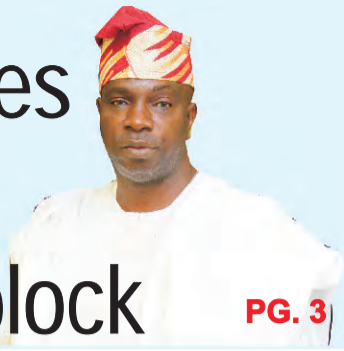
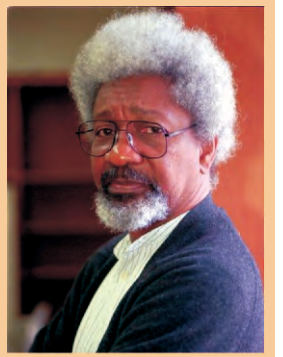


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Electrocution: IKEDC offers to bury late goalkeeper, pick kids' fees

By Olushola Okewole

A compensation package including sponsorship of burial and the education of his children is being offered the family of deceased goalkeeper Taiwo Akinlusi who was electrocuted last week.

Akinlusi was descending the stairs of the Eko Akete plaza at Ile-Epo Bus Stop when his head touched an exposed electric wire. He was electrocuted to death.

The news of the incident was exclusively reported by Echonews.

In a swift reaction to the news, the Business Manager of Ikeja Electricity Distribution company IKEDC in Ejigbo, Mrs. Ronke Udo paid a condolence visit to the family last week.

She said the company regretted the incident and would like to mitigate the losses to the family.

According to sources at the meeting, IKEDC pleaded with the family to avoid turning the incident into a propaganda war in the media.

Responding on behalf of the family, the secretary of the Community Development Committee, Ejigbo Local Council Development Area,



Late Taiwo Akinlusi

Barrister Bimbo Olawale said much as the family also wanted their loved one to be laid to rest in peace, the offer to compensate the deceased's family has to be fully discussed. A proposed draft of the family's expectations will feature in the draft.

A meeting between both parties have been fixed for Tuesday July 14, this year.

Barrister Olawale, who also chairs the Ailegun Community Development Area where the

incident occurred, explained that the family has accepted the death in good faith. She said the burial would take place as soon as the issues were resolved.

The deceased's elder brother, Hon. Wale Akinlusi, who ran for the council chairmanship seat in 2017 but later decamped to the ruling All Progressives Congress, declined comments because he was still in shock over the incident.

LBIC turns down illegal plan to develop Civic Centre, says authority to build corner shops in Jakande Estate not negotiable

Plans by unauthorized persons to develop the civic centre at the Isolo Low Cost Housing Estate, Ejigbo has hit the rocks.

Echonews learnt that persons representing the interests had approached the Managing Director of the Lagos Building Investment Company, LBIC, Mr. Tobi Lawal to brief him on their plan to develop the civic centre but were turned down on the grounds that the LBIC had other plans for the development of the land.

The meeting took place following an emergency conference with the United Low Cost Housing Estate Residents and Landlords Association summoned by the LBIC to iron out outstanding issues.

A key issue that topped discussion was the hostile reaction to the plan of the new LBIC management to introduce corner shops into zones in the estates and other commercially viable areas.

The scheme, whose pilot was expected to take off at the Isolo Low Cost Housing Estate, was rejected by the local estate and residents association chaired by Alhaji Isiaq Salami in a correspondence to the LBIC.

According to sources at the meeting, LBIC managing director Tobi Lawal said there

was no basis for the rejection of the scheme because the residents did not own the land that will be used to build the shops.

"The MD told them as a Lagosian, he has no other state to call his own and he would do everything to develop Lagos as the land of his birth. He said that only the flats were allocated to them and that no one was given a land title. He said even where government gave land title, it was limited to 99 years so that the beneficiary is encouraged to renew the title from the government. He said this was not the case with the estates as the land belongs to the government and only the flats built on it and allocated to them are theirs. He said the correspondence from the Isolo Low Cost Housing estate residents association was therefore written in ignorance as it claimed powers it never had.

For the avoidance of any doubt, the MD promised to put out a publication soon to demand from anyone to express any right to any title to the land on the estates and would give two weeks for anyone with such a claim to come forward with it. This is to establish, once and for all, that there is no other authority vested with the land of the low cost housing estates built by the

Lateef Jakande administration in Lagos State than the LBIC.

The MD also said, to protect the flats from fire, the LBIC organized a group fire insurance to which they were expected to pay N1,500 per year and expressed disappointment that many residents have refused to pay. He warned that any flat gutted by fire would be reclaimed by the government.

On the proposal of the united estates to have more power on the estates, Mr. Lawal asked them to come forward with the specific details of the powers and promised to consider their proposals.

On the demand of the residents for the construction and maintenance of roads and public facilities, the MD said the facilities that were provided on the completion of the estates were meant to be maintained by the residents with the assistance of the local government, public and private agencies. He clarified that as someone who lives in a gated community himself, he joined hands with fellow residents to maintain and improve the facilities. He urged the residents to imbibe the spirit of mobilizing resources for development so that the estate would be valuable and attractive abodes for human settlement".



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Residents decry why Osolo Way failed section defies repairs, want remedy

Damilola Kushimo

Despite several repairs, a failed section has been cordoned off on Osolo Way again prompting residents to demand a more professional job this time around.

The marked section, which is beside the bridge that links Ajao Estate to Isolo Community, has been of great threat to motorists and a source of concern to community residents over the past six months, as it causes traffic gridlock almost every time, because almost a lane of the two-lane road is affected.

According to a resident Mr. Idris Ishola, the damaged section has been repaired a couple of times but only lasts for a little while before it goes bad again.

According to him, "The spoilt portion began as a small opening before it became a trademark of this road, it has been repaired several times, but it doesn't last long before it gets damaged again. This is caused by the shoddy repairs the contractors have been



The failed portion of Osolo Way

doing. On daily basis, we take turns to put up tyres around the opening as indication of danger to unwary motorists,

but in spite of that, accidents occur here everyday, especially at night, at times minor, at times major. We just

hope that the impending repair will last for long." Welcoming the cordon of the section by the government,

Timi, a vulcanizer said the residents believe "this red tape is a sign that the government wants to repair

the road, we hope this repair will be of standard and it won't relapse, anymore."

Man who stabbed PAGA agent to death will be charged to court soon - Police PPRO

Damilola Kushimo

The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) DSP Bala Elkana has confirmed that the man who stabbed a PAGA agent to death in Asa Afariogun area of Ajao Estate, Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) will be charged to court at the completion of ongoing investigation.

The suspect identified as Uche Ede was apprehended and handed over to Police officers of Ajao Estate Police Division by community residents having attempted to run away after stabbing the victim Ogbечи Uwanakwe and bruising an eye-witness following an engagement with the former in her shop.

The unfortunate incident happened last Monday after the suspect was said to have entered Uwanakwe's shop 'Wisdom Frozen Food', where she also operated PAGA services, with the intent to steal some money from her.

From the account of an eyewitness who wouldn't

want his name in print, he explained that the suspect had successfully stabbed Uwanakwe before she cried for help but gave up the ghost before she could be rushed to the nearby Heda Hospital.

His words: "The incident happened around 3pm while it was raining. I was in the other shop buying something when I heard her cry for help. I saw that a guy was there with her. I assumed he was punching her not knowing he had stabbed her. So, I asked what the problem was. He was quick to respond that he was not a thief. Then I told him he must be a thief to have given such response. He then walked towards my direction and tried to punch me, not knowing that he had the knife with him. I dodged his fist, but he injured my hand in the process and pushed me and ran away. So, I shouted Ole Ole (thief) in order to raise alarm, people ran after him and caught him along the road."

He further established that prior to his intervention, he didn't know what had led to the

bloody incident between the victim and the suspect: "I don't know what actually transpired between them. Ogechi was rushed to the hospital, immediately, but she was already dead."

Elkana affirmed that the victim's remains had since been deposited in the mortuary for autopsy while the suspect is being interrogated by the homicide department in the state Criminal Investigation Department (CID) and will be charged to court for murder at the completion of the investigation.

Echonews visited the victim's family at Joebest Crescent Ajao Estate but no member of the family was willing to talk to the press because they were still in shock. "This is not the best time because you don't know how it feels." A family member lamented.

Also, Pastor Chide who was learnt to be the boss of the victim until her death said he wouldn't want to talk to press about it. The shop has been locked up.

Shammeh says tenure status has doused tension among elected officials

Damilola Kushimo

The chairman of Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) has said that the authoritative clarification on the expiration of the current tenure of council chairmen and councilors by the Lagos State Independent Electoral Commission (LASIEC) has doused tension among elected officials.

He spoke during a visit by a delegation of the LASIEC to the LCDA adding that it ended months of speculation and controversy.

Shammeh in his comment noted that their visitation was timely and the clarification which has come from the horse's mouth has doused every form of uncertainty and distraction, emphasizing that concentration can now be on delivering good governance.

"Your visit is timely as it has helped in dousing tension and apprehensions on tenure of local government chairmen. This will ensure we do not experience any distraction and all hands would be on deck to

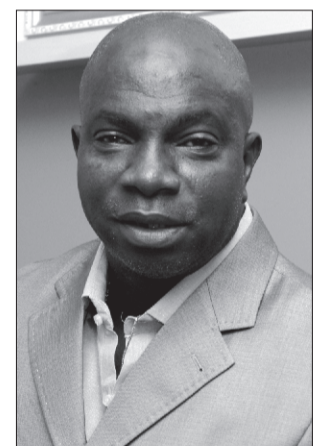
concentrate on good governance," he commented.

Speaking earlier, Dr. Bunmi Omoseyindemi who led the delegation and represented LASIEC boss, Justice Omotunde Phillips explained that their visit was a preliminary action towards the local council polls which will now hold between April and June next year.

Other elected officials who reacted to the development include the Leader of the Legislative Arm, Hon. Remy Shittu.

According to Shittu: "This authoritative affirmation will afford us more time to further focus on delivering more qualitative legislation rather than being distracted by the uncertainty that has clouded our years in office, prior to this time.

The four-year tenure is a good development that will ensure that there is no vacuum in government unlike the caretaker administrations that preceded our election which the Supreme Court has declared unconstitutional. The vacuum which lasted for more than two years was not so good



Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye

for our nascent democracy. We appreciate the Lagos state Governor Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu for upholding the Local Government Bill as amended by the Lagos State House of Assembly and assented by former Governor Ambode."

Other members of the delegation include Dr. Noah Laval, Olori Sekinat Tijani, Prof. Gabriel Babawale and Mr Fasun Ayedun, Mrs Sinat Fadile (Permanent Secretary), Demola Gbadegesin, Eniola Adeshina, Mrs Aladefari, Tope Ojo, Seyi Adeluyi and Lola Jagunmolu.



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Chief Alex Nwoye, Eze Ndigbo, Bobaselu of Ejigbo and ijan land, Presenting Covid-19 palliative to Neighbours, Igbo community, Youths, NURTW and others in the community.

COVID-19 delays inauguration of NASHCO new officials

Edith Obioma

Since it elected new officials in March, the Nigeria Association of Hairdressers and Cosmetologist (NASHCO) COVID-19 has delayed the inauguration of the newly-elected officials thus disabling them from acting as the new executive. The appropriate induction into office has restricted elected officials from exhibiting the right to discharge their duly elected responsibilities at the grassroots level. However, they only communicate via calls and WhatsApp to get themselves along with the new trend of Development in the association eversince the lockdown affected the business (hairdressing) but

has been allowed to function with rules and regulations which is affecting the opportunity to gather for a meeting. Presently, the inauguration is not certain yet because it has not yet been fixed at the state level due to the pandemic crisis at hand. The newly elected NASHCO chairperson, Mrs Adebimpe Abimbola disclosed: "we will resume our official duty when inauguration has been conducted, which is not yet certain due to the COVID-19 issue that has not given us chance to meet." All the six zones (Charity, Shogunle Arena, Mafoluku, Oshodi and Domino under NASHCO Oshodi chapter that have their representatives in the executive, await their induction.

Pedestrian Bridges along Airport Way ready October

By Damilola Kushimo

Hope of pedestrians to cross the 10-lane Murtala Muhammed International Airport way safely by using the pedestrian bridges will be fulfilled soon, thanks to assurance from the engineers on the work that they would deliver them in October.

In an exclusive chat with the construction engineer, Engineer Kingsley Ikwue, Echoneews learnt that the structural designs for the three bridges are almost completed after which the roofing and the fixing of barriers will be done, by another set of engineers.

The reconstruction of the pedestrian bridge in Ajao Estate and other two in

NAHCO/Toll Gate and Oshodi were parts of the total reconstruction work of the road from the international airport to Apakun loop initiated by the immediate past Ambode administration and taken over by the Babajide Sanwo-olu administration.

According to Ikwue, although there was a temporary hitch due to funds flow, the resumed fully in November last year and was moving fast before the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic.

He said the resultant lockdown kept workers away from the site for months but assured that all hands are now on deck to ensure the completion of the three pedestrian bridges.

When contacted for reactions,



the chairman of the Community Development Committee (CDC) Isolo Local Council Development Area

(LCDA) Mr. Segun Olatunde said he was happy to see the engineers back on the project. He revealed that at least one

person gets injured crossing the always-busy highway in the process of moving from Isolo Community to Oshodi

Community, every day, emphasising that the earlier the project is completed, the better.

Divine Estate CDA get council's donation of 500k for security patrol van

By Olushola Okewole

The council Chairman, Ejigbo LCDA, Monsuru Bello Obe has pledged the sum of N500,000 as donation to a security trust fund set up by the Divine Estate CDA Ashamu Estate Bucknor to get patrol van for the police to work with in the area.

The council chairman and the Divisional Police Officer, Mrs. Olabisi Okuwobi listened as the CDA highlighted major challenges facing the community as security.

The CDA chairman, Mr Austin Uche said securing lives and properties has been challenging due to the porous entrance into their community.

He then requested that the DPO should help to station some security personnel in the community to support their local vigilante in the

area.

In response to the demand, the Ejigbo DPO, CSP Olabisi Okuwobi explained that the patrol van of the police is regularly deployed to take care of security challenges but promised to always come to their aid anytime, any day. The DPO then charged the residents of Divine Estate CDA to help with a patrol van branded in their name to cover their community effectively.

The CEO of Prinocc link bridge Prince Yomi Ogungbe, also promised to work hand in hand with local government and Divine community stakeholders to make it a reality.

Obe urged the residents of the CDA to co-operate with the CEO of Prinocc link bridge and to also inform the private investor of the ongoing donation for the security trust fund.



The council chairman, Ejigbo LCDA, Monsuru Bello Obe, addressing the Divine Estate CDA residents

Covid-19: Training and logistics for community care on-going

By Olushola Okewole

Training of medical personal on how to handle community care and manage community transmission of COVID-19 are going by electronic means even as all the Primary Health Care, PHCs have been fumigated to ensure that there is no infection of patients.

The Medical Officer, Dr. Agosu, who spoke on the upgrade of PHCs to be effective in tackling Covid-19 community transmission said that the staffs are trained and there is ongoing training

(online) to tackle the virus from the community.

He stressed that the government is also considering free treatment for people in all public health facilities in the state and also promised supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPEs) for health staff.

Speaking on the news that Lagos state is sending health personnel to PHCs at the local government level to work in tackling the virus, the MOH explained that Trainings are still going on and also all logistics needed are still in the pipeline.



Isolo LCDA moves out agencies to renovate office block

Damilola Kushimo

Personnel of Lagos State Neighborhood Corps (LNSC), Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) and Lagos State Residents Registration Agency (LASRRA) were among government officials who had to move out of their offices last week because of the plans of the Isolo Local Council Development (LCDA) to renovate the block that houses the offices.

The Isolo authorities have been renovating the facilities at the secretariat in phases since the assumption of office of the chairman, Hon. Shamsudeen

Olaleye (Shammeh)

The renovation exercise began last Monday, following a prior notification served on the officials a week back, with partial demolition of the block as personnel from various departments were seen evacuating vital documents from their various offices.

It was gathered that the ultimate reason for renovation was to double the number of offices therein with a walkway in between while maintaining the current length and breadth of the building.

But there is a silent clamour among the officers for the council to make the proposed structure a block of a storey

building to provide more offices. This latest development increases the number of ongoing projects within the council premises to three which includes the Chairman's block, the Legislative building and the construction of shops behind the legislative building.

In light of this, provision of temporary offices have been provided for the officials as the project might take a couple of weeks to be completed.

Other offices affected include Community Development Committee (CDC), National population commission, Department of Planning Authority, National Population Commission, among others.

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UBA Group Announces Appointment of Deputy Managing Directors for Nigeria and Africa

United Bank for Africa Plc (UBA), the leading pan-African financial services group, is pleased to announce the appointments of Ayoku Liadi and Oliver Alawuba as Deputy Managing Directors in charge of UBA's Nigeria and Africa businesses, respectively, subject to the approval of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN). The creation of the new positions, reporting to Group CEO, Kennedy Uzoka, represents further strategic recognition of the growth of UBA's pan-African business, now representing in excess of 40% of Group revenue, and the critical importance of Nigeria, the Group's largest market. Combined with UBA's unique International Business, operating from New York, London and Paris, UBA Africa and Nigeria, offer an unparalleled service offering to clients across Africa and globally. Commenting on the appointments, Group Chairman Tony O. Elumelu said:

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commitment to optimise our management structure to best serve our clients and drive our business success."

Oliver Alawuba has worked with the UBA Group for almost 20 years and was appointed in January 2020, CEO for the Group's Africa operations and Oliver's knowledge of UBA's business in Africa is unrivalled. He previously held the role as CEO of UBA in Ghana and more recently, as Regional CEO for UBA in Anglophone Africa.

Ayo Liadi joined the UBA Group in 2014 and was appointed the Executive Director of Lagos and West bank in Nigeria, two years later. Ayo is widely recognised for his innovation in driving business development.

Also announced today by the UBA Group Board, was the retirement from the Board with effect from August 01, 2020, of Dan Okeke who has been with the UBA Group for

22 years. Dan served on the board as an Executive Director for three terms and a total of nine years. According to the Group Chairman, 'Dan was born for UBA. He has worked tirelessly for the Group and achieved so much in the past two decades. We will miss him, but he will still be very much around us'.

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Personal Income Tax: 5 Frequently Asked Questions

What is Personal Income Tax?

It is a tax levied on all incomes of an individual in employment or business. All employers of labour are expected to deduct taxes from their employees and remit same to the tax authority on a monthly basis, while persons in business are expected to file their annual returns and pay accordingly. Who should pay personal Income Tax?

Any person who earns income in the form of salary, wage, fee, allowance or other gains or profit from employment including compensations, bonuses, premiums, benefits



or other perquisites allowed, given or granted by any person to any temporary or permanent employee other

than so much of any sums as or expenses incurred by him in the performance of his duties, and from which it is not

intended that the employee should make any profit or gain.

Are Temporary or Casual Workers meant to pay tax?

Yes. The Personal Income Tax (Amendment) Act, 2011 combined with the provisions of S.3 (1)(b) and S.3(1)(b)(i) particularly defining the taxpaying employee as either a temporary or permanent employee.

What is CRA?

According to the new Personal Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2011, CRA is the Consolidated Relief Allowance, which combines all previous reliefs (Housing, Meal, Utility, Transport, Leave

allowances, etc) consolidated into a single relief of N200,000 subject to a minimum of 1% of gross income (whichever is higher) plus 20% of the gross income.

What items are tax-exempt from my emolument?

In addition to the Consolidated Reliefs and Allowances (CRA) the following items in the Sixth Schedule table are still tax exempt;

National Housing Fund Contribution
National Health Insurance Scheme
Life Assurance Premium
National Pension Scheme.

Flood: Councillors appeal to state to do more for Isolo people

By Damilola Kushimo

Councillors from four wards in Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) have made an appeal to the state government to do more to complement the efforts of the council authority in tackling floods that have wrecked more havoc in different areas in the community, lately. The appeal was made in a

letter written to the deputy governor, Dr. Obafemi Hamzat and jointly signed by the councillor representing Apena, Okota, Ilasamaja and Ire-Akari/Ishaga Ward, Hon. Remy Shittu Remy, Hon. Kanayo Osondu, Hon. Akeem Adeyemi and Hon. Abisodun Odusina-Adeoye.

Also joined as signatories are the chairman of Ago-Okota Estate and the chairman Alafia Community

Development Area (CDA) Prince Nixon Okwara and Barrister Dawodu.

Kanayo noted that the lawmakers are cognizant and appreciative of the series of interventions being carried out by state to alleviate the discomfort of flood on residents but he emphasised their clamour that would help solidify council's relentless efforts on communal development.

In his words: "This is an urgent appeal to the state to extend their interventions to more community in our council area. The consistent downpour of rain caused great distress and the causes of this flood are beyond the purview of the council authority. Regardless of that, the chairman has been responsive in doing the best he could and we thought it wise to make an appeal to the

state for more efforts."

"Our relationship with residents in our different wards have made us the first point of contact when it comes to some issues that affect the community and this recent downpour inflicted unbearable distress to many areas in different wards, even areas that are not really susceptible to floods and that's why this appeal is important," he noted.

In the jointly signed letter dated July 7, 2020, construction of drainage channels, pulling down of obstructive fences were among the 20 proposed urgent projects the councillors highlighted across the four wards and the council leader, Hon. Remy Shittu Remy exercised his optimism that the projects will soon be looked into to avert looming crisis.

Wole Soyinka at 86: A Man, A Model In His Own Words

By Ladapo Kolade

As a teenager reading the works of the famous English playwright, William Shakespeare, I used to marvel how it was possible for one writer to pen so many hundreds of plays. I remember my favourites: As You Like It, Hamlet, Measure for Measure, The Taming of the Shrew, Love's Labour Lost and All's Well That Ends Well. In my life, I have confirmed that WS did not do the impossible. The life and times of Black world's own WS has proven that prodigy is human. Wole Soyinka, playwright, poet, essayist, activist, public intellectual clocks 85 today. It is worth celebrating a man who dared to be different. And got away with it! To many youths trying to figure out what to make of life today, here is a Man that is a Model. Africa's First ever Nobel Laureate. You want to be a Writer? Read his words. They inspire. (from Brainy Quotes)

On Writing

"And I believe that the best learning process of any kind of craft is just to look at the work of others"

"Even when I'm writing plays I enjoy having company and mentally I think of that company as the company I'm writing for"

"I consider the process of gestation just as important as when you're actually sitting down putting words to the paper."

But the ultimate lesson is just sit down and write. That's all."

"I grew up in an atmosphere where words were an integral part of culture."

"I'm not one of those writers I learned about who get up in the morning, put a piece of paper in their typewriter machine and start writing. That I've never understood."

One thing I can tell you is this, that I am not a methodical writer."

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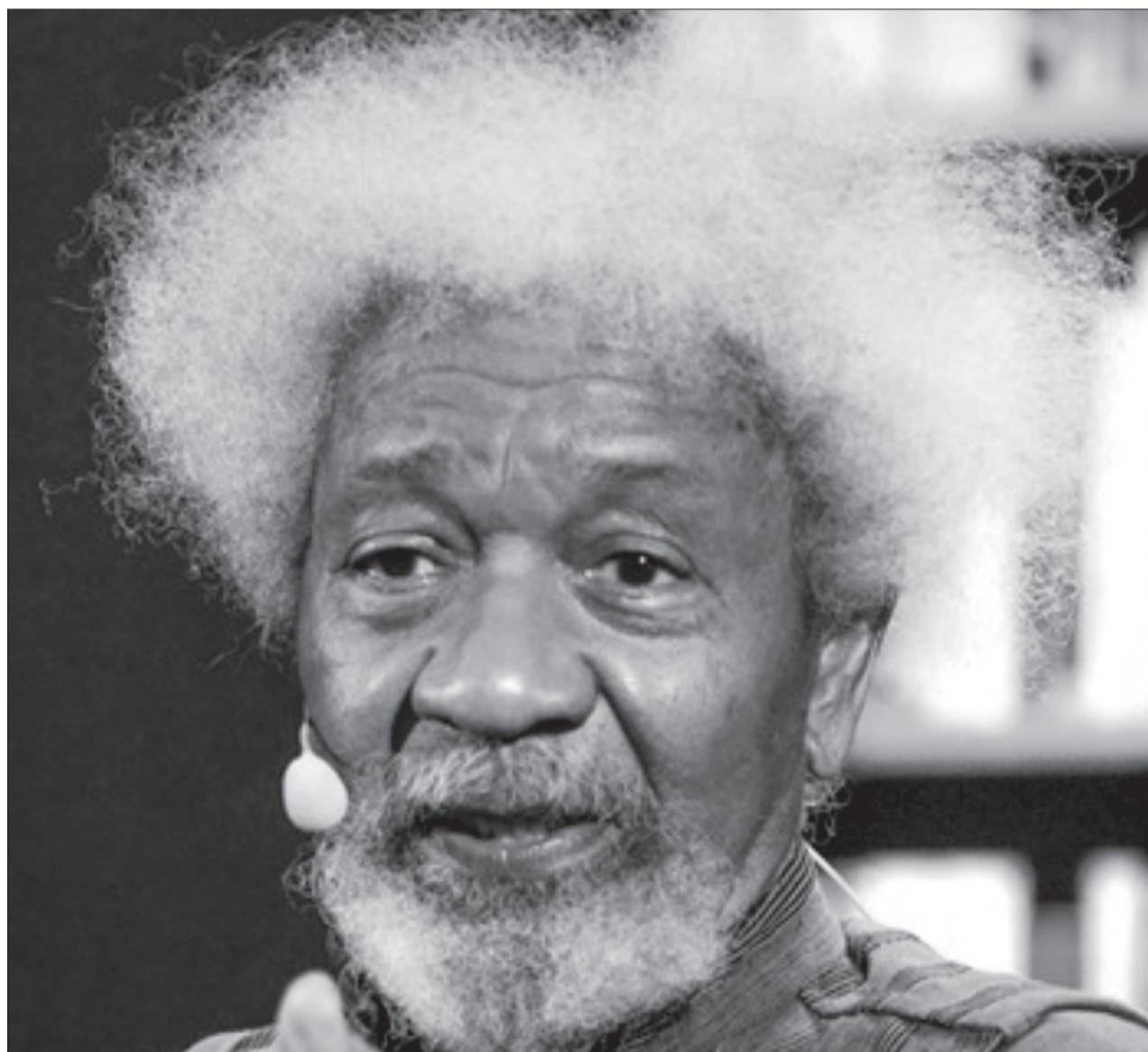
Before you're a writer, you're a citizen, a human being, and therefore the weapons of the citizen are at your disposal to use or not use."

"I began writing early - very, very early... I was already writing short stories for the radio and selling poems to poetry and art festivals; I was involved in school plays; I wrote essays, so there was no definite moment when I said, 'Now I'm a writer.' I've always been a writer."

"When I write plays, I'm already seeing the shapes on stage, of the actors and their interaction, and so on and so forth. I don't think I've ever written one play as an abstract piece, as a literary piece, floating in the air somewhere, to be flushed out later on."

"I've always written plays for the purpose of getting something out of my system."

An idyllic period of my existence was when I had a den attached to my home... a writing den, and no one had



Professor Wole Soyinka

access to that unless they had their own special visa, applied for weeks in advance."

"In the world of literature, I see prizes as more of a duty to the craft itself, rather than as something for the individual"

The phenomenon of creativity,

we know, is closely related to the ability to yoke together separate, and even seemingly incompatible, matrices."

My father was a schoolteacher, and so I had the advantage of both western educational instruction in the

school, as well as what you might call the process of imbibing the traditional processes of education instruction around me."

"My understanding of the creative process is simply that all cultures and all concerns

meet at a certain point, the human point in which everything is related to one another. That has been my creative experience. I never know who's influencing me at any time."

Councillors donate case files, face mask to Okota Police Division

By Damilola Kushimo

Lawmakers representing Apena and Okota Wards of Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Remy Shiitu Remy and Hon. Kanayo Osondu, respectively, have donated case files and facemasks to Isolo Divisional Police station. The donation was made last week when the lawmakers paid a courtesy visit to the Divisional Police Officer CSP Ajoke Akande.

Remy who doubles as the leader of the lawmaking arm explained that the donation was to encourage the personnel to do more for the

community.

Praising the station for top-notch performance, he said the intense security measures have ultimately reduced the crime rate in the community.

Also speaking at the event, Hon. Kanayo implored the personnel to remain committed to their service to the community reiterating that members of the community are taking records of their performance.

Recall that similar gesture was shown to personnel of Ago-Okota Division when the duo paid a welcome visitation to the DPO SP Ladi Tarpaya when she got deployed to the division last August.



L-R: Hon. Remy Shiitu Remy, CSP Ajoke Akande and Hon. Kanayo Osondu their visit

Oshodi fumigates schools ahead of shelved resumption

By Edith Igbokwe

Prior to the federal government suspension of school resumption slated for Monday 13th July 2020 to accommodate transitional classes (pry6, JSS3, SSS3) for revisions before the examination commence, Oshodi LGA began school fumigation and prepared teachers regards the resumption date.

With the directive from the Executive chairman of Oshodi Isolo local government, Hon. Bolaji Muse Ariyoh public schools were fumigated in readiness to the resumption as a measure to curb COVID-19 spread.

Schools fumigated includes, local Government Education Authority (LGEA) schools which comprise Wooden primary school, New State primary school and Model primary school alongside with Ikeja College, Ikeja Senior and Junior Grammar school.

The exercise was led by the HOD environmental department, Akeem Adeoye who said that conducive atmosphere devoid of COVID-19 is Paramount for both teachers and students before they could resume after several months lockdown.



Fumigation work in progress

On other hand, the LGEA Prepared teachers to get ready in terms of putting the necessary things in order to discharge their duty.

Teachers from level 13 and above were permitted to resume so as to manage the crisis of COVID-19.

According to the LGEA Executive Secretary (ES) Barr, Femi Ogunwusi word: "

our teachers are 100 percent ready to take off with the revision classes ,all the necessary things we need is in order to kick start."

Unfortunately on Wednesday 8th July the federal government decision to reopen school was faulted by the increased rate of COVID-19 as it was announced that schools would remain closed

until it is safe to reopen them and advised state government to rescind such. All school across the Federal, state, local government which has been closed in March with the hope to resume on 13th July will have to wait until the COVID-19 pandemic is drastically subsided.

Wife recalls last moments with Pa Yekini, Shogunle's foremost leader, Ariyoh extols virtues

By Edith Igbokwe

Alhaja Mulika, the wife of the late foremost leader of the Shogunle community, Alhaj Sheifu Aremu Yekini has said that he traded banter and joked with neighbour's hours before he passed away peacefully in his sleep. He was 86.

According to her, "Alhaji's death was a big surprise, one which I have never witnessed before. He was lively and humorous with everyone around him before he went to bed. He breathed his last without prior notice.

Until his death at age 86, he attended meeting concerning the growth and development of

the community because he loved to see things change for good."

His ceaseless effort and roles played in the growth and development of Shogunle and Oshodi at large cannot be over emphasized."

The entire Oshodi Community, the executive chairman of Oshodi- Isolo local

government, Hon. Bolaji Muse Ariyoh, the Shogunle ward council, Hon Femi Mustapha, the Community Development Committee/Association (CDC/CDA) and others sent in their condolences to the family.

They prayed that Allah should grant him rest and give the family he left behind the fortitude to bear the loss.

Community leader warns youths against indiscipline

By Edith Igbokwe

Following the police raid of youths that took place in the community of Akinode street Oshodi, the chairman of the landlord/residents association who also doubles as the vice chairman of Oshodi community Development Association (CDA) Mr., Adedeji Ayobami has warned

youth to desist from nefarious activities.

The SARS police men had arrested some youths following a tip-off that they were cultists who planned to hold a dangerous programme in the area.

The boys that were picked was found drinking local gin (ogogoro) and smoking at 9/10 Akinode Street when the raiding took place.

Information revealed that number 9/10 Akinode Street has been marked to be a notorious place where boys hang around to do all sorts of things like drinking and smoking dangerous substances.

According to Ayobami, the community leaders within the streets of Akinode, Salami, and Awotunde close, Okunade, Okeleke and Adeogun had

always kicked against the bad reputation that the youth has given to the community due to the manner in which they flock around smoking in the community.

He reiterated that parents were warned at the last meeting of the association to monitor their children to be of good behavior by keeping away from gangs and related activities.

Ladipo CDA introduces stickers to tighten security

By Edith Igbokwe

Towards ensuring the security of lives and properties in the area covered by the Ladipo Community , it will now be an offence to drive cars or ride cycles out of the Community Development Authority without stickers.

Awareness campaign, including the mounting of banner and distribution of letters to residents began in May.

After two months of awareness, enforcement began last week.

According to the policy, residents are to obtain form at the price of N1, 000 for cars and N500 for tricycle/koala per year for collection of sticker through the street coordinators while gate pass will be issued to non-residents, religious body, organizations, visitors,

customers of business through screening and approval from the security Committee.

All the entrance gates to Bello, Ajisegiri, Oluwani Odalume and Oyegunwa shall be opened by 5:30 and closed at 7pm respectively while all the pedestrian gates remains opened till 11pm.

According to the community Public Relations Officer, Mr. Abayomi Olowu funds realised from the project will still go back to the community in terms security and development.

He explained that the closure of Odalume street during the day is to allow the potholes revamped to get dried before vehicles can ply it.

He concluded: " Residents are complying with the new policy though, not yet 100 percent but with time, they will get use to the new policy."

Flood takes over Old Ewu Community

By Edith Igbokwe

Persistent rainfall has turned the community of Old Ewu /Ogunyinka Mafoluku Oshodi into a pool of its own making movement difficult and impeding residents' access their homes.

In the circumstances, residents are urging the government to come to their aid.

Areas involved are Ilare close, Muse Oyinbo close and Tijani kashimawo close off 7/8 bus-stop facing the First Bank along Airport road. Other affected places are Dominican school, Saint Jude Catholic Church and Domino shop in Mafoluku Oshodi axis.

The cause of the flood is believed to be the sluggish flow of water after rains-induced flood due to inadequate drainage network.

Affected residents have taken to wearing of rain boots when

going in and out of the house to prevent themselves from getting infected from bad stagnant water in the community.

The Lagos State Government has warned residents of torrential rains this year and warned residents to ensure the drains are well kept.

Both local and state government authorities also deployed gangs to desilt the gutters.

The Community Development Association (CDA) chairperson, Mrs. Durotola Akinyemi stated that as the rain persists on daily basis, the flood increases as well and it prolongs the opportunity of the water to go. She lamented in pains: "we move around in rain boots, despite the fact that we cleared the drainage last year yet, we are still experiencing flood, we need the intervention of the government to fix our drainages to save us from flood."



Old Ewu & Ogunyinka Community in flood after rainfall



1 YEAR OF THE AGENDA



Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu
Executive Governor, Lagos State



Dr. Kadiri Obafemi Hamzat
Deputy Governor, Lagos State

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT & TRANSPORTATION

- Commissioned eight (8) new ferries.
- Recommended work on the Lagos Light Rail project.
- Kicked off the Clean-up Campaign on waterways.
- Employed 1,017 new LASTMA officers
- Doubled LASTMA officers allowance
- Handed 10 brand new vehicles and 26 motorbikes to the Traffic Enforcement Team.
- Embarked on junctions' improvement projects at Allen, Lekki 1st/2nd, Ikotun, and Maryland Roundabouts.
- The 13.68 kilometers Oshodi-Abule Egba BRT corridor nearing completion.
- Public Works Corporation rehabilitated over 1000 roads in the state
- Commissioned 31 networks of roads in Ojokoro Local Council Development Authority (LCDA).
- Completed first phase of the Lagos/Badagry Expressway from Agboju to Trade Fair
- Work nearing completion on Pen-Cinema Bridge
- Shortlisted 8 contractors for the construction of the 4th Mainland Bridge.
- Rehabilitated 116 inner roads.
- Rehabilitated and upgraded 364 major Roads.

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

- Commissioned the 149- Bed, Igando and the 110-bed Eti-Osa Mother and Child Centers (MCCs) respectively. Badagry and Epe MCCs nearing completion.
- Delivered 4 new Isolation Centers for COVID-19 treatment
- Initiated the Healthy Bee Project to offer free medical treatments to Lagos residents.
- Organized another free health mission for surgical interventions for 100 residents with lipomas, breast lumps, hernia and fibroid.
- Reclaimed and provided infrastructure for Orange Island at the bank of Lekki Lagoon.
- Recorded appreciable progress on the Gracefield Island along the Itedo- Lekki shoreline.
- Completed the channelization of four ferry routes namely: Ijede to Badore [6km]; Baiyeku to Ajah (7km), Ebute Ojo to Marina (16km) and Ijede to Marina (16km).
- Channelized the Mile 2- Marina route.
- Completed the Baiyeku Waterfront Jetty construction.
- Dredged and maintained major systems and drainages in the State
- Commissioned the of Dr. Oluyomi Abayomi Finnih Recreational Park, Oregon, Ikeja, Lagos
- Expanded Olusosun dump site to 42 acres.
- Acquired a Briquette facility, which can process about 1,700 kg of sawdust per hour, in Agbowa (Ikorodu division).
- Launched the Lagos State Blue Box.

EDUCATION & TECHNOLOGY

- **Projects ready for commissioning:** 8 Classroom Blocks at Muslim Junior College, Egbe, 18 Classroom Blocks at Maya Secondary School, Ikorodu, 18 Classroom Blocks at Eva Adelaja Junior Secondary School, Bariga, Block of 20 Classrooms at Bashua Military School Primary School, Shomolu, 13 Classrooms at Saviour Primary School, Ifako-Ijaiye LGA, Block of 20 Classrooms at Ayanleye Memorial Primary School, Ifako-Ijaiye LGA and Block of 6 Classrooms at Ansar Ur Deen, Ibonwon, Epe.
- Launched the EKOEXCEL [Excellence in Child Education and Learning] programme, aimed at transforming teaching and learning in public primary schools, via technology.
- Recruited 3,000 teachers at both the primary and secondary schools.
- Signed an agreement with six private investors for the proposed LASU 8,272- unit hostel.
- Established additional twenty-one Adult Literacy centres, bringing the total of such centres in the State to 1,284.
- Established additional two Vocational Centres at Odoragunshi Vocational and Training Centre and Ado- Ikosi Vocational Training Centre.
- Set aside N250 million seed capital earmarked for technology and innovation
- Launched the State's Innovation Mater Plan
- Established the Lagos State Science Research and Innovation Council (LASRIC) to drive investment in research.
- Organized the Art of Technology (AOT) Lagos 1.0 Conference.

MAKING LAGOS A 21ST CENTURY ECONOMY

- Introduced the weekly monitoring tool for Revenue Generating Agencies known as "F.O.R.C.E", an acronym for "Focus on Revenue Creation Everyday & Everywhere".
- Signed the \$629 million financing facility for the Lekki Deep Seaport project with China Harbour Engineering Company (CHEC)
- Restructured all existing loan facilities previously at the rate of 18-20% to 14%, thereby increasing cash flow.
- 3 major Housing projects ready for commission: LagosHoms, Igbogbo, Lagos State Affordable Public Housing Scheme, Topo, Badagry and Courtland Villas, Igbohushu, Lekki.
- Handed over apartments' keys to 492 keys beneficiaries of the Lateef Jakande Gardens, Igando.
- Constructed the water scheme at Ikorodu Fish Farm Estate, Odogunyan.
- Trained 575 women and youths, comprising 240 in aquaculture, 300 in poultry, and 35, under the APPEALS project in rice farming.
- Work nearing completion on the integrated Imota Rice Mill.
- 1,700 people benefitted from a World Bank assisted Agricultural programme (APPEAL) with each of the beneficiaries receiving the sum of N2 million
- Empowered 1,050 vulnerable women and indigent residents in the State during the 2019 Mega Empowerment programme.
- Organized a Mentorship seminar for over 1,000 Youths in the State on the theme: "AGRICPRENEUR: Strategy for Wealth Creation".
- Empowered 600 residents with ingenious business idea to the tune of N4billion through the Lagos State Employment Fund (LSEF) W-Initiative, in collaboration with Access Bank Plc., to empower Lagosians.



Beam Bridge for the Sea-Crossing of the Lagos Rail Line, at Marina, Lagos



Boost for Inter-modal Transport: 8 newly acquired ferries



Unhindered access to healthcare: The new Eti-Osa Mother & Child Centre



Unhindered access to healthcare: BOSKOH Free Health Mission



Revamping Basic Education through EKO EXCEL



Presentation of Operational Vehicles to the RRS



Lateef Jakande Gardens , Igando

SECURITY AND GOVERNANCE

- Completed and commissioned two (2) new Citizens' Mediation Centres (CMC) complexes at Iba and Ojo LGAs.
- Inaugurated an Advisory Committee to look at the activities of police prosecutors at the Magistrate Courts.
- Provided 120 Patrol Vehicles and 35 Motorcycles for Security Operatives in the State
- Provided first aid kits to operatives of the Lagos State Neighbourhood Safety Corps (LNSC).
- Renovated the Old People's Home, Yaba and Adult Day Care Centre, Epe.
- Inaugurated the Executive Council of Lagos State Community Development Advisory Council (LSCDAC).
- Established the Lagos State Volunteer Corps.

ENTERTAINMENT AND TOURISM

- Organised the Greater Lagos extravaganza in 4 locations
- Completed and handed over for public use the four Lagos Theatres located in Oregon, Badagry, Epe and Igando.
- Equipped and furnished the Badagry Heritage Museum to meet international standard.
- Not less than 350,000 Lagosians participated in this year's edition of the annual music and entertainment show.
- Hosted the 2020 Lagos/ Access Marathon

Better internet coming with Lagos metro fibre Project

By Olushola Okewole

Speedier internet encouraging more residents to work from home using broadband services such as WIFI are the expected gains of the blue and red cables being dug across main streets in various parts of Oshodi, Isolo and Ejigbo.

Echonews witnessed the digging and installation of the cables along Airport Road,

Isolo, Adejumo Sports Centre, Ejigbo among others. There were initial fears that the cables were for the inauguration of the 5G technology but this rumour has been dispelled.

The project, known as the Lagos State Unified Fibre Infrastructure and Connectivity Project, was approved by the Lagos State House of Assembly in May this year.

The project seeks to build for

Lagos a fibre optic duct where providers of broadband services can pass their cables and pay the companies mandated by the state government fees for using the services. The current practice is that each broadband operator will pay the government to dig its own duct or pass it over a distance at a price estimated at N5,000 per linear metre in Lagos. This not only leads to perennial destruction and

replacement of newly-built infrastructures, only commercially viable segments of the city tends to get the services.

The project, a key initiative of the Babajide Sanwo-olu administration will enable broadband services to reach underserved areas such as Isolo and Ejigbo and make internet services more available.

Three companies- Western Telecommunications,

Engineering Metro Limited and Emmaux are reported to be in charge of the project and will defray their cost of laying the cables over 25 years while paying annually to the government from its revenues made from users of the facility.

A few of the engineers on site declined attribution but assured that the areas dug would be filled back and restored to position after laying the cables.

Welcoming the project, the secretary to Ejigbo LCDA, (SLG), Mr. Paul Fregene, when contacted confirmed that the council supports the Lagos state metro fibre project to provide Gold WI-FI accessible to the community' SLG stressed that metro-fibre will make for easy database access for the community to track and monitor happening in the community.

Landlady in police net for renting out a flooded house under pretense

By Olushola Okewole

Police operatives from Ejigbo Division led by the DPO CSP Olabisi Okuwobi have arrested a 65-year old landlady, Mrs. Celina Obioma, for consistently renting out an apartment knowing that it was not habitable during the rainy season as confirmed by the residents.

This was brought to the fore by the predicament of a tenant, Samuel Okpara, who lost all his properties to flooded apartment.

The unsuspecting Samuel had rented the new apartment during the dry season but it later turned out that the flat was built on a sewage line where flood water usually passes during the rainy season.

The apartment, at No. 19 Esther Ibekwe Street, Sewage area of Jakande Estate in Ejigbo, Lagos, was usually flooded during the rainy season causing tenants to move out after payment. The landlady then takes a fresh tenant.

Narrating his ordeal, the tenant, Mr. Okpara, said he was looking for an apartment and the house was introduced to him by the

landlady's son, Sylvester, who was said not to be living in the house because of the flood.

He said that the house was painted and when he went to inspect the apartment, he discovered that there were signs on the wall indicating that flood may have affected the apartment in the past, and he was told it has stopped.

Mr. Okpara said he paid for the rent in September, 2019, which was during the dry season. He said when he moved into the house, residents in the area informed him that he will soon park out of the house. He asked to know why and he was told that tenants usually move into the house during the dry season and leave during the rainy season as a result of incessant flooding.

He said when the rain started two weeks ago, he was sleeping in the house only to discover that the whole flat was covered with flood. He quickly evacuated his family and lodged in a nearby hotel.

Okpara said that since then, he has been homeless and pleaded with the landlady to refund part of his rent. When she refused, Okpara then reported the matter to the Police.



The house which always get flooded to send tenants packing during rainy season, at sewage area, Jakande Estate Ejigbo

Giving her own account, the landlady, Mrs. Obioma, said that was how she met the place after she had invested her money on the house. She admitted that flood was the major challenge she was facing and she does not refund money whenever

tenants pay her because she spent money to build the house.

It was gathered that many tenants had rented the apartment in the past and equally left during the rainy season in tears, while the house will be re-painted

during the next dry season for another unsuspecting tenant. The case is expected to be charged to court this week on alleged extortion as it is believed that she willfully used the apartment to extort money from unsuspecting members of the public.

Don't violate traffic rules, Ejigbo CDC warns motorcyclists

By Olushola Okewole

The Community Development Committee (CDC), Ejigbo has warned motorists and motorcyclists in Ejigbo LCDA to adhere to the government directives on traffic.

The CDC chairman, Prince Jelili Atiku gave this warning after the CDC meeting with the Divisional Police Officer, Ejigbo, CSP Olabisi Okuwobi where it was discovered that many motorcycles have been impounded by the police as a result of noncompliance of the motorcyclists with traffic laws.

He added that the DPO had informed that the violation of traffic rules has been on the increase, and in turn there is going to be aggressive move to impound more motorcycles from offenders which will not be released but crushed.

He said: "We have been on constant discussions with the DPO and we are joining the enlightenment train to educate the residents as well as visitors, especially motorcyclists in our community to desist from violating the extant traffic rules in the state. The Laws guiding road traffic which include both vehicle and motorcycle users must be adhere to."

"The Police authorities have informed us of the increase in the violation and the readiness of the Police to commence aggressive clampdown with immediate effect.

"It is on this note that the leadership of the CDC wants each of our CDAs to warn riders in their areas about the directive from the Police authorities."

Obe charges residents to desist from improper waste disposal, maintain roads

By Olushola Okewole

The council Chairman, Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Monsuru Bello Obe has expressed his displeasure against the attitude of residents towards wastes disposal in the LCDA. The attitude, he noted, needed to change so as to combat the incessant flooding of the community due to blocked drains.

Obe made this observation after taking a tour of flooded streets in the Bucknor community, adding that

drains are the major challenge in the community and that he will not relent until they are sorted out.

He stressed that most of the drains were built decades ago, and at the time they were built, they successfully checked floods. He lamented that they have been turned dumping site for all sorts of dirt.

He appealed to the residents to adopt proper waste management so that flood would not ravage their properties.

Similarly, Obe linked the

problem of drains to roads said the dream of residents for better roads will be achieved in due course, taking the cue from the roads rehabilitated and re-constructed by his administration.

These include Kashimawo Alimi Street down to Adefioye Junction through Oyinbo dudu junction down to Rainbow Avenue to connect Jakande Estate.

Noting that drainage is a major priority of his administration, he said the drains are critical to the

lifespan of the roads and appealed for continued understanding and support of all.

Obe stressed that over-flooding of the roads, due to blocked drainage, has been one of the main challenges which his administration has been battling since assumption of duty in July 2017 and that they are going to win as Council.

On the issue of Infrastructure, Obe said: "The Council decided to pay special attention to infrastructural development

to improve the quality of our environment and the living standard in our area, our projects are sustainable and important to the needs of our people".

The Council boss said, his administration has constructed and rehabilitated over 13 roads which includes the rehabilitation of Moshalashi road, Agbonmagbin road, Jakande Estate road, kolawole Sebili road, Alh. Nurudeen Obe Street, Ifoshi road, Rafiu Tijani among others.

Grassroots Football is evolving everyday - Oseni

Musbahu Oseni the founder of Ms Success FC spoke with Saheed Afolabi on why he founded a club at the grassroots

Can we meet you?

My name is Musbahu Oseni, I am an artisan. Did you play football at the grassroots?

Yes, I played at the grassroots with the likes of Segun Omolade but didn't get the chance to play at the professional level. I called it quit at the grassroots after 10 years.

Since Ms Success FC was founded, has any player been able to seek greener pastures outside the club?

There are about four of them, who have gone professional, there is a goalkeeper called Emenike who ply his trade with Crown FC of Ogbomosho. We have two that are playing for 36 lions FC of Lagos. Another player is Olufemi Adebayo who played for the U23 national team under Samson Siasia

and we are also planning for more players to move on to greater heights in their career.

When did you develop the urge to establish a club at the grassroots?

This is a wonderful question, grassroots football is evolving everyday and it's not easy. I was called by a particular coach named Emenike Festus about 20 years ago to help him run his club. After our separation, I founded Ms Success FC so the urge to establish a club actually started after I started coaching a club alongside Emenike Festus.

Do you have any sponsors?

We are lucky to get a sponsor, his name is Yusuf Ayinla. He is the CEO of Kunyila Nigeria Limited and has been supportive. We are very grateful to him.



Musbahu Oseni

Future Stars is the team to beat - Knight

By Saheed Afolabi

The coach of Future Stars FC of Isolo Knolly Knight has revealed that his team will assemble the best squad which would become unbeatable in this year's Ejigbo Management Cup. The cup is likely to kick-off in the last quarter of the year at the Ejigbo mini-Stadium. In a chat with ECHONEWS, Knight was full of hope and assurance that Future Stars FC will be the team to beat at the annual tournament and his team is well prepared psychologically and physically. "We are very prepared psychologically and physically for the year's

Ejigbo management cup, the team we lost to in the final, lost to my team in the group stage last year but as you know football is sometimes unpredictable. Although the lockdown affected us because we couldn't train as a team but trust me, we are good to go and we will defeat every opposition team we come across till we emerge champions" Knight said.

Knight also reiterated that his team has gone back to the drawing board and corrected past errors.

Future Stars FC came second at the last edition of the Ejigbo management cup thereby losing the final by a lone goal to eventual winners Dynamite FC of Isolo.



Knolly Knight

Academy owners, Alade disagree over grassroots football

By Saheed Afolabi

Academy owners in grassroots football have disagreed with the claim credited to the chairman Association of Proprietors Football Academy in Nigeria (APFAN) Prince Alade who said that the academies in the grassroots are substandard. Prince Alade who made the claim while speaking with Journalists noted that there are requirements to be met to set up a standard academy at the grassroots and that ninety nine percent of the academies around failed to meet the required targets to run an academy.

But speaking with ECHONEWS, the owner of Unstoppable football academy Yemi Fortune said: "I disagree with what the chairman said, there are so many good academies with a standard structure in the grassroots but

the major thing that is hindering the growth of academies in the grassroots is sponsors because most academies are run solely by the owner unlike in the western world, where sponsors are eager to sponsor an academy. Even the U17, U20 and U23 players are scouted from the grassroots. Our academies are good and we are relied on when the country needs any player for an age grade competition."

The owner of Eagles assembly academy Emmanuel Edem revealed that in terms of talents the grassroots have standard academies but if it's getting sponsorship that is the problem.

"Talking about the standards, it has to deal with sponsors and there's a lot of limitations towards that, but in terms of nurturing talents then the academies in the grassroots are capable. Though, there is need for improvement, we still have credible academies at the grassroots" Edem said.

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