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Goalkeeper electrocuted at betting shop

By Olushola Okewole, Sahed Afolabi

ragedy struck at Eko Akete plaza last Thursday as a key member of the Ejigbo All Stars Football Club, Taiwo Akinlusi, popularly known as Sir Tee among his football fans was electrocuted to death.

until his dath he was the goalkeeper of the club.

Fans deescribed his as a gentle peaceloving sports man who got n wwell with everybody.

Echonews Sports rporter Saheed afolabi recalled that he joined his club to participate in the All staas League last year but his club was knowked out in the preliminaries.

Akinlusi's head mistakenly touched a live wire while he was descending the stairs of the plaza after staking his bet.

Eko Akete plaza is located at Ile-Epo Bus Stop.

An eye witness, Mr. Abiodun Adaranijo, who spoke with ECHONEWS explained that while coming down the staircase after playing his bets at the plaza, the unsuspecting deceased had touched a naked live wire dangling with his head.

He said he (the deceased) would have bended his head to avoid the wire but he did not take note of the clumsy wires at the time he was descending the stairs.

According to Adaranijo, it was not the first time Akinlusi would pass through the staircase and bypass the wires even on that fateful day, but due to the fact that he ws in hurry, to go back home after placing stakes, he forgot to bend his head.

The remains has been deposited in the mortuary at the General



The late Taiwo Akinlusi(Sir Tee) who was electrocuted at Ile-epo bus stop plaza

Hospital, Isolo.

The chairman of Ailegun Community Development Association (CDA), Barr. Bimbo Olawale, who confirmed the incident, described it as unfortunate, saying the residents

have always been warned to be conscious of their electrical wiring to avoid such incidents.

"We always warn people to be security conscious. We tell them that security include anything that can affect human live such as

electricity in term of wiring.

"The incident was unfortunate one and we pray not to experience such again but we must always be conscious. The incident has affected the power supply in the community, the supply to the area

has to be switched off but we have contacted Ikeja Electric to come and fix it."

Efforts to get the reaction of the owners of the plaza and the police were unsuccessful as at press

NGOs, Access Bank distribute relief packages to PWDs

By Damilola Kushimo

o fewer than 100 Persons With Disabilities (Pwds) in Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA) benefitted from the Covid-19 Response Project organised by Estrategico Consult, Stanforte Edge and Access

The event which was facilitated by the council leader, Hon. Remy Shittu Remy was held in the council Secretariat with strict adherence to social distancing and other physical measures against the spread of the virus.

According the project lead of Estategico Consult, Oluwaseyi Sodola, the alarming rate at which Covid-19 cases are being recorded

together and educate a section of the society especially the physically challenged people on how to effectively play their parts in community," he said. fighting against the virus.

Sodola said the people living with disabilities were disadvantaged ones who suffered the effects of the Covid-19 most as they could during the pandemic.

"We realised that they can't trying times. do the normal things they did for living, that is why we've come together to educate them on how they can play their parts in defeating Covid-19 by observing all preventive measures by themselves or with the help of those around them. We also

prompted the body to come support them with relief items they should be willing to give appreciated the organisers of as a way of contributing our own quota to their welfare as well as fighting against the spread of the virus in the

Commending the organisers, the council Chairman, Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye who targeted with the palliatives was represented by the since they were the council Secretary, Hon. Emmanuel Olojede, said donation of relief packages especially to the physically not vend for themselves challenged people could never be too much at this

He said: "We have been open to NGOs to assist the government. This gesture, as displayed by the organisers, is a positive one especially by focusing mainly on the PWDs. We hope this will inspire other NGOs to see that from the little they have back to the community."

Speaking on behalf of the Yusuf Agbabiaka, receive such support from

the programme, disclosing that it was the first time the beneficiaries, the chairman physically challenged people of PWDs in Isolo LCDA, Mr. in the council area would corporate bodies since the virus broke out. Items in the stimulus package included beans, garri, rice, seasoning, noodles, facemask among others.

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Organisation takes educational materials to students' doorsteps

he Lagos State chapter of the United State Exchange Programme through the Alumni Association of International Visitor Leadership Project (IVLP) has begun house-tohouse distribution of educational materials to 120 students of Ajumoni Senior Grammar School, Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA).

The materials distribution, according to the council leader, Hon. Remy Shittu Remy; an IVLP alumnus who facilitated the programme to the school, was part of the graduation ceremony for Senior Secondary School 1 and 2 students who participated in the 6-week mentorship programme held lockdown was declared.

Remy said the ideal thing was to organise graduation ceremony for the students after the 6-week mentorship programme but could not be held as Covid-19 lockdown commenced in the last week of the programme and all activities had to be suspended.

He said instead of waiting too long for the schools to resume, the organisers concluded to distribute the materials to them to be able to study at home.

One of the recipients of the materials, Miss Jenifa Okoro, expressed heartfelt gratitude for bringing down such gift to her residence, saying the educational materials which included exercise books, past questions and mathematical set would encourage her to study more.

A mother who took the books



in the school before Covid-19 Hon. Remy Shittu Remy (right) presenting the of educational materials to Miss Glory Chukwu (middle) as the Biology teacher Ajumoni Senior Grammar School Mrs. Adenike Orenade looks on

son has been studying since help him to study harder."

on behalf of her son, Mrs. the lockdown, these books A Biology teacher, Mrs. Einma Eti said" Though my and past questions will also Adenike Oremade, who

oversaw the presentation of imploring the students to take programme.

the materials, appreciated the advantage of the opportunity international association while they received through the

Covid-19: Isolo LCDA partners CDAs in fresh move to check spread

Damilola Kushimo

ollowing the persistent increase in the number of Covid-19 positive cases in Oshodi-Isolo LGA, the chairman of Isolo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye (Shammeh) has flagged off a new sensitisation campaign against the virus.

Tagged "Intensive Advocacy and Sensitization on Transition to Home Based Care of Asymptomatic or Mild positive Case Of COVID-19.", the proramme was unveiled Secretariat.

Olaleye stressed the need to rewrite the narratives of the virus in the council as directed by the state government.

"Recent figures have placed Oshodi-Isolo LGA among the 18 LGAs with prevailing cases of COVID-19 and as a narratives."It was easy to stage. But the need not to leaders on measures to curtail

Community to raise red flag when the Development committee number started rising. We (CDC) at the council must face the hard fact. that COVID-19 is here with us. We must change our mindset. COVID-19 is real," said the council chairman, informing that henceforth, the meeting will be regular.

Equally speaking, the CDC chairman, Mr. Adesegun Olatunde, said the emergency government, we have a meeting was summoned to responsibility to re-write the sensitise Community Development Associations monitor cases at the early (CDAs) and community

during an emergency meeting create panic prompted us not the wide spread of COVID-19 cases in the council area.

> According to him, as the lowest level of government, the CDC also has a great role to play in the fight against coronavirus hence, the need to sensitise the residents through each CDA on how to tame community spread of the virus and also the transition into home based cure for asymptomatic cases of the virus since isolation centres why the number of the are running out of space.

He therefore implored the daily. We are the ones residents to keep observing all preventive measures to person to person."

curtail the spread of the virus, affirming that the Primary Healthcare Centres PHCs have been equipped with trained personnel and equipments needed to effectively handle asymptomatic cases of.

He said: "People are no longer observing the laid down guidelines thinking that the pandemic is over. This is far from being true. That is infected patients is rising transmitting this virus from

Covid-19 pandemic, rain delay our construction projects - Isolo LCDA

Damilola Kushimo

cnallenges of COVID-19 and the onset of rains are responsible for the delay in meeting the deadlines of the construction projects put in place by Isolo local council authority.

Secretary to the Local Government, Hon. Emmanuel Olojede said one of such projects is the rehabilitation of Moshalashi Street which started in February and was initially slated to be completed in April but still ongoing in July. Due to the fact that the work

has been delayed beyond nexpected the scheduled time, the residents have started complaining especially as they have to battle some difficulties on the road.

> But Olojede allayed their fears noting that rehabilitation work has to be delayed when the Federal and State governments ordered that some sectors be locked down to curtail community spread of coronavirus.

> While appealing to the residents to be patient, Olojede assured them that the local government was trying to put a legacy project

specification given to him.

According to him, the work on the street is in two parts the concrete part which is the drains on both sides of the road, and the walkway which is ongoing

He noted that people wanted to see the completely tarred road which is the last segment of the job, explaining that that could not be achieved without completing the drainages and the walkway that the contractor was currently working on.

"The residents will have to

the contractor has been fact that the rains are here. working according to the workers cannot work at their full capacity as they could before the rainy season. They have to take cognisance of the weather and much work is still on the concrete part.

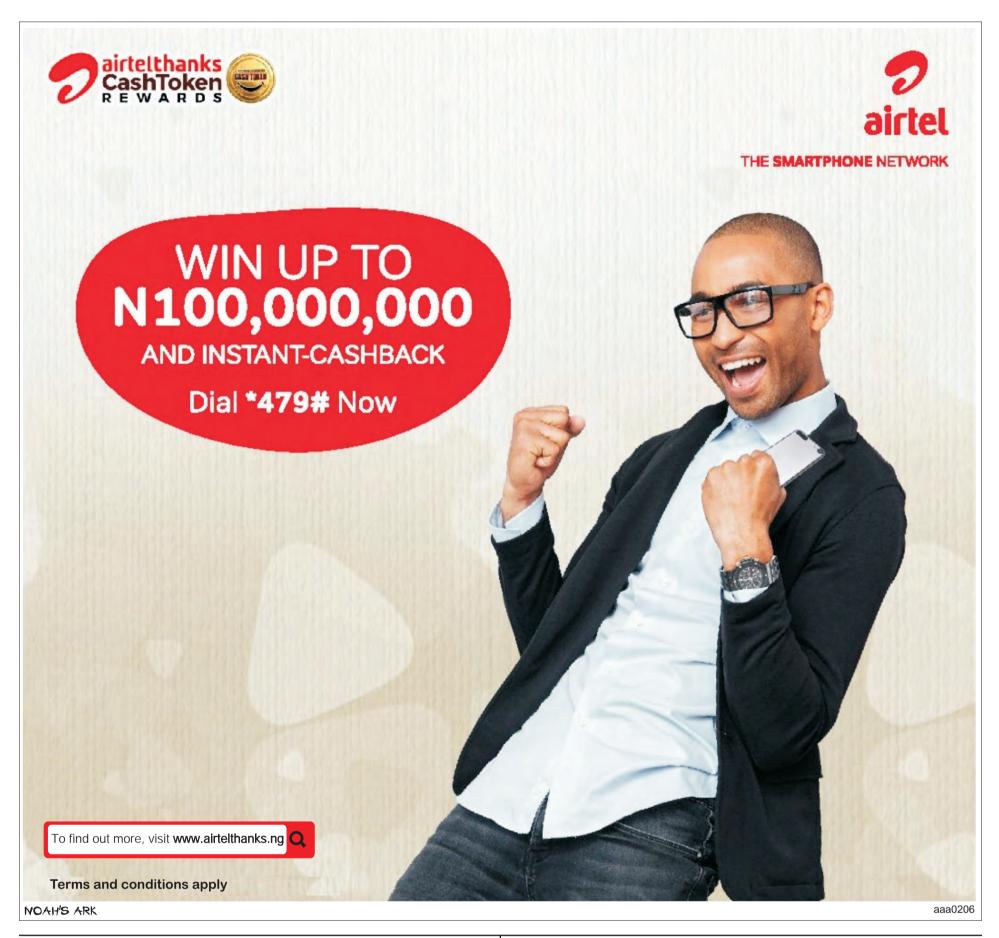
"We initially calculated that the project would not take more than three months before Covid-19 but, it was the second month of working on the project when the lockdown was declared to contain the spread of the virus. It is unfortunate that after the lockdown the rain set in and automatically we have to be calculate every

according to the weather and they are using limited staff members in accordance with the government social distancing order. The residents should just bear with us."

Asked whether the road would be part of the projects expected to be commissioned to commemorate the third year anniversary of the council chairman on Saturday, July 23, 2020, Olojede said the weather forecast has predicted heavy rains for July and August and based on that, the construction

on the street, affirming that bear with us based on the activity. They are working work might not be completed before the third year anniversary.

> "We are not rushing it, we are not doing a shoddy job. That project is one of the legacy projects of the chairman. It is a special project that is in the heart of the chairman. So, we are not rushing it. The contractor is working according to our specification. If it cannot be finished before the third year anniversary, it will be done as soon as possible. We want it to last for years and also be a standard road for the incoming administration to emulate," he said.



Grassroots sport stakeholders back postponement of Africa Nations Cup

By Saheed Afolabi

ports stakeholders in spreading across the wold. of African Football (CAF) for pandemic is still very much postponing the 2021 African Cup of Nations (AFCON) till 2022.

The 33rd edition of the CAF to postpone it as it will tournament, which was initially scheduled to hold between January and February 2021, was rescheduled for June/July 2021 and later postponed till January 2022 due to Covid-19 pandemic participating countries to prepare ravaging the world.

"Health is our number one priority, we must remain vigilant," postponement of the tournament.

the way coronavirus keeps

Oshodi-Isolo have He said: "Well it's a good around and the risk level is high. I commend the decision taken by enable the host country to take her time to complete all the stadia to be used for the tournament with quality finishing. It will also enable the very well and scout for more players for the tournament."

The CEO of Lagos City League, CAF President, Ahmad Ahmad Kingsley Mba said "Because of had said during a news this coronavirus, most conference announcing the continental tournaments which were supposed to hold this year have been postponed till mid Commenting the CAF's decision, next year, examples are the the organiser of the annual CY Union of European Football Unity Cup, Cyprian Ukpai said it Associations (UEFA) and South

was a good decision considering American Football Confederation (CONMEBOL).

"CAF has done well by following the footsteps of other continental supported Confederation development because the football federations to postpone AFCON. You know that some African countries still do not have the necessary equipment to curtail this virus, that's why some of our football leagues were cancelled."

Coach of MS Success FC Musbahu Oseni, said: "It is a good idea because most of the leagues in Africa have been cancelled due to coronavirus pandemic which is still very much around because cases are increasing everyday. So, moving it to January 2022 will also enable all participating countries to have time for a better preparation."

The coach of Ysdron Sport FC Avodeii Adebayo, said CAF has made the right decision.

Liverpool fans excited for winning 19th Premier League trophy

By Saheed Afolabi

iverpool fans in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area (LGA) joined their counterparts across the world to celebrate as their club won its 19th Premier League trophy

Liverpool FC which was founded in 1892 won its first Premier League trophy in 1901 and won its 19th trophy in the 2019/2020 season.

Jubilating, Osita, a Liverpool fan in Ejigbo local council area said: "I am a Liverpool fan and I have been supporting Liverpool since 2001. I am so happy seeing Liverpool crowned champions of England for the 2019/2020 season. It's an honour and an achievement for me to witness such an historic event in Liverpool history. The players and coaching staff have made the fans proud by accomplishing the goal of the season. I can't be more joyous than this because



this is the beginning of many great achievements for Liverpool."

Yusuf Showemimo said: "It is but an honour and a great privilege to witness a magnanimous historical moment in my club's illustrious history after 30 years of endless wait for the premier league title. I really want to thank the entire team (players), club's coaches and technical crew, staffs, amazing fans and to express my heartfelt ecstasy to celebrate with my fellow fans/supporters for this glorious moment. It is a true privilege and honour to be one of the loyal fans of this great club who stood through thick and thin just to witness this remarkable and unforgettable day.

Habeeb Balogun, a resident of Isolo said: "This has been the reward for an outstanding display of all seasons. Remember that we lost the league title to Manchester City by a point last season, so winning the premier league trophy after 30 years is an awesome feelings and a dream come true because we have waited so long for this and all the years of hurt have been worth it and I believe this current Liverpool team will go down as the greatest side in premier league history."

Yemi Fortune said as a Liverpool fan, he was excited because Liverpool lost the league title last season by a point but this season, Liverpool was crowned champions of England.



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Ejigbo SLG rewards tricycle driver for returning lost phone

By Olushola Okewole

or returning a phone forgotten in his tricycle, Mr. Nwayaru Ezeaja was the proud recipient of N5,000 and a pledge of a brand new phone on Wednesday last week, thanks to the Secretary to the Local Government, Ejigbo LCDA, Mr. Paul Fregene.

Mr. Fregene's wife had forgotten her Samsung phone worth about N55,000 in Mr. Ezeaja's tricycle following a trip from Jakande Gate, Ejigbo to her residence at Bucknor.

When it was discovered that the phone was missing, the SLG said he immediately put a call through the lost phone and surprisingly Ezeja picked it and offered to

return it immediately.

According to Fregene, "If all we see in the society is bad attitude, it may be difficult for our community to get better. But if we celebrate the good attitude like this in a society where virtually everybody is ready to take possession of another person's properties, there would be motivation for others to emulate the good gesture," he said

In his account, Ezeajah explained that he picked the woman around 8:45pm as lone passenger from Jakande Gate to her residence at Bucknor and went back to the park not knowing that the phone was in his Marwa.

He added that another passenger he picked did not also notice the phone in the tricycle because it was laid

on the foot mat.He said he was at Ile-epo bus stop around 9:52pm when the phone rang and he picked it and told the caller to come and collect it.

Asked why he returned the phone, the driver, who claimed to be an author, said he was brought up to always see things that is not his own as not his own, the attitude which has been part of him

all the way.

Ezeaja said he currently has no phone of his own but that would not lead him to take what belonged to somebody else's.

Ezeaja, who said he is an agent of AIICO Insurance company resident of Alaafia Avenue Street, Ejigbo, explained that he only engaged in commercial riding to feed his family

Fans celebrate Unstoppable Sport Foundation @ 10

By Saheed Afolabi

port enthusiasts and fans of Unstoppable Sport Foundation were in joyous mood, celebrating the Foundation as it clocked 10 years last week.

Speaking on the 10th anniversary of the Foundation, the CEO, Yemi Fortune, said the journey was supported by God Almighty.

Analysing its achievement so far, he said the Foundation has won two trophies, emerged winner in Evergreen championship in 2012, came second in MFM Cup in 2013 and emerged the winner in Oshodi Sports Festival in 2015.

On the challenges faced, he said getting sponsors was the biggest challenge that the foundation has been facing, saying nonetheless, the football academy has been a standard one many players reckon with in Oshodi-Isolo

He said: "We give glory to God but it has been a guiding the foundation."

challenging one to say because when we started, nobody gave us a chance. The vision and aim of the foundation is to raise talented sport men to actualise their dreams and by the grace of God, we now have players in different parts of the world which include Turkey, France, USA, England, Spain and Uzbekistan. Some of the players have even given back to the foundation by donating training equipment to encourage the players at the foundation."

"The biggest challenge we are facing at the foundation is how to get sponsors which has been an herculean task. We need corporate organisations to show more support for the grassroots sports by building sport villages.

"At Unstoppable football academy, we have a good structure and pattern that set us apart from the rest and any player that wants to join us must abide by the principles



Yemi Fortune

NATA pledges to evacuate vehicles

By Olushola Okewole

n response to the directive by the Oboye Pipeline Community Development Association (CDA), the National Automobile Technicians Association (NATA), has promised to remove all abandoned community.

The CDA had last week told community to evacuate the abandoned vehicles which have been turned to hideouts of miscreants to perpetrate their criminal activities.

The CDA chairman, Alhaji Fatai Ayinla, had warned that failure to do so might attract sanction, saying keeping abandoned vehicles across the community was dangerous to the security.

need to evacuate the vehicles immediately to clear the community so that any heinous activity would be easily noticed.

Reacting, the NATA chairman, Orilowo Ejigbo Unit, Mr. Semiu Atanda, said the association would make sure all the abandoned vehicles in its care from the vehicles are removed from the community sooner.

Atanda, who said there was the mechanics working in the no rancour between the mechanics and the CDA, said although many of those vehicles parked in the community were not really abandoned, the mechanics would heed the CDA's warning and directive.

"We are going to abide by the CDA's directive on the so termed abandoned vehicles. I will personally monitor and make sure all the vehicles According to him, there is are cleared off the



Some of the abandoned vehicles at Oboye, Oboye pipeline CDA

community. We shall respond to the request of the CDA accordingly.

"Meanwhile, I must tell you that the CDA doesn't really understand our job as technicians because some of the vehicles seen as abandoned by the CDA are community," he said. not actually abandoned but

are under repair and some could take a long time depending on the fault and response from the owners. But all the same, we shall comply with the directive and make sure the vehicles are evacuated from the

Hoteliers expect reservations to cruise this week

By Sunday Ogundiran

slow but steady low. reservations by travelers is the expectation of hotels, says Mr.Kelvin Duru the Managing Director of Parklane Hotels & Suites who spoke with ECHONEWS on the opportunities the Wednesday July 8 reopening will give.

"Hoteliers will now enjoy their existence in the community. We can't do without the travellers who we haven't seen since the inception of lockdown.

Duru said although the shutdown of hotels last serve the public[KB1].

month, activities remained low key and patronage was

increase in He said the resumption of

flights will bring new impetus adding that competition for business will encourage hotel managers to make long term manage the business.

plans to sustain customers loyalty and build on new style of employee relations to

West glow Gas station begins sales August

By Sunday Ogundiran

he newly completed West Glow petrol station is set to commence operation from the month of August.

The Owner of the business located along the Oke-Afa, Jakande road, Mr. Akinpelu Joseph revealed to our the nationwide, airport correspondent every I's has been dotted as well as the T's involved crossed for the full government lifted the opening of the gas station to Joseph said the enterprise seeks patronage of users of petroleum products, both corporate and individual, and assures of effective services.

He said the company would invest in the host community by offering job opportunities and equipping residents.



Westglow filling station

CDA asks police to remove unused vehicles

By Edith Igbokwe

he BAOO (Balogun, Adeoye, Olasunbo Okunowa) Community Development Association (CDA) Bolade Oshodi has sent a reminder to the Akinpelu Police station to evacuate their abandoned vehicles along Olasumbo/Akinpelu street.

The removal would enable the trucks of the Lagos State Waste Management Authority (LAWMA) vehicles operate smoothly in that axis. The letter was delivered to the station on Tuesday 30th June 2020 and acknowledged by inspector Monday Akande, since the DPO was not on seat as at

Information contained in the letter stated that two police vehicles belonging to Akinpelu police abandoned on Olasumbo/Akinpelu streets prevents LAWMA from performing their statutory functions of picking up community refuse and denying other vehicles access to the streets.



Akinpelu police vehicles abandoned on olasumbo street that prevents LAWMA activities in the community

According to the letter:" We without number which write this letter to your office in respect of the abandoned Akinpelu police vehicles, one with registration number NPF3074D and the other

causes unwarranted obstruction of vehicular access to Olasumbo /Akinpelu Streets, preventing LAWMA vehicles from

gaining access to remove the heaps of refuse which may lead to the spread of avoidable epidemic in that environment."

The CDA chairman,

Comrade Ajao Adewale disclosed to Echonews that the abandoned police vehicles has been there for about two years now and that the LAWMA agents

complained of its disturbance to their services which prompted the community to act by sending the police a letter to that effect.

Community jubilate over installation of street lights

By Edith Igbokwe

Association (CDA) Mafoluku government ones but, we are Oshodi has expressed their joy that they are able to achieve the installation of street lights in their project came up as a result of community.

residents are excited over the wrote to invade Mafoluku functioning of street lights during the lockdown periods championed through the in April and the warning to the collective efforts the government to stop burning community members as a tyres as watch light so, the contribution towards community decided to community development.

The project gulped more than street lights that would solve one hundred thousand naira the issue permanently. to get ten poles within a street He disclosed that Branco illuminated for security at street started the project and night.

Such streets includes Branco Ijaiye proposed to commence and Ariyori which has been successfully lit up with street lights, remaining liaiye street Residents of Branco and yet undone.

project cost over one hundred the community.

thousand naira and the funds was realised by internal riyori/ljaiye affairs (residents) Community contributions though, the Development street lights is not like the proud that we championed the cause and achieved it."

Mabinuori explained that the the threat from the one The community leader and million boys (Miscreants) that contribute towards having

> Ariyori picked it up and now the installation so that they will not be left out.

Ariyori streets enjoys street According to the CDA light as a result of their chairman, Alhaji Rasaq collective efforts put together Mabinuori statement:" The to achieved a common goal of

CDA desilts gutters to free floods

By Edith Igbokwe

o maintain a floodfree community throughout the rainy periods ,the Fabukade Community Development Association (CDA) Shogunle Oshodi, Chief Tunde Tobun evacuated the broken gutters of the Nigeria Airforce (NAF) base along Fabukade/Ayinke obstructing water passage.

The NAF gutters was reported to has been old and weak in strength to remain standing erect before it suddenly collapsed overnight after heavy rain ,leaving its particles inside the gutters.

The incident got the community members worried because the effect will be felt more during the rainy periods, when it will be difficult for water to flow easily and then lead to floody environment.

Chief Tobun offered to evacuate the particles from the gutters to avoid flood situations after rainfalls.

His words:" I cannot watch the community to go into floods most especially at this



period and the gutters is near my house so I decided to evaluate the particles by

calling Mallams whom I single handedly paid N2,500 to cart them off to maintain a

free flow of water in the autters."

Transporters resume inter-state trips with safety as watchword

ransporters have hailed the lifting of restrictions on interstate travel and called on fellow operators to drive safely on the roads.

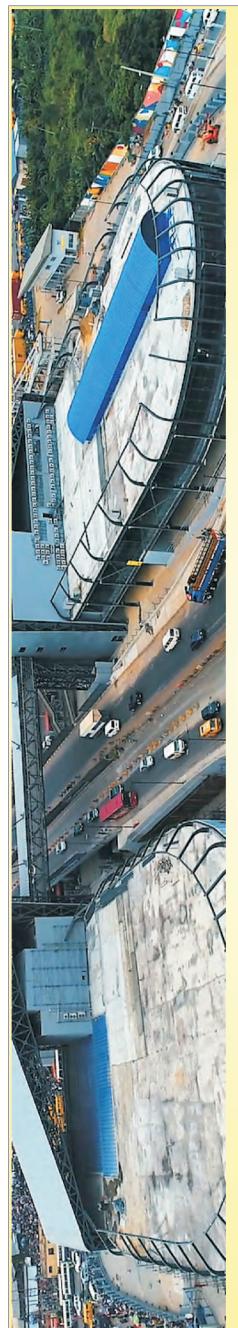
The transporters said although they are happy with the announcement, they still hope for a return to total

normalcy so they can convey their passengers around every hour of the day with no curfew or restrictions of some sort in place.

The Terminal Manager of GOU transport, Mr. Henry Eze which has it's operational base around Ago palace way affirm that the union of

transporters are planning a meeting on how to fully comply with government's directives in order to avoid sanctions and penalties from the authorities.

In his words he said: "what the long time lockdown has done cannot be recovered in the remaining half of the ve



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