How I escaped "One-chance" Bus - Woman shares terrible experience

By Motolani AbdulGafar

A barrister based in Lagos, identified as Adunni Ade has explained how she unknowingly entered a bus filled with criminals popularly called "One Chance".

The woman, who lives in Ipaja-Ayobo but works in Yaba, said she was on her way home from work on Thursday, March 10, when the incident occurred.

She had gotten to Iyana-Ipaja and then boarded a bus going to Ipaja-Ayobo.

According to her, an elderly woman entered the bus and she followed. But immediately she got in, the men in the bus attacked her and the elderly woman, beating them and collecting all their valuables.

She said they even passed a police checkpoint during the ordeal but the men made her lie

down on the floor of the bus and put a bag over her head.

She said she lost consciousness at a point and was revived with a blow.

After taking the valuables she had on her and also taking her ATM and her PIN, she said she and the elderly woman were pepper sprayed and thrown out of the moving bus at Ikeja Along, miles away from their destination.

"On Thursday evening March 10, 2022 at about 7:30pm or 8pm, let's just say I got very unfortunate because I fell into the hands of the wicked beasts living among humans. I work at Yaba and I live at Ipaja just right after Iyana Ipaja.

"All the way from Yaba, I already got to Iyana Ipaja and I was already happy I had almost gotten home, just right in front of GB Iyana Ipaja was a mini bus

calling Ipaja Ayobo. Before me was a woman in her 60s I guess. She entered the bus and then I hopped in right after her. We only just asked for the price and under split of seconds one of the supposed passengers from the back just came to the front and the next thing I heard was blood of Jesus blood of Jesus beside me and then they pulled the woman to the back seat and put me in the Middle.

"The next thing I knew I tried to get off the bus and then I kept struggling and I was terribly beaten after which they now took my phone and asked me to remove my icloud and then took my ATM, asked me for the pin and took all my valuables removed all my jewelries and beat the hell out of me. They even asked that I borrow a million naira or I better start calling family.

"All these were happening while the vehicle was on motion. We even got to a police check point but at this time I was asked to lay down between the driver's seat and front passengers' seat where they kept their legs on me and put a bag on my face in case anyone had to look into the bus.

"I was strangled and I think I lost consciousness for a while, and the next thing I felt was a blow on my face and I woke up they pushed me off the bus alongside the old lady and put pepper spray in our eyes dropped us at the airport fence around Ikeja along.

"I was particularly beaten more because I struggled for my life, this wicked souls carted away all my valuables, clients document, clients money, the little change in my purse too, left me high and dry vomiting foam and bleeding from the nose, but as bad as it



was here's my testimony "I AM ALIVE" after all I went through all the strangling, I'm the one behind this phone typing, there is

no amber alert, no mourning, just a grateful heart and I pray I'm the last person they do this to."



# Orphanage appreciates philanthropist's donation

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Beneficiaries of consumables at the Life Changer Less Privilege Home, Amuwo-Odofin have expressed their gratitude for the donation of foodstuffs despite the aggressive economic situation of the country.

The donation was made by the Chairman of Oriade LCDA, Hon. Ramotalai Hassan to extend goodwill and catering for the welfarism of the people.

The Managing Director of the Home, Mrs. Oka Umeika, while commending the council boss vwr the food donarion, stated that the Home needs a secured building for a smooth operation where they will not need to pay rent as compared to their present situation.

She added that the Home also needs a school bus to transport the children to school to protect and coordinate them efficiently.

She applauded Hassan's action of extending her generosity towards the Home while praying to God to continue to guide her in her political ambition.



Executive Chairman, Oriade LCDA, Hon Ramotalai Akinlola-Hassan (3rd left), Councillor representing ward F, Aminat Idris(left),Ex-Supervisor for Works and Infrastructure, Oriade LCDA, Rasak Olojede(2nd left), the council manager, Prince Akitoye Babatunde (right) and manager,Life Changers Less Privileged Home Mrs Queen Umaika (2nd right) during the handing over of food items and cash gifts to the Home in Festac,by Hon Akinlola-Hassan.

## Expert charges residents on tree planting

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Stakeholders in Amuwo-Odofin LGA have been urged to uphold a collective responsibility of watering and monitoring planted trees at the grassroots level.

It is assumed that the dedication portrayed at the local levels would simultaneously stimulate the dedication of the masses at the state and federal level.

The call was made in a bid to caution residents on the degrading climatic change where specified areas experience excessive flood, drought and rapid weather change among various challenges.

The calamity from the sensitisation was said to have emerged as a result of the greater percentage of tree trembling and lack of planting and monitoring new breeds to secure excessive climate reaction on humans.

An educator from the Department of Climate Change at the Federal Ministry of Environment, Mr Federick Douglas, stated that the availability of more trees in the environment assures the production of sufficient oxygen to humans which is beneficial for breathing.

He enlightened that the healthy growth of trees reduces the amount of storm water runoff which simultaneously reduces erosion and pollution in waterways and may also reduce the effects of flooding.

Douglas emphasised the act of nurturing planted trees while encouraging residents to monitor planted trees and make sure they grow with full vitality to secure the world.

He appreciated the presence of all stakeholders as their attendance is a thrive that showcases that nurturing planted trees is a collective responsibility of man.

## Council boss expresses solidarity towards political group

By Motolani AbdulGafar

As part of the usual political permutation of different party loyalists in showing support and canvassing for their desired aspirant, the chairman of Amuwo-Odofin LG, Hon. Valentine Buraimoh has showed his support towards the advocacy of the Directorate of Volunteer Professionals of SWAGA'23 in Amuwo-Odofin.

Buraimoh appreciated their struggle towards mobilising human resources, saying their efforts will aid the easy propagation of their desired aspirant.

He said their strategies will stimulate an effective participation of the masses in the electioneering in 2023.

He appreciated their recognition of his struggles towards developing Amuwo-Odofin, stating that his administration will fully key



Hon Buraimoh with representatives

into supporting their advocacy in their own way. He reiterated that such recognition and solidarity will boost the morale of his team and himself in providing better services and policies for the community to uphold the democratic legacy of the party.



# Govt flags off implementation of community based tourism in Epe

By Saheed Afolabi

Community Based Tourism initiative has commenced in Epe with the opening of an office for the purpose, as one of the six divisions selected as pilots for the initiative. Last week, officials from the Lagos Ministry of

Tourism, Arts and Culture, led by the commissioner, Pharm. (Mrs) Uzamat Akinbile-Yusuf; the Senior Special Assistant to the Lagos state Governor on Tourism, Mr. Seymour Tunji; the Permanent Secretary, Mrs Adenike Adedoyin-Ajayi and the Director for Research & Development,

Mrs Yetunde Simpson - as well as other principal officers embarked on a tourism-based sensitisation after opening office in Epe Division. According to the commissioner, the CBT offices will be set up to foster domestic tourism by exploring and building on

the immense potentials and untapped resources such as the natural attractions, art, monumental arti-facts and historical sites within the communities. She hinted that the project will be carried out with the collaborative input of community leaders,

stakeholders and the indigenes in general to ensure that everyone benefits from it. "It also presents an opportunity for people who are conversant with the lands to take up jobs as tour guides. Structures will be put in place to train dedicated and resourceful

individuals who are interested in being professional tourism personnel. "We also look forward to our tourism sites, attractions, crafts and festivals being properly rehabilitated, revived and harnessed," she said.

The chairman of Eredo LCDA, Hon. Ismail Akinloye has expressed satisfaction on the quality of the ongoing road rehabilitation work in the community. The council boss expressed satisfaction over the job while inspecting the level of the work and the new state of the ongoing road grading. He assured that work would be completed as scheduled, promising to soon embark on another projects across the council area. Some of the residents who

## Eredo LCDA chairman certifies project quality

By Saheed Afolabi

expressed their feelings in excitement prayed for the success of the Akinloye led administration for bringing to reality his campaign promises. The residents who trooped out in their numbers reiterated their support for the administration, stating that the government had been putting the welfare of all into consideration in other to better their lots.



Hon. Ismail Akinloye

## Epe Club is open to all - President

By Saheed Afolabi

The President of Epe Club, Engr. Rasheed Adebola Shabi has said the door of the club is widely opened for others to join as he encouraged worthy residents of Epe to be part of the club. He made the appeal at the new year party of the club, saying Epe Club is like a "moon which outshines all the stars put together." "And I want to add that our doors are still widely opened for all eminent sons of Epe division to come in and be associated with us," he declared. He appreciated his executive team, the club

Board of Trustees (BOT), the member representing Epe Federal Constituency at the Federal House of Representatives, Hon. Wale Raji; member, House of Representatives, Ibeju-Lekki Federal Constituency, Hon. Bayo Balogun; member Lagos House of Assembly, Epe I, Hon. Abiodun Tobun and Alhaji Olowo Fowosere and the members of the club for their supports, morally and financially. Meanwhile, the club has inducted four new members which included the Special Adviser to Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu on Commerce and Industry, Hon. Oladele

Ajayi, the Executive Chairman, Ibeju Lekki LG, Hon. Sesan Abdullahi Olowa, Mr. Bayo Amuni and Prince Olatunde Animashaun. Some deserved sons and daughters of Epe division who were awarded meritoriously were the Special Adviser on Education, Hon. Tokunbo Wahab, Special Adviser on Commerce and Industry, Hon. Oladele Ajayi and the Special Adviser on Civic Engagement, Princess Aderemi Adebowale ably represented by Mrs Olaide Ibraheem. Others were Special Adviser on work and infrastructure, Hon. Engr. Aramide Adeoye, former President of Epe Club, Haji Taoreed Olowo Fowosere and Engr. Adeniyi Ogunsanya.



Engr. Rasheed Adebola Shabi



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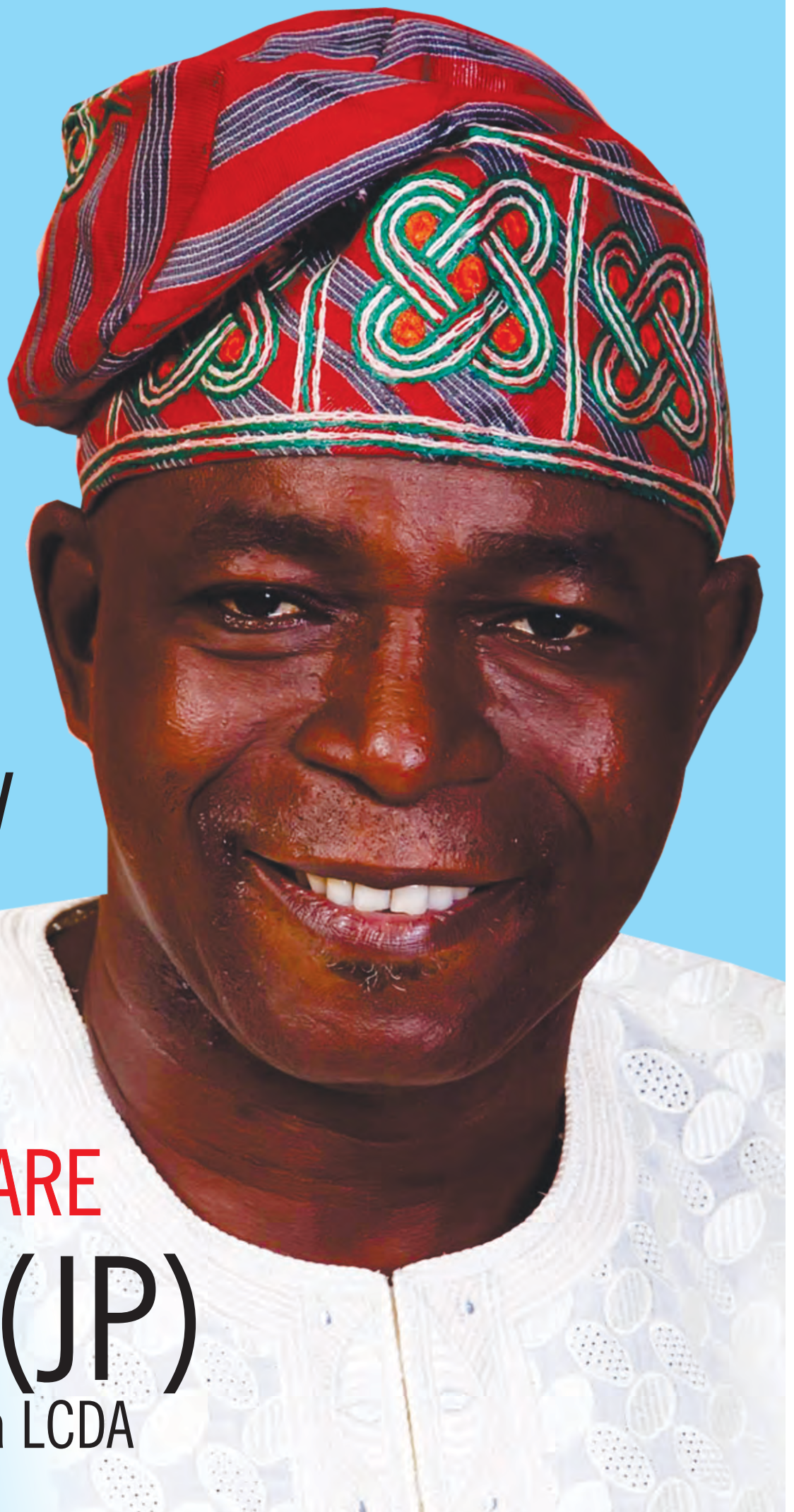
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**OMIYALE(JP)**

Executive Chairman, Yaba LCDA





# AUTO-BIOGRAPHY OF HONOURABLE DR.KAYODE ADEJARE OMIYALE(JP)

## EARLY BACKGROUND

I was born on the 20th of March, 1962 in IGBAJO, A small town in Osun state to the family of late PA.DAVID ADEYEMI OMIYALE and MADAM ALICE MOPELOLA OMIYALE. I did not really remember my childhood, but I was born and raised in farm settlement which explains why my early childhood was a typical poor environment circa in the 1960's. Till their death, My dad was a farmer and my mother was a petty trader at IGBAJO, My dad

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

I started my educational Career at age 7 when I was Enrolled at ST.LUKE'S AFRICAN CHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL IGBAJO, OSUN STATE from 1969-1974. Then from 1974-1977, I proceeded to COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL SECONDARY MODERN SCHOOL, IGBAJO, OSUN STATE. I was enrolled at Private INSTITUTE where I learnt Typing and shorthand at Ebute metta in 1977. Then in 1979, I got Admission to GOVERNMENT TEACHERS COLLEGE, IKORODU where I obtained TEACHERS GRADE 2 CERTIFICATE IN 1982. I furthered my Tertiary Education in 1989 where I gained Admission to the UNIVERSITY OF LAGOS through Correspondence Studies (COSIT) to study Business Administration and graduated in 1994. From 2002-2005 I had my SECOND DEGREE IN MASTERS IN PUBLIC RELATIONS (MPA). I also had my DIPLOMA in COMPUTER STUDIES at FEDERAL COLLEGE OF EDUCATION (TECHNICAL), AKOKA in 2004.

## WORKING EXPERIENCE

With all of that garnered, IN 1978, I was appointed as a copy typist by POST AND TELECOMMUNICATION (P&T) TELEPHONE EXCHANGE LAGOS. I started my Working Career as a GRADE 2 Class Teacher under School Management Committee and I Taught at ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN PRIMARY SCHOOL, YABA between 1982 and 1991. Then later posted to Akoka Primary school, still as a classroom teacher between 1991-1999. SEPTEMBER 1, 1999 marked a great milestone in my career as I was appointed as THE EDUCATION SECRETARY FOR LAGOS MAINLAND EDUCATION



AUTHORITY which I held for 2 serving terms between 1999-2008. At the end of my tenure in 2008, I was posted at LAGOS STATE UNIVERSAL BASIC EDUCATION BOARD (SUBEB) as Management Cadre, then later posted to LAGOS LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICE COMMISSION in 2010 and in 2012, I transfer my service to the main LAGOS STATE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION and I was deployed to LAGOS STATE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION. In 2013, I was promoted to the level of DEPUTY DIRECTOR in level 16 and I was made the head of the unit at Private EDUCATION and SPECIAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT; then I RETIRED from Active service as DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION in APRIL 2017.

## POLITICAL CAREER

My Political Career kicked off as a member of SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY (SDP) in 1992 Lagos state and I contested for state delegate in that year and won as one of the state delegate from Lagos Mainland Local Government. I was also a Member of DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF NIGERIA (DPN) between 1994 and 1998, then later a Foundation member for ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRACY in LAGOS MAINLAND and I was elected as ASSISTANT SECRETARY of LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA (LGA) in 1998; the party later transformed to ACTION

CONGRESS (AC) in 2007, later the party also transformed to ACTION CONGRESS OF NIGERIA (ACN) in 2010 and the party later came into collision with other parties and formed ALL PROGRESSIVE CONGRESS IN 2014 and in 2014, I was elected NATIONAL DELEGATE to the Party's national convention in 2015. In 2017, after I left the active service, I contested for the Position of the COUNCIL CHAIRMAN of YABA LCDA, I won the election and sworn in as the EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN YABA LOCAL COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT AREA. I also re-contested for the position in JULY 2021, and I was sworn in for Second term. As a party faithful, I am committed to the growth of the party and I abide by the ethics of the Political party.

## FAMILY LIFE

Every 6th of April 1991 will always remain Preeminent in my life as I decided to continue Life's Journey with the Bone of my Bone and My God. Ordained Partner, OMIYALE OLUWAKEMI RACHEAL nee OLOYEDE, After my Salvation decision, She has been the best, Round our Table is a Close Knit Pack of Four Blessed Seeds; OLUWADAMILOLA, ANUOLUWAP O, AYOMIDE AND OLUWASANMI OMIYALE.

## CHURCH PARTICIPATION AND GROWTH

I was Born into a Christian Family of Baptist Faith, In 1983 I joined Ijero Baptist Church,

Ebute-metta, Lagos; and I got Baptised in 1984 by Reverend Joseph Adegbite of Blessed Memory and since then I have began Active Participation in Spiritual and Administration Roles. In 1983 I joined the Church Choir and in 1985, I became the Choir Secretary and in served in that office for Four Years upon my election in 1989 as the Assistant Choir master for two years. In 1991 I was appointed as Youth Pastor, After that I became the Public Relations Officer at the Association Level, J.T Ayorinde Youth Fellowship in 1993-1995. In 1995-1999, I became the Secretary for the Men Missionary Union. At Ijero Baptist Church, I have served as Assistant Church Secretary 1 from 1999-2001. I also served as Chairman Annual Thanksgiving Committee and also Chairman Budget Committee. I was also a two times member of the Board of Trustee in which I served as a Secretary in the early 20s, I have also Served as Two times Music Committee Chairman. Presently, Youth Adviser and Patron of Royal Ambassador. I am an Active Member of the Christian Star Society, Patron of Friend of Jesus society, Triumph Christian Sister Society both of Ijero Baptist Church.

## SOCIAL LIFE

In 2019, I was inducted as a Member of Fs Club of Lagos and I also gained Membership into LAGOS CLASSIC LION'S CLUB. When I am involved in State Activities and Administrative duties, I enjoy Travelling, Engaging in Quality Conversation and spending time with my Family.

## AWARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS

2017- Rotary Club of Yaba, Prestigious Humanitarian Service Award of Excellence. 2018 - Best Performing Chairman from the Nigerian Local Government Development. 2018 - The Lagos Watch Distinguished Award of Excellence in Security and Safety Scheme, Ambassador of Peace and Security. 2019 - Doctor of Science (D.Sc. Hons) Degree in Political Science and Community Development by European American University, Republic of Panama. Fellow at the Institute of Public Administration Of Nigeria, amongst many others





The Executive, Legislative, management  
And the entire Staff of Yaba Local Council  
Development Area, Lagos  
State wishes our Chairman a terrific birthday.

We say  
**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**  
to the most innovative  
person in politics today!

Not only do you seamlessly adapt to  
address the emerging challenges  
from the persistent ones that we face  
in our council, but you are also  
always striving to make things  
better with new approaches and such  
unflinching determination.

God bless you for all of your efforts  
in leading our great council  
towards better days.

**Happy birthday to  
the most outstanding chairman!**

Signed  
The Management  
Yaba Local Council Development Area



Hon. (Dr.) Kayode  
**ADEJARE OMIYALE**  
Executive Chairman, Yaba LCDA



60th birthday  
celebration event of  
the executive  
chairman of Yaba Icd  
hon, Dr Kayode  
Adejare OMIYALE at  
the Ijero Baptist  
church Apapa road  
Ebuta-Meta Lagos.





# Road Rehabilitation: LASG to divert traffic in Ikeja

By Edith Igbokwe

The Lagos State Government has appealed to commuters to comply with the traffic diversions on Awolowo Way and Simbiat Abiola Way for junction improvement works. Commissioner for Transportation, Dr. Frederic Oladeinde, explained that the traffic diversion was necessary to facilitate the delivery of the junction improvement works in record time while ensuring the safety of motorists as he assured that an adequate traffic

management plan has been put in place for the period of the diversion.

He disclosed that motorists inbound Awolowo Way from the General Hospital, Ikeja or Airport Road will be diverted to Oba Akran through Ikeja Underbridge, or make a turn at Allen Junction to Ajao Road by Lagoon Hospital to link Adeniyi Jones and connect with Oba Akran to further their journey, stating that Aromire Avenue will also be opened to motorists as an alternative. Oladeinde also stated that motorists inbound Ikeja Underbridge from Simbiat

Abiola Way heading towards Adeniyi Jones and other areas in Ikeja will be diverted through Akinremi Street to link Oshifila Street and Abeokuta Street to access Oba Akran onto their desired destinations.

He noted that the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority personnel will be on the ground to control traffic.

His statement further appealed to residents and motorists in the area to cooperate with the government and its representatives so that work will be completed at the stipulated time.



## Ikeja Electric apologises to customers

By Edith Igbokwe

The Head of Corporate Communications, Ikeja Electric Plc, Mr Felix Ofulue has apologised to the customers of the company over the power failure experienced last week.

He said it was due to system collapse of the National Grid which was beyond the company's control.

The collapse happened barely 48 hours after the national grid collapsed at 10.40 a.m, resulting in blackouts in some parts of the country.

The electricity Distribution Companies (DisCos) said the collapse of the grid occurred at 5.10 p.m on Tuesday last week and disrupted power supply within their networks with their customers experiencing blackouts.

Ofulue said Ikeja Electric had received notification of the collapse and was waiting for the grid to be restored.

Supply was, however, restored to the grid at 12.20 p.m by the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN).



Felix Ofulue

## Rainy Season: Oladotun kits primary schools with rain coats

By Edith Igbokwe

The Chairman of Onigbongbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Oladotun Olakanle, has distributed rain coats to public primary schools pupils in preparation for the rainy season.

As the stormy weather approaches, he distributed rain coats to the pupils to keep them protected during the raining season and also prevent them from cold as according to him, the care of the children has always been his priority to ensure their needs are well taken care of.

He applauded the pupils for their academic performance while advising them to focus more on their studies.

He implored the pupils to abstain from the use of drugs to avoid destroying their future.

He also commended the teachers for job well done, urging them to intensify their efforts on the pupils' development.



Hon. Oladotun Olakanle with pupils

## LASG pulls down buildings around Agege flyover

By Motolani AbdulGafar

buildings around the facility was to restore the master plan earlier drawn for the area.

It was learnt that the buildings

pulled down by the government on Friday were erected by the property owners without approval from the government.

A Lagos state government staff

at the demolition exercise, who does not want his name mentioned, stated that the buildings were demolished due to their proximity to the newly built bridge in Agege.

He added that the activities around the facilities were discovered to be responsible for some of the obstructions that were currently being experienced around the bridge.



# CONSTRUCTION OF 1.7KM ROAD OF OKOYE & ADJOINING STREETS

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# Ogunlewe implores new APC excos to work harder

By Edith Igbokwe

The Chairman of Kosofe Local Government, Hon. Barr. Moyosore Ogunlewe has congratulated the new executive members of All Progressives Congress (APC) Lagos Chapter who were chosen from his local government and work harder for the success of the party.

The list includes Hon. Mrs Jumoke Animawun the Assistant Secretary, the Treasurer, Hon. Abiodun Akhigbe and Dr. Seriki Muritala the Youth Leader.

He expressed the need for the party to be focused and united for the task ahead.

He noted that the aforementioned positions are the team players with the required mental and psychological capacity to drive the process of peace and unity among party faithful.

For more vibrant and all inclusive participation of all stakeholders of the party, he reiterated that all is set for mass mobilisation of Lagosians to usher in positive change and accelerate development in the state and in governance.



Barr. Moyosore Ogunlewe

He stressed that the common goal of the party is to achieve victory across board in 2023.

He urged the newly sworn in executive members to see their positions as a call to service and to do more in sustaining the feats achieved so far.

He advised the new executive members at all levels to carry along all party members.

Ogunlewe commended the immense support of Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu for recognising hard work, promising to remain faithful and loyal to the

ideals of the party.

He also thanked the APC members and leaders for electing women into the new state committee, "including our reliable former Sole Administrator, Hon. Mrs. Jumoke Animawun."

## PDP LAHA aspirant, Hassan to make third attempt

By Edith Igbokwe

The two-time Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) candidate for Lagos State House of Assembly in Kosofe Constituency, Mrs. Sherifat Hassan has expressed interest in running for a third time after failing for two times.

She was roundly defeated by incumbent lawmaker, Hon. Rotimi Agunsoye, in the last two elections as she contested on the PDP ticket.

Unlike in 2015 when she filed a complaint with the National Assembly Election Petitions Tribunal about suspected election irregularities, she refused to file a petition in 2019.

Sherifat was lucky to be fielded unopposed in 2015 and 2019 after the party fielded Kafilat Ogbara in 2007 and Tai Obembe in 2011 in a hotly contested election.

She might not earn her third-time ticket on a gold platter, as other qualified, talented, and

well-prepared candidates are expected to join.

The immediate past Peoples Democratic Party Kosofe LGA Chairman, Kunle Koya, and Dele Segun Aroyewun, former campaign manager for Sherifat Hassan, are among the inner caucus of the former Deputy State Chairman of the PDP, Welly Hassan's spouse, Sherifat Hassan, who has joined the race.

According to the findings, the aspirant has personally visited the PDP's South West General Secretary, Hon. Rahman Owonikoran, Kosofe Apex Leader, Barrister Onikepo Oshodi, Alhaji Ishola Hassan, and other notable PDP leaders in the last few weeks to inform them of their ambition.

According to sources familiar with the party's developments, the duo of Aroyewun and Koya are Hassan's back-up plans should his wife Sherifat, who is expected to win the ticket for a third time, face opposition from the party's leaders and members.

## Ikosi-Isheri council partners NGO on healthcare delivery

By Edith Igbokwe

The chairman of Ikosi-Isheri Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Princess Abolanle Bada, has disclosed that the council partnered with the Lions Club International, Ilupeju, to organise Health Awareness and Free Medical Checkup programme. At the health outreach, which took place at Ikosi Primary Health Centre, residents were given free eye test, dental test, body mass index (BMI) and other tests.

Bada commended the club for the laudable initiative noting that a healthy person is close to being wealthy and prosperous.

She, therefore, encouraged community members to key into the health programme to ensure sound health.

The representative of Lions Club International, Oluwaseun Ayorinde, appreciated the council chairman for hosting the NGO, describing the initiative as one of the people-oriented programmes of Lions Club.



Princess Abolanle Bada

## Businessman docked for alleged N4.1m Bitcoin fraud

By Edith Igbokwe

A 31-year-old businessman, Damilola Onasanya, was recently docked at Magistrates Court, Ogudu, for alleged N4.1million Bitcoin fraud.

The police had charged Onasanya who resides in Ikeja area of Lagos with conspiracy, obtaining money under false pretences and theft. He, however, pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The prosecution counsel, Insp. Donjour Perezi, told the court that the defendant committed the offence with some others at large on February 5, 2022 at Ikorodu Road, Ketu, Lagos.

Perezi said the defendant

fraudulently obtained N2.7million from Valentine Okoye on the pretence of buying Bitcoins for him.

The prosecution also said that the defendant collected N1.4million from Ikechukwu Nwachukwu for the purchase of Bitcoin.

The defendant, he said, bought fake Bitcoins for the complainants and converted the money to his personal use. The offence, he said, contravened the provisions of Sections 287, 314 and 411 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2015.

He added that Section 287 stipulates three years imprisonment for stealing, while Section 314 attracts 15 years for obtaining money



under false pretences. Magistrate O. M. Ajayi admitted the defendant to bail in the sum of N500,000 with two sureties in like sum. Ajayi ordered that the sureties

should be gainfully employed with evidence of tax payments to the Lagos State Government and adjourned the case till April 22 for mention.



# Free Trade Zone will decongest Apapa, Tincan Island ports - Emefiele

By Saheed Afolabi

Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN), Mr. Godwin Emefiele, has said the commencement of the Lagos Free Trade Zone will help decongest the Apapa-Tincan Island port. Emefiele said this when he visited the facility recently in Itoke Village, Ibeju-Lekki Area, Lagos State. He said: "One of the biggest problems in Nigeria today is the congestion of Apapa and Tincan Island Ports; we have been crying about what needs to be done to decongest that

area. "It gladdens our hearts because it will totally decongest the problems that we have in Apapa and Tincan which are really at the center of Lagos." According to him, the 850 hectares free trade zone, acquired about 15 years ago, "would be commencing operation sometime around September this year." The CBN governor further said the bank would ensure it does everything possible to make the environment friendly for companies and businesses to thrive.

"So, we're looking into how to make sure that the policy regulations are reviewed; we have our concerns about how free trade zones operate either tax exemptions or duty-free exemptions and the rest of them. "We would like to work with you to see how we would create a clear demarcation that separates companies that operate as free trade zones or operating in free trade zone from those that will not operate as free trade zone. "Whereas you will also find that a company may want to operate as a free trade zone

and at the same time operate the other way. So, we need to demarcate how this will work, such that it will not result in loss of revenue," he said. Emefiele added that the apex bank would partner with the state government and the federal ministry of works to see how the Infrastructure Corporation of Nigeria could ensure cargo evacuation from the port area, describing it as a big issue. He said the CBN had raised about N23 billion to fund road infrastructure, to facilitate the smooth evacuation of cargo out of the port.



Godwin Emefiele

Residents of Lagos East Local Council Development Area have commended their council chairman for commissioning another primary healthcare centre. According to them, the gesture is an additional effort to enhance the healthcare of the people at the grassroots. Speaking, the council chairman, Hon. Muibi Folawiyo, said qualitative healthcare service at the grassroots is one of the campaign promises he made. The newly commissioned PHC is named after the former Deputy Governor of Lagos State, Otunba Femi Pedro.

## Accolades as Folawiyo commissions new PHC

By Saheed Afolabi

Folawiyo said: "A healthy nation is a wealthy nation. I assure you of our continuous investment in Primary Healthcare System in Lagos Island East LCDA. "We realised the need for adequate healthcare delivery for the People of Epetedo community and its environs and we decided to demolish the former Heath Post and construct a One-storey building equipped with modern medical equipment which

will serve our people. This specially designed Primary Health Centre for Men, Women and Children is an Eight-Bed Space Facility comprising of a 4-Bed Space for Female and 4-Bed Space for Male Patients, Observation Room for emergency care, Pharmacy for dispensing of Drugs, Nursing Section, Reception/Waiting Hall for Patients, Record-Keeping Room, Injection/Wound Dressing Room, Consulting Room, Laboratory room for medical investigation." The council boss urged the residents

to take ownership of the healthcare facilities and other physical infrastructure in their neighborhoods. He said the public facilities provided by the government belong to the people because they were built through taxes and levies collected from them. He stated that the Otunba Olufemi Olusegun Pedro Primary Health Centre, Edumare is the second of its kind commissioned since he assumed office. In his first one hundred days in office, the first Health Centre built by

the Folawiyo administration at the Anikantamo quarters was named after the wife of Lagos State Governor, Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu. Otunba Pedro was full of commendation to the council boss whom he described as a man who understands grassroot governance and local government administration. His words: "He (Hon. Folawiyo) is an achiever per excellence. He has continued to amaze everyone with his giant strides. He understands the immediate needs of the locals and

his projects have direct and positive impacts on the residents." He informed that the Health Centre will offer various medical services which include infant immunization, growth monitoring and nutrition, treatment of minor ailments and prevention of endemics, maternal care such as antenatal, delivery, postnatal and family planning, health awareness, mental health, sensitisation/counselling service treatment of sexually transmitted diseases, food nutrition demonstration among others.

## Tenant insists on old 1958 lease rate

The administrators of the estate of Regina Omoloto Wright have rejected a bid by the tenant of their Lagos Island property to pay a 1958 lease of £130 (about N60,000) yearly. The family, represented by Adediran Thomas and Mrs. Oyinkansola Obasi (nee Thomas), contended that the yearly rental value of the property as of 2016 was put at N15 million by estate valuers, but that the occupiers have insisted on paying the old rate. The tenant, Star Properties Limited, whose directors and founders, including Chief Chris Ogunbanjo, filed a suit at the Lagos State High Court seeking an interpretation of the 1958 lease agreement on the property at 3, Ganiyu Smith Road, opposite St Nicholas Hospital, Lagos Island. The family, in their counter-affidavit, said the late Mrs. Wright owned the property, which was formerly on 3,

Prison Street, Lagos Island, with title number L01630 registered with Lagos Ministry of Lands on April 16, 1948. She also built on it. The administrators said the late owner signed a lease agreement with Mr. Maroun Daakour on June 16, 1958, for a 99-year lease on the property commencing April 1, 1958, at £130 yearly. Based on the agreement, Daakour subsequently sub-let the property to Vensimal Sawlani and Hotchand Sawlani on August 31, 1961, before Star Properties eventually took over from the Sawlanis. After the original estate administrators passed on, Mr. Thomas and Mrs. Obasi were appointed as the administrators. They briefed their lawyer to open negotiations with the applicant to seek an amicable settlement of the issues.

The family engaged an estate valuer, Jide Taiwo & Co., which estimated the property unpaid rental income for 14 years (2003-2016) as N90 million. The family asked the applicant to pay half of it, but Star Properties refused the reduction and rejected the valuation report. The administrators said when the matter could not be resolved amicably, they asked their lawyers to issue a quit notice to Star Properties partly for non-payment of rent, which as of 2016, was 14 years overdue. Two months after the quit notice, Star Properties sent a cheque of N1,082,000, which in its view was supposed to cover the 14 years of unpaid rent, but the administrators rejected it. It filed the suit to challenge the quit notice. The respondents said Star Properties did not pay the outstanding rent or move out at the expiration of the quit

notice. They said their lawyer notified the tenant on August 1, 2017, of their intention to recover possession of the property, but the tenant is "still retaining possession of the landed property... and has refused to pay its rent." The family, in an earlier suit which is now on appeal, is praying the court to order Star Properties to pay the arrears of rent from March 2003 to July 2017 in the sum of N90 million and a Mesne profit from August 1, 2017, at the sum of N1, 250,000 per month until possession is given up. The administrators are also contending that Star Properties was not a party to the original lease agreement with the late Mrs. Wright and therefore cannot seek to enforce it. "There is no lease agreement between the respondents and the

applicant (Star Properties)," the family said. But, Star Properties in its suit pending before Justice Taofiquat Oyekan-Abdullahi, is praying the court to hold that the quit notice issued them by the family was not in accordance with the lease agreement. The firm said the Sawlanis transferred residue of the lease to it "with the same yearly rent as agreed in the head lease". Star Properties told the court: "Since settlement has broken down between parties and the defendants were insisting that the unilaterally reviewed rent should be paid, the claimant in compliance with the agreed terms of the head lease issued a cheque dated March 21, 2017, in favor of the defendants for the sum of N1, 082,250 calculated at £130 yearly multiplied by the current exchange rate being the rent due for the property." The property firm added that since parties were unable to resolve the

rent review, "it will be in the interest of the justice" for the court to determine what the appropriate rent should be. Star Properties said it "acted in good faith by issuing the cheque for the rent due in compliance with the lease agreement between parties, moreso that efforts to resolve the rent review and valuation of the reversionary interest in the 41 years residue of the lease granted to the claimant have failed". The company argued that it was not part of the terms of the lease that the rent will be reviewed before its expiration, adding that it only agreed to a review "on compassionate ground" and is "not even bound to concede to the review of the agreed rent". The case, filed in 2017, has suffered delay due to numerous adjournments. It was to come up on February 8 before Justice Oyekan-Abdullahi, but it was not listed for hearing.



# Stakeholders charge residents on community cleanliness

By Motolani AbdulGafar

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Hon. Emmanuel Bamigboye

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A beneficiary receiving his form

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## Olowa eyes automated transaction tech to boost revenue generation in Lekki

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Chairman of Ibeju Lekki LG, Hon. Abdullahi Olowa said he is intensifying efforts to increase revenue generation and improve the business environment in his council area leveraging on the use of Automated System of transaction.

He explained that the system enables payment of tolls, rates and levies with codes which makes it easier for revenue payers.

While sharing his idea, Olowa said his administration will provide work tools and enabling

environment for productivity while promising revenue officers adequate remuneration when stipulated targets are met.

He added that a massive physical and electronic advocacy should be done to discreetly disclose to the public the significance of internally generated revenue.

Olowa also emphasised the need for assessment of revenue officers to know their capabilities through the aggressive income generation to be embarked upon and commended members and revenue committee on their efforts so far, stating that he expects more productivity from them.



Hon. Abdullahi Olowa

## Why we relocated roadside traders - council chairman

By Motolani AbdulGafar

The Chairman of Ibeju-Lekki LG, Hon. Abdullahi Olowa, has explained that the roadside traders at Eleko Junction

were relocated to the Eleko Main Market in an attempt to ensure environmental sustainability and cleanliness in Ibeju Lekki LGA. He said the voluntary movement was realised as a result of the

cordial relationship that exists between the council and major stakeholders such as market heads. He urged roadside traders and related bodies to desist from

reconstructing the illegal market and trading activities in the area. He emphasised the strict observation in which environmental officials would begin to engage weekly.



# Students, Teachers, get free local boats for easy transportation

By Motolani AbdulGafar

A member of the Federal House of Representatives in Ojo Constituency II, Hon. Surajudeen Tijani (Emir) has provided boats for easy transportation of teachers and students in the riverine areas of the local government. In addition to the boats, the lawmaker also donated free life jackets. The areas include Irewa, Origele, Ojota, Eso Ofin where

boats are the only means of transportation. According to the lawmaker, the donated local boats are mainly for the use of students, children and teachers in the riverine communities. Tijani revealed that the difficulties encountered by teachers and students in the areas gave him serious concern and prompted him to provide the aids. He said the essence of the donation was to ensure their punctuality in school and the safety of their lives.



Hon. Surajudeen Tijani with pupils

## Council appeals to residents on land tussle

By Motolani AbdulGafar

As Etegbin community land tussle continues to prevail within land owners and land grabbers, the Chairman of Oto-Awori LCDA, Hon. Musibua Asafa has appealed to the victims to keep calm as he assured them of government's intervention. He said the issue will be settled by the government in accordance to law. He advised residents to avoid taking laws into their hands but seek help at the appropriate quarters in times of need. Asafa noted that the intervention of the government has reduced the activities of land grabbers in the state which is a good development for residents. He, therefore, urged residents to continue to keep calm and cooperate with government's arrangements.



Hon. Musibua Asafa

# My achievements will speak for me, House of Reps aspirant, Robert boasts

By Motolani AbdulGafar

Federal House of Representatives aspirant in Ojo Constituency, Hon. Bolaji Robert, has boasted of his achievements as sure means to make him win the election in 2023. Robert, popularly known as (Bibire 777), who was the former chairman of Oto-Awori LCDA

listed his achievements in education, health, road, electricity, water infrastructure, staff welfarism among others. Being a former local council chairman, he said that he is competent to occupy the position. He urged the electorate to choose their leaders based on the positive impact all aspirants have on the masses and their

agenda. He said an aspirant should not be judged by his credentials but by what he could bring to the table when voted in, emphasising that credentials of an aspirant do not necessarily determine his selflessness and commitment to the community development. He stated that aspirants vying for elective positions, especially

those that had once held elective or appointed positions should be strictly assessed based on their past records to determine their competence for the new position. Robert commended his supporters for their doggedness, steadfastness and ability to resist money oriented political campaign tactics in the present surge of political storm. He promised the masses to strike a balance among various groups and make a difference if elected.



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# Isolo NYCN calls for immediate evacuation of silts from roadside

By Edith Igbokwe

**W**orried by the threat posed by the silts left by the roadside, the National Youth Council of Nigeria (NYCN), Isolo Local Branch has called on the Emergency Flood Abatement Gang (EFAG) and other concerned authority for necessary action. In a statement signed by its

secretary, Comrade Damilola Kushimo, the youth body explained that while the work of the evacuation team is commendable, the exercise is not complete if the silts which are made up of sand and wastes are not completely evacuated from the roadside. The body noted that while the efforts made by the government through the

ministry in preparation for the rainy season and to ultimately avert flood is commendable the efforts might end up defeated before the rainy season as the silts abandoned by the roadside as seen on Osolo Way area fast returning into the gutter. The statement read: "It's commendable that the state government is proactive by

taking steps to avert flooding in flood-prone areas of the state and also in preparation ahead of rainy season. From observation, in recent weeks, the evacuation team has intensified its efforts in Isolo LCDA as it had been moving from one major drainage channel and gutters to another for evacuation exercise. We've seen them on Osolo Way,

Ajao Estate and other areas but our major concern is the fact that they are yet to cart the evacuated silts away from the roadsides, especially on Osolo Way. The silt is already finding its way back into the gutters. If this issue is not addressed as a matter of urgency we fear that the effort will be defeated and this means the efforts and resources will be

in futility. We are calling on the relevant agencies to do the needful with urgency." It cautioned residents against indiscriminate waste disposal as the rainy season approaches, noting that maintaining a clean environment is a collective responsibility of everyone and not the government alone.

## Kendoo assures LAWMA a cleaner environment support

By Edith Igbokwe

**T**he chairman of Oshodi-Isolo Local Government, Otunba Kehinde Oloyede (Kendoo) has assured the Lagos State Waste Management Authority (LAWMA) of his unflinching support towards cleaner environment. He made the statement at a stakeholders meeting organized by the agency at the local government secretariat. The council chairman, who was represented by his Chief Press Secretary (CPS), Comrade Soloki Gbenga, applauded LAWMA for working towards ensuring that the environment is given adequate attention in terms of cleanliness. He said that his administration is making frantic efforts at the grassroots to make sure that the environment is clean and

safe for the people. Oloyede disclosed that about a month ago, similar meeting was held with the market leaders in Oshodi, charging them to enforce sanitary rules within their domains and urged residents to imbibe the habit of separating their plastic wastes from general waste for recycling purpose. The LAWMA MD, Ibrahim Odubomi noted that Oshodi is the gateway into the state and that the local government cannot be left alone in the sphere of ensuring that all things are properly taken care of. He disclosed that an individual generate 0.69 kilogram of waste and if that is multiplied by the number of people trooping into Lagos State daily, and being their first point of call, Oshodi is expected to generate a huge number of

waste. He justified that the need for a waste bin in all nooks and crannies cannot be overemphasised and urged every house, market and shop to have waste bin in order to prevent rodents from scattering their wastes. He also appealed to the people to bear with LAWMA staff if their refuse collection is not regular, noting that their staff are having issues due to the current fuel scarcity. Oshodi-Isolo CDC chairman, Alhaji Adisa Olawoyin, urged the agency to continue in its drive towards a cleaner Oshodi, appealing to residents to continue to pay their refuse collection bills to their accredited PSP operators. He also commended the PSP operators for their commitment and diligence in the execution of their duties.



Otunba Kehinde Oloyede

**T**he All Progressives Congress (APC), Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area (LGA) has commenced mobilisation and sensitisation of residents to get their voters card. The executive members of APC led the ward to ward mobilisation of residents to get registered in preparation for the forthcoming elections. The party chairman, Hon. Saheed Animashaun led others to the local government apex leader of

## LG APC begins residents mobilisation for INEC registration

the party, Pa Joseph Olabintan. He informed Olabintan about the mobilisation plan and campaign as directed by the state chapter of the party, seeking permission to go round the wards for the exercise and assured all the leaders that adequate mobilisation of all electorates to get registered and eventually vote at the coming election. Responding, Pa Olabintan

prayed for the success of the executives and the party in all their endeavours and as well appreciated the honour bestowed on him as he assured his support for the exercise. "I thank you for honouring me by informing me of this laudable exercise in progress, I assure you of my support for the mobilisation exercise and I pray for the success as you carry on with all the activities."





The Managing Director/CEO, Lagos Waste Management Authority (LAWMA), Mr. Ibrahim Odumboni, has challenged residents of Surulere Local Government Area (LGA) to retain the Cleanest Local Government Area glory the LGA won last year during the Y2021 metropolitan competition. Odumboni enjoined them not to relent but to sustain the spirit in order to remain inspirational to others. Commenting on the essence of implementing sustainable waste management practices in the community, the LAWMA boss advised that the youths in the area should be trained and encouraged to police vulnerable areas and black spots from indiscriminate waste disposal. He said: "Surulere Local Government is making a significant impact on its

# LAWMA challenges Surulere to retain "Cleanest LGA" glory

youths through empowerment programmes. Indeed, the sky is your starting point. LAWMA is an advocate of your initiatives, we are ready to help you train the youths on waste policing. Let them man areas where cart pushing business is thriving and get perpetrators arrested for violating environmental laws of the land."

"Waste sorting is the way to go as the landfills are overstretched. More than four billion plastic bottles are generated annually and it takes about 450 years for a single plastic bottle to dissolve. Therefore, I urge

everyone to sort their waste at source, especially organised estates. The same goes for companies, shops and other businesses. Beginning from April, there will be an increment on the waste bills of estates and organisations who refuse to sort their waste at source," he added.

The LGA chairman, Mr. Sulaimon Yusuf, acknowledged and commended LAWMA for its effort, revealing that the council has acquired a compactor for carting away community waste after every environmental sanitation exercise on Thursdays.



. Ibrahim Odumboni

## Commendation as Desmond Elliott replaces faulty transformer

By Saheed Afolabi

Residents of Martins Junction, Surulere have commended the lawmaker representing Surulere Constituency 1 at the Lagos State House of Assembly, Desmond Elliott, for facilitating the replacement of their old and faulty transformer with a new one. One of the residents, who spoke to our correspondent, Mutiu Akande explained that the effort of the lawmaker

with that of the councillor representing Ward F1, Hon. Phillips Emmanuel fast-tracked the replacement. His words: "We are thankful to Hon. Desmond Elliott and Hon. Phillips Olubunmi Emmanuel for their quick response in facilitating this new Electricity Transformer for our community (Surulere constituency 1, ward F1, Surulere Local Government). Gbajabiamila is truly number one and his team is the best. "It is my choice if I

appreciate someone that came to the rescue when there was no certainty that we might have electricity in four months. Just a phone call was put through and in just two weeks transformer landed in my community." Another residents, Abidemi Salam said the feature was highly commendable, appealing for the quick installation of the transformer. Salam said it would help the residents especially the traders in the community.



A new transformer

As part of efforts to bring development to the people through infrastructure, the Chairman of Itire-Ikate Local Council Development Area, Hon.(Dr.) Ahmed Olanrewaju Apatira has approved the construction of Oshofisan Street, Karounwi Ogunsami ward in Itire community. The council chairman said the road, when completed, would link karounwi and Ashimowu Bakare Streets and also improve socio-economic activities in the area. He described road infrastructure as a catalyst for

## Apatira approves construction of Oshofisan road

By Saheed Afolabi

socio-economic development, adding that the impact of the road will be felt across the adjoining communities for socio-economic development and individual prosperity. He, therefore, called for the continued co-operation of residents of the area while assuring that the project will be delivered within the stipulated time frame.



Oshofisan Street



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# NLO 1: Smart City dismantle Gbagada FC In NLO opener

By Saheed Afolabi

Smart City Football Club of Lagos, started their journey in the nationwide league one on a good note as they spanked Gbagada FC 2-0, at the Teslim Balogun Stadium, Surulere, Lagos. The game, which was graciously attended by top dignitaries from the Nigerian Football Federation, was also well attended by football loving fans, which made the occasion more palatable to watch. Goals from Habeeb Oyebanji and Jabal Umar were all City needed to seal a beautiful victory in their NLO opener against a stubborn Gbagada FC, who gave City a good fight. Speaking after the game, Smart

City coach, Gafari Mohammed, said he was very pleased with the victory, because it was a moral booster for his team. "It is always very good to get a good result in your first game. My boys did very well in the game and we thoroughly deserved our victory," he said. "We will quickly put this victory behind us and focus on the next game which is very important. We all know it is going to be a long season and we will take each game one after the other. "I want to also thank the president of the club, the management and the entire Smart City family for this victory," he concluded. Meanwhile, captain of the team, Tunde Adejokun, stated that the victory was a good one for the team.



Smart City vs Gbagada FC NLO 1

## OIERFL: North York FC, Nakamura Strikers record win

By Saheed Afolabi

The Oshodi-Isolo, Ejigbo, Regional Football League which resumed operations recently has seen teams winning their games as a home and away wins were recorded in the league. Mushin based club side, Nakamura Strikers recorded a big win against Diamond FA with a 2-1 score line. Nakamura FA took the lead through Salau Badmus in the 30th minute and controlled the game thereafter, they took the lead to the break as they continued their search for more goals. Jamiu Salami equalised for Isolo based team Diamond FA in the 53rd minute as the intensity of the game became huge and makes the match more competitive. Nakamura Strikers got the

winning goal through Micheal Oke at the dearth of the game to shock the players of Diamond FA, who were the second best team in the game. In the other encounter, North York FC also known as the Isolo Boys secured an emphatic away win at Ejigbo mini stadium as they defeated the home team, Divine Restoration 2-0 in front of their home fans. Fatai Nurudeen drew the first blood of the encounter in the first half for North York FC as they dominated proceedings in the game with their accurate passes and swift touches. North York FC central defender, Adetayo Adelaja put the icing on the cake for the Isolo Boys as he found the back of the net in the second half to dash the hopes of Divine Restoration, who were not really impressive in the game.

## G12 FC emerge winners of Fusion Football Championship Super 8

By Saheed Afolabi

G12 proved their mettle once again as a powerhouse in grassroots football as they added another title to their rich trophy cabinet. The Fusion Football Championship Super 8 is a combination of the best 8 teams that finished the Fusion Football Championship League campaign, which Ajuwa FA won. G12 FC had to overcome Dannaz FC 3-1 in a pulsating and highly competitive encounter, which was played at Legacy pitch, national stadium, Surulere, Lagos. Yusuf Kayode broke the deadlock of the match in the 28th minute as he gave his team, G12 FC the lead with a great finish. Habideen Ojelade doubled G12's lead in the 45th minute before the half time break to give the team a remarkable control of the match. G12 FC got their scoring ratio right when it mattered most in

the match as they went 3 goal up in the 49th minute through the exceptional Yusuf Kayode, who was a thorn in the flesh of Dannaz FC defense. G12 FC were the dominant side

in the game as they outclassed their opponent Dannaz FC with great classical techniques. Dannaz FC pulled a goal back in the 72nd minute through Basit Salaudeen as they couldn't

come up with an equalizer in the game. G12 became the champions of the Fusion Football Championship Super 8 with 3-1 victory over Dannaz FC.

## Trent Alexander-Arnold suffers injury blow

By Saheed Afolabi

Liverpool's Trent Alexander-Arnold will be out for several weeks with a hamstring problem, manager Jurgen Klopp has confirmed. The England defender, 23, suffered the injury during Wednesday's Premier League win at Arsenal. It means he will also miss England's friendlies against Switzerland and Ivory Coast next week. "Trent is out with a hamstring, so he cannot be part of England too," said Klopp. "Not good news, we will see how long that takes." Joe Gomez and veteran James Milner are the likely candidates to replace Alexander-Arnold, but Klopp admits neither possess the

same skillset as the England international. "Of course to replace Trent is difficult but possible," added Klopp, whose side travel to Nottingham Forest in the FA Cup quarter-final on Sunday. "I don't know any player who plays like Trent, so its difficult to find a one-to-one replacement. "We have Milly [Milner], Joe, theoretically we can change the system as well, these kind of things. So we have a couple of

options. "When you look in the past when Milly has had to step up he has done incredibly well. And if not maybe we have a young solution." Klopp's side host Watford in their first Premier League game back after the international break on 2 April, before a pivotal trip to title rivals Manchester City the following week, either side of the first leg of their Champions League quarter-final against Benfica.







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