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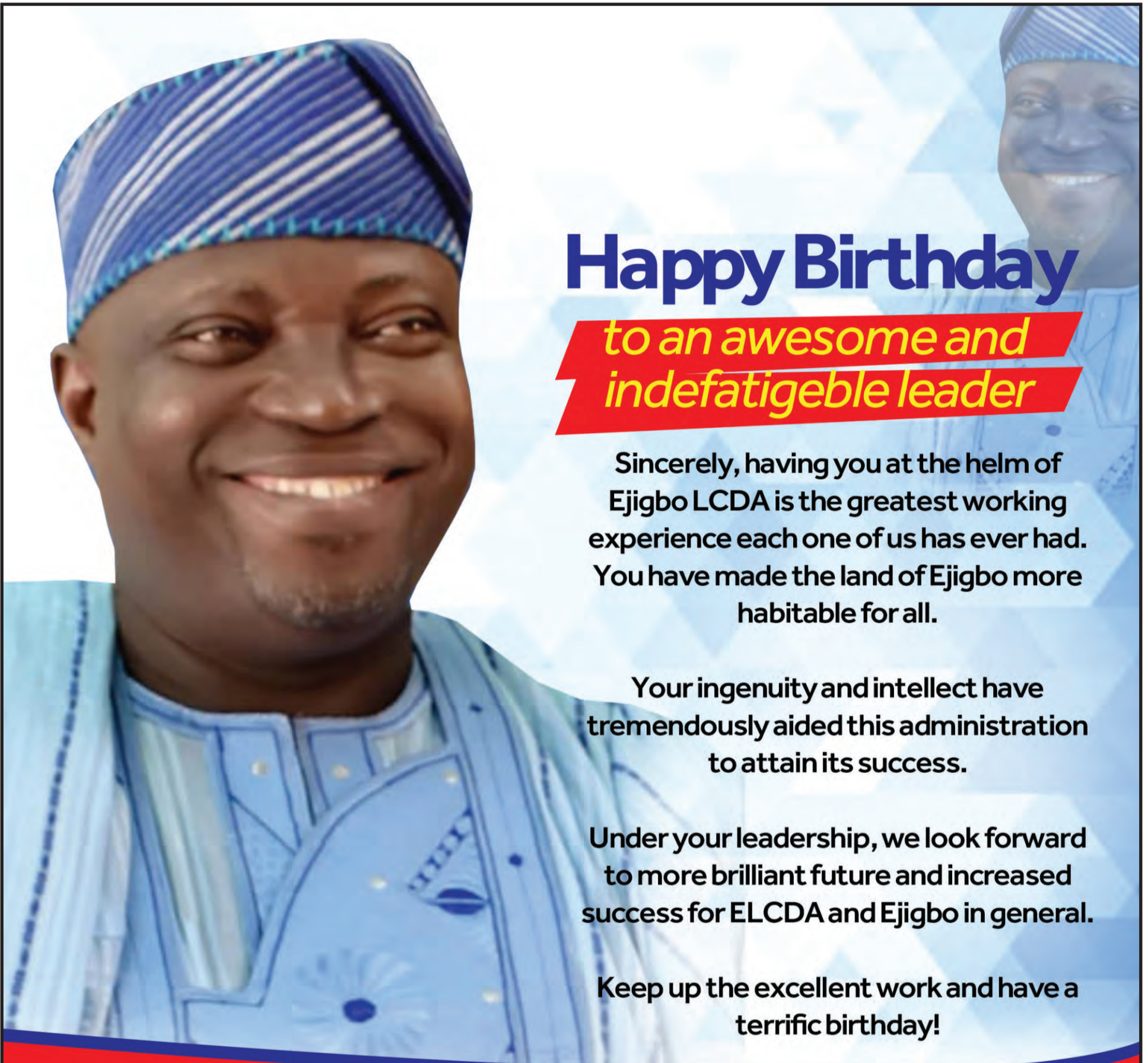
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Keep up the excellent work and have a terrific birthday!

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# NNPC is Killing Us!

## ■ Community cries for help over petrol contaminated water

By Abolaji Adebayo

**F**ear of death due to drinking contaminated water from boreholes and wells exposed to spillage from pipelines of the Nigerian Petroleum and Pipelines Marketing Company (PPMC) is gripping the residents around its System 2B pipeline network that passes through Ejigbo in Oshodi-Isolo Local Government Area.

PPMC is an arm of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC). It established the depot in Ejigbo in 1982.

The depot supplies petroleum products to South Western states in Nigeria powering businesses, keeping vehicles on the road and smoothening economic and social activities. The affected streets include Kamoru Street, Sanusi Street, Surprise Avenue, Abuna Street, Tunde Alabi Street, Omi Yale Street, Oboye Street, Kehinde Close, Taiwo Close, Igbehin Adun Street and Tunde Alabi Street.

Alhaji Wahab Olorunfunmi, a 74-year old, is one of the few residents who has surrendered to fate. He told ECHONEWS: "I just boil the water and drink it. My wife and kids buy water, but I drink from the borehole. Even if it will affect my health, how long do I have to live again?"

For younger residents who travel long distance to fetch and buy clean water to stay healthy, the contaminated water not only threatens their lives, it also affects their businesses.

A landlady, Mrs. Mutiat Agbabiaka, whose family sells borehole water said she recently shut down the third borehole when she noticed that the only source of water left has also been contaminated.

She recalls that the family spent N200,000 to dig a new borehole in October last year when the one they used became contaminated.

This was used to sell water during the coronavirus

lockdown, gushing a lot of income for the family. But early this year, it began to smell of fuel and was abandoned. The family raised another N200,000 to dig another borehole and began to sell clean water once again.

Then, it happened: "I started noticing the problem a few days ago. I went to the bathroom to take my bath when I perceived that smell of fuel. Since then, we have been allowing people to come and fetch for free. Our water has been contaminated," she said.

Mrs. Agbabiaka's ordeal confirms the wisdom of Olorunfunmi who told ECHONEWS that people who dug boreholes with the hope of getting clean water only ended up wasting their money.

Another resident on Sanusi street, Mrs. Ramota Sanusi, said many of the households in the neighbourhoods had more than one well or borehole because they abandon boreholes once they notice the water smells of fuel.

A former Chairman of the Abuna/Sanusi Community Development Association, Chief Samuel Obembe, noted that aside from the wells and boreholes being polluted, pumping machines got damaged because they could not withstand the mixture of fuel and water.

The community's efforts to



One of the affected boreholes

make PPMC accountable for the spills from its pipelines into their underground water began seven years ago when the first case of contaminated water was discovered at the residence of Mr. Adedeji Ogunba on Aminatu Ilo Street, on Saturday, August 24, 2015. At the time, the development caused a stir. The plight of the community made the news and the former NNPC Depot Manager in Ejigbo, Dr. Balogun Tola, visited and promised that the corporation would fix it.

Tola, who commended Ogunba for reporting the contamination to the NNPC, took samples of the water for tests.

Community leaders claimed that the corporation did not fulfil its promises of addressing the problem.

Instead, landlords became targets of arrests by the policemen who were investigating vandals alleged to be siphoning fuel from the pipelines.

In 2015, 28 streets were affected by the vandalisation of NNPC pipes.

In May 2019, the NNPC pipeline on Tunde Alabi Crescent, Ejigbo, was vandalised.

Reports have it that the pipeline was not sealed until around 12.30pm, nearly 12 hours after the incident was reported.

The then Chairman of Victory Estate Community Development Association, Mr. John Akinnubi, had lamented that the spill would compound the pollution problem the community was grappling with.

After sending reminder letters to the NNPC without success, the community threatened to sue the corporation for redress by asking for N1.5 billion compensation.

This time, they got a response. The current Chairman of the CDA, Mr. Remi Suara, said the NNPC later visited the community and promised to provide them with boreholes as a palliative.

He said they were asked to submit quotations for the renovation works to be done. The community requested a borehole with a submersible pump.

Two drilling companies, Olamosh (Nigeria) Limited and Engineer Adejare Raji Enterprises, in their estimates dated November 17, 2015, demanded N302,000 and

N282,000, respectively.

It was gathered that some years after the community began to complain about the leaky pipelines, things took a turn for the worse as both the police and officials of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps randomly raided some of the landlords on allegations of breaking the NNPC pipelines and connecting hoses from the pipes to their wells.

Some of arrested landlords were said to have paid hundreds of thousands to get bail from security agencies, who always threatened to arraign them on illegal oil bunkering charges.

But in June 2020, more than seven years after, a port worker and landlord on Surprise Avenue, Mr. Abayomi Shafe, was said to have also been arrested by men of the Inspector-General of Police Intelligence Response Team, on the same suspicion of "connecting pipes to the NNPC pipelines to the well."

He was whisked away, as his family was subjected to pains and agony, because the policemen did not reveal where they were taking him to.

A few days later, his family got a message that they should come to Ibadan, Oyo State, to perfect his bail.

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## Shammeh assures victims of Endsars violence of govt support

By Damilola Kushimo

**I**lasamaja was the centre of the violence that trailed the Endsars violence as the neighborhood recorded wanton destruction of business premises and police facilities.

It was gathered that 10 vehicles were destroyed beyond repair as some business owners on Araromi and Balogun streets had their premises vandalized.

In addition to that, six rifles were carted away by the hoodlums from Ilasa police station as they set the premises ablaze, while the Motor Traffic Division

belonging to the police on Ajose Street was also burnt.

Having assessed the rate of property destructions, the council chairman, Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye sympathised with business owners whose facilities were destroyed during the civil unrest.

The council boss assured them of the state government's commitment to assuage the loss of their businesses, adding that the burnt police station would be repaired soon.

The council leader, Hon. Remy Shittu Remy, also commiserated with the victims of the crisis while

commending the residents, indigenous groups and security operatives for preventing the hoodlums from damaging the council Secretariat and other properties.

In a statement titled "Thank you Isolo Youths for protecting our heritage", Remy commended the residents for safeguarding other four police stations in the community as well as the council secretariat and business enterprises which were all under threat during the social unrest.

He appealed to the youths to give governments the needed time to fulfil their promises about

their demands.

"Having hijacked the peaceful #EndSARS protest held by the youths across the council area, the hoodlums were able to carry out arson on Ilasamaja Police Station but their efforts to do same on Ago Okota Divisional Police Station, Isolo Secretariat and other public and private institutions were strongly resisted by our youths. I believe such act of patriotism deserves great commendation.

"In light of these tragic events that also claimed lives of promising youths and police officers, I will like to appeal to the



Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye

youths to remain firm on their resolution in order to give governments time to process and effect their demands and also to deprive some unrepentant enemies of the state a platform to carry out their nefarious acts," he said.



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Executive Chairman, Ejigbo LCDA

## Seven months after, community yet to get electricity poles promised by IKEDC

By Saheed Afolabi

After seven months, the residents of Sanusi Street in Ejigbo LCDA are worried that the Ikeja Electricity Distribution Company (IKEDC) has not fulfilled the promise to instal electric poles on the street. The residents are worried that, while the delay persists, the damaged poles may fall, further endangering lives. Complaining about the situation, the vice chairman of Abuna/Sanusi CDA, Alhaji Muka Damola (Islander) said IKEDC Business Manager, Mr. Taofeeq Obasanya, had in March promised to replace six electricity poles which have been damaged beyond repair but has not done so. He said apart from the fact IKEDC officials always come to the community to drop electricity bills which the community pays promptly, the CDA has also written

letters to the company but never got reply to any of them. "We are not asking for too much, we want IKEDC to replace the damaged poles on Sanusi Street and raise the cables which have dropped down to the level of human height to avoid electrocution. Some of the poles have been eaten up by termites. "We have reached out to IKEDC countless times but they decided not to respond to us despite their earlier promise seven months ago that they would change the badly damaged poles in the community and bring in new six poles to replace them. "Our request and their promise were in a story published in ECHONEWS Newspaper of February 17 to February 23, 2020 edition." He therefore called on the member representing Oshodi-Isolo Constituency II in the Lagos State House of



Termite eaten electricity pole at Sanusi street

Assembly, Hon. Jude Idimogwu as well as the Chairman of Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Monsuru Bello to come to their aid. Efforts to get the reaction of the IKEDC Business Manager, Mr. Taofeeq Obasanya proved abortive as he did not respond to phone calls and text messages sent to him.



## EndSARS Protest: Don't listen to Adeyinka Grandson, Osolo tells Igbo

By Damilola Kushimo

The Osolo of Isolo, Oba Kabiru Alani Agbabiaka, has urged residents in his domain to disregard a broadcast by one Adeyinka Grandson threatening Igbos to leave Lagos.

He called on ethnic and religious groups in Isolo to eschew crisis and work towards sustaining the existing peaceful coexistence in the community.

Oba Agbabiaka is the secretary of the Lagos State Council of Obas.

Admonishing them at a stakeholders' meeting at the town hall last week, the monarch appealed to them to avoid actions that may trigger clashes in the aftermath of the EndSARS protest.

He discouraged them from obeying any call by anybody which could affect the peace

being enjoyed by the residents.

He explained that there have been mutually beneficial and progressive relationships between the Yorubas, Igbos and other tribes in Isolo Community and southwest.

He said: "For more than 40 years, we've never had any ethnic problem in Isolo. The person that made that announcement is not known to us, he may be a Yoruba but we don't know him. He is not a community leader, he is not an Oba, he is nothing so he cannot speak for us.

"Beyond that, here in Isolo, we are peace lovers and I want everybody to know that there are Yoruba, the Kanuris, the Nupes, Hausas, Igbos, South-South here. Isolo is a typical example of a cosmopolitan community and we love ourselves. We work together and talk together on how Isolo can be better.

"Please, I want you to go back home and tell your people that they shouldn't fear. No doubt, we are in support of the peaceful protest against SARS excesses and police brutality but, we strongly condemn the barbaric act it has degenerated into and the government too can testify to it that such destruction didn't happen in our community."

The Chairman Of the Igbo Speaking Stakeholder's Forum in Isolo, Prince Nixon Okwara, who facilitated the meeting, explained that the meeting was necessary for community leaders to collectively deliberate on the unfounded, provocative and inciting broadcast messages that had been widely circulated on social platforms attributing the unfortunate destruction across the state to ethnic attack and calling for the evacuation of the Igbos from the Southwest region.

He also said that Nnamdi Kanu's reported messages be totally ignored, saying the recent unrest had nothing to do with ethnic attack on the southwest region.

He therefore reiterated that the Igbos would continue to contribute their quota to the progress and development of Isolo.

"Why all of us lent our voices to the support of the peaceful protest of EndSARS was because we understood the fact that almost every average Nigerian is deprived their rights. The police are deprived, the masses are deprived, even the Oba is deprived because by the special grace of God with the level and quality of work he does, he is supposed to live far better than this; the Serikis, all of us are victims of deprivation and that was why you see some analysts in their prediction listed Nigeria as one of the flashpoints of Post-

Covid-19 violence. So, people should not start tracing it to any ethnicity. We should rise above that.

"We are living in an age where the social media transfer messages within seconds, meaning that the world is a global village. What is important is that all of us should take responsibility for what we share, what we discuss on social media and know that we can be vendors of violence ignorantly," he said. The leader of one of indigenous organisations, Orisun Isolo, Prince Kazeem Farombi, who regretted the burning of Ilesa police station, said the residents of Isolo tried to prevent the hoodlums from destroying properties and lives in the community during the crisis, attributing the feat to the exemplary leadership of the monarch.

He commended the youths for protecting the community's

heritage by coming together to repeatedly repel the hoodlums who made series of attempt to destroy the council secretariat and other public infrastructures in the community.

In attendance at the meeting were the chiefs of Isolo, the Eze Ndigbo of Lagos State; Eze Christian Nwanchukwu, Chairman Igbo Stakeholders United Forum Lagos State; Prince Nixon Okwara, Former Vice Chairman Isolo LCDA; Hon. Taiwo Rahman, Councillor representing Okota Ward; Hon Kanayo Osondu, Coordinator, South-South People's United Forum; Hon. Daniel Ejiofor; Coordinator, National Youth Council of Nigeria Isolo LCDA, Comr. Saliu Adewole, Vice Chairman, Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC) Zone D, Hon. Adeleke Adegboyega and other ethnic leaders.

## Protecting police is part of our job - PCRC

By Damilola Kushimo

The Chairman of Police Community Relations Committee (PCRC), Aswani Division, Hon. Adeleke Adegboyega has said that protection of the police and police stations is part of the committee.

He said this while explaining the effort taken by the committee to make sure that Aswani police division did not come under any form of attack during the unrest caused by the EndSARS protest.

According to him, the committee had to postpone its monthly meeting earlier scheduled for Thursday, October 29 to Thursday, November 26 due to the social unrest the community is just recovering from and also to ensure the committee keeps up with its all-day surveillance on the station.

He appreciated members of the committee and the residents for protecting the police division from being destroyed by hoodlums, stating that the effort would be sustained till normalcy is totally restored.

"We could not hold our monthly meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 29 because of what's happening so that we don't expose our members to hazard.

"During the crisis, we effectively mobilised members of the community and set up a vigilante movement to safeguard all entries as well as the nooks and crannies of the police station in order to forestall

hoodlums attack and that made it more important to put the meeting on hold till next month.

"We keep vigil over the division because we understand the fact that the police and the community are inseparable entities and that's why we, the PCRC have to sustain the relationship between both, to help the police to fight against crimes in the community.



Hon. Adeleke Adegboyega

## Councillorship aspirant, Ajala promises better representation

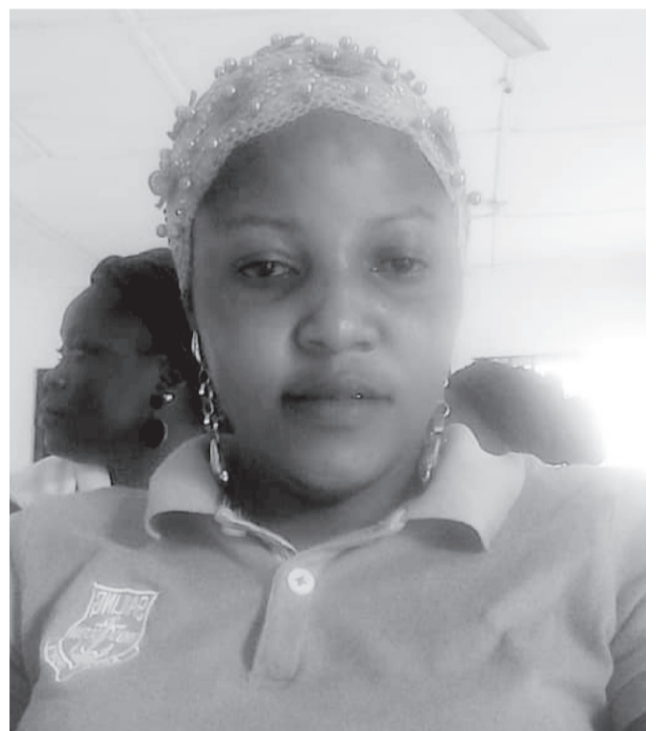
By Damilola Kushimo

One of the councillorship aspirants from Ire-Akari/Ishaga Ward, Isolo LCDA, Mrs. Kehinde Ajala, has explained that, if elected, she would facilitate greater growth on human and infrastructural development to her community.

Ajala, who claimed to have been gaining more supports from the residents, said growing acceptability has strengthened the belief she has in herself to seek election to represent her ward.

She boasted that her experience in the council administration and politics would give her headway to facilitate desired development into her ward.

Her words: "As a noble indigene of Ishaga and having been brought up in the community, I have full knowledge of what the community needs peculiar to all areas and that's why I'm seeking the mandates from my people to serve them and bring about a great difference in councillorship and representation in the community.



Kehinde Ajala

"Though I've been nurturing this ambition since 2011, now I'm convinced about my readiness to serve my people because my work experience in the council has greatly afforded me the knowledge of the council's administration. And what is expected of me as a councillor and with my political sagacity and receptiveness, I believe I'll be an exemplary councillor.

Ishaga is experiencing notable development and I can't but give kudos to our council chairman, Hon. Shamsudeen Olaleye for being such a visionary leader." She, however, expressed her admiration for the incumbent councillor. She said she has confidence in the party leadership, believing that justice would be done during the party's primary to determine who becomes the party's flag bearer in the 2021 local council poll.



## Stakeholders mandate Idimogu to re-present case for 37 LGAs

By Abolaji Adebayo

Stakeholders attending the constituency meeting convened by the member representing Oshodi-Isolo Constituency II comprising Isolo and Ejigbo local council development areas, Hon. Jude Idimogu have mandated him to urge the Lagos State House of Assembly to re-present the conversion of Lagos State's 37 LCDAs to bonafide local governments. Adopting the presentation of former Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Kehinde Bamigbetan last Thursday during stakeholders' meeting in Ejigbo, they resolved that it would enhance the capacity of the LCDAs to respond to the poverty among youths that triggered the EndSARS crisis.

Bamigbetan had said the huge financial needs of the state and its large population requires that the LCDAs become full Local Governments, noting that some states which were at par with the Lagos State at creation in 1967 have since attracted more revenues through the creation of Local Governments. His position was endorsed by other speakers including the chairmen of the All Progressives Congress in Ejigbo and Isolo LCDAs, Barrister Gani Bello and Alhaji F. Kasumu.

Equally speaking, the lawmaker, Idimogu noted that the conversion of the LCDAs to full Local Governments had been on the front burner for a very long time, even as leaders of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in the state are



Hon. Sir. Jude Idimogu making speech

worried about the delay in listing the 37 LCDAs in the constitution.

Idimogu, who is Chairman House Committee on Wealth Creation and Employment, said the leaders of the party would undertake a political approach to resolve the issue.

"We will appeal to Lagosians to be hopeful, appeal to the conscience of the leadership of our party at the national level to see the reason why the gap should be bridged. From inception, the State was at par with Kano, today Kano has 44 LGA and Jigawa which was created out of Kano has 27 LGAs. It is not fair, so I want to appeal to the President, the Senate President and the Speaker of the House of Reps to heed our request."

He said the timing for the meeting was apt considering that the 2021 budget was around the corner and there was a need to have inputs from various constituencies of the state for the next annual budget.

He also said it was unfortunate that the year experienced the Covid-19 pandemic which necessitated the theme for the programme "Post Covid-19 Pandemic: The challenges and Prospects."

He added: "We want to use the programme to articulate the opinions and needs of members of the constituency so that we have it as part of input in our 2021 budget. Apart from this, we also have secretaries who can take note of the requests of the constituents and

collate them in the budget and that is the essence of the programme. We want to carry the constituents along in preparing our budgets, in fact, no constituency should be left out. We are representatives of the people, so we should not leave them out in our planning." Roseline Idimogu, the wife of the lawmaker, who spoke on the importance of women contributing to calming the current tension in the state, said the town hall meeting also provided an opportunity to engage youths in the face of the #EndSARS protests and the need to ensure peace.

Mrs. Funke Johnson, the wife of the member representing Oshodi-Isolo Constituency II in the Federal House of Representatives, urged youths

to be patient and listen to the voice of wisdom as the government was prepared to dialogue with them.

### Expert says 75% of goitre victims have iodine deficiency

By Saheed Afolabi

Physician, Dr. Idris Giwa, has said iodine deficiency is the cause of 75 per cent of goitre victims.

Speaking at a health talk programme organised by Estate Youth Parliament (EYP), the medical expert explained that goitre is a swelling of the thyroid gland that causes a lump in the front of the neck, saying the lump moves up and down when the victim swallows.

According to him, chances of goitre developing in the thyroid gland increases with age, adding that women are also more likely to develop goitre.

Other causes of goitre, he said, include overactive thyroid gland (hyperthyroidism), an underactive thyroid gland (hypothyroidism), hormone changes during puberty, pregnancy or menopause and intake of some types of medicines such as lithium, a medicine used to treat some mental health conditions.

"Inflamed thyroid gland (thyroiditis), having radiation

treatment to the neck or chest area, such as radiotherapy for neck cancer, harmless nodules or cysts within the thyroid can also cause the development of goitre," he added.

He said symptoms include coughing, a tight feeling in the throat and sudden hoarseness in the voice, difficulty in swallowing, difficulty or high-pitched sound in breathing.

Dr. Giwa disclosed that goitre affects between 200 million and 300 million people worldwide currently.

He recommended the intake of between 100 and 150 microgrammes of iodine in diets per day.

"Iodine is not produced in the body and is obtained from iodine-rich foods such as tuna fish, shrimp, dairy, iodised salt, eggs, prune and seaweeds and are readily available," he said.

He also advised goitre victims to avoid consumption of foods like cruciferous vegetables, broccoli, sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, collard greens and horseradish as they could worsen the symptoms of goitre.

### Youths commend Obe for renovating Estate primary school

By Saheed Afolabi

The Estate Youth Parliament (EYP), a youth organisation at Low Cost Housing Estate, Jakande Ejigbo, has commended the chairman of Ejigbo LCDA, Hon. Monsuru Bello (Obe) for coming to the aid of the community by renovating the dilapidated Estate Primary School.

The renovation which was embarked upon recently has been completed as part of

preparation for the resumption of the pupils today, Monday, November 2 as announced by the Lagos State Government.

Commending the effort, the EYP chairman, Yusuf Adeyemi, said Obe has shown that he is a leader with a listening ear as he finally responded to their request after the organisation had called his attention to the dilapidated state of the school.

"We can only thank God that

our efforts eventually get noticed as we have written and delivered more than 30 letters to the chairman of Lagos State Universal Basic Educational Board (SUBEB). We also wrote some letters to the council chairman and we thank God that the duo have eventually communicated to do the needful.

"The council chairman has really done well in terms of governance generally in Ejigbo and moving the entire LCDA forward. God will

continue to be with him for the little he has done for us in the Estate with the latest one which is the renovation of the only community primary school," he said.

He further said: "I also commiserate with the chairman on the burning of some vehicles and other things at the council. I pray Almighty God lead him right. And to the youths, please let's be cautious in fighting for our rights without causing damages."



# Secretary declines to disclose names of three aspirants for Iyaloja Mafoluku

By Edith Igbokwe

Although no fewer than three persons are believed to have indicated interest to become the next Iyaloja of Idera Market, Mafoluku Oshodi as at the end of submitting applications last Thursday, the association is keeping mum on their names. The position became vacant

after the demise of the former Iyaloja, late Alhaja Nurat Aregbe early this year.

The market secretary, High Chief Oluwafemi Ojo, said the identity of the three candidates remain undisclosed for precautionary reasons while other preparations are on going such as collation of letters, screening and others to make the coronation day a huge success.

He said the most preferred candidate by the market members would be chosen but they await the directive of the market leaders at the top level for further details.

Meanwhile, Ojo had earlier said that Ifa oracle would be consulted to determine the next Iyaloja of the market.

Then, in a chat with ECHONEWS on the plan to install a new Iyaloja, the

"mother of the traders in the market", Ojo listed several qualifications but stated that the most critical would be the verdict of the Ifa oracle.

He said although candidates have started to emerge, the position of the marker executives was that Ifa oracle would be consulted to know the right person to be selected.

He said after the certification of two candidates by the market

leaders and the committee set up for the purpose, the Ifa oracle would be consulted to decide who to assume the position while the others can assist.

He said the Ifa selected candidate would then be presented to the local government and to the market at large for recognition.

ECHONEWS reported that the leadership of the market has

started searching for a replacement after the demise of the former Iyaloja, promising to get a new person to occupy the position before the end of this year.

One of the criteria to be fulfilled according to the market executives is that any interested candidate to be nominated must be a positive contributor to the development of the market.

## NNPC is Killing Us!

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The former DPO of Ejigbo Police Divisional Headquarters, CSP Olabisi Okuwobi told ECHONEWS that the police officers who arrested the residents then were not from Lagos State. The Chairman of the Ejigbo Local Council Development Area, Hon. Mobsuru Bello, said letters and meetings with the NNPC yielded no fruit. He dismissed claims by security agents and the NNPC that residents were linking their wells to pipelines. The member representing Oshodi/Isolo Constituency at the Lagos State House of Assembly, Jude Idimogu, said he was aware of the spillage. He lamented that efforts to get the attention of the NNPC has been futile. Responding to the issue, the

Group General Manager, Group Public Affairs Division, NNPC, Dr. Kennie Obateru, said there was no recent break or spillage of the pipelines in the Ejigbo community. He said there is no pipeline leaking in Ejigbo. "People go into pipelines, tap and take products that they want to take and leave it to continue to flow. It is when the NNPC discovers that that we go there to repair it, because for us, it is a business and as a responsible corporate organisation, we cannot allow fuel to continue to flow into the environment. But the one that has seeped out as a result of the vandalism, there is nothing we can do about that. We can only repair the point of breakage." Obateru declined response to the concern of water pollution in the area, saying he had no comment.

## CDHR seeks justice for murdered protesters

By Edith Igbokwe

The Committee for Defense of Human Right (CDHR), Oshodi unit, has vowed to pursue justice for the youths who lost their lives during the EndSARS protest.

The committee, which stated that three lives were lost in Oshodi during the crisis, insisted that it would make sure that the victims get justice through the panel of enquiry set up by the state government.

Speaking with ECHONEWS,

the CDHR Oshodi unit coordinator, Ridwan Akinbiyi, emphasised that petitions have been submitted to demand justice for the citizens who lost their lives during the protest.

He said their leader, Barr. Femi Falana (SAN), has been

involved and that he has taken up the case to fight against the unjust killing of the protesters.

He, however, confirmed that normalcy has returned to Oshodi community after the crisis that claimed lives and properties.



## Resident fills potholes, urges airport road contractors to re-open drain

By Edith Igbokwe

As part of effort to curb the flood ravaging the community, a philanthropist, Hon. Mrs. Abimbola Tijani Oladokun has filled up the potholes on Kasimawo Tijani Close, along 7/8 Airport Junction, Mafoluku Oshodi, to avert the flood. Oladokun said she ordered for 15 trucks of broken blocks to cover up the frontage axis of the street which always got water, logged after rainfalls to aid easy movement and re-direct the flood.



Preventive measure taken

Her words: "The stagnant water is increasing by the day due to the heavy rainfalls and we are losing our environment to

stagnant pool which makes movement difficult in the community

"We have two canoes, free of

charge to help us in such situations. I made one and the other from the community people to help movement of

community members whenever we find ourselves in this condition."

"The cause of the constant

flood in the vicinity was traced to the blockage of the big drainage like mini canal along the street during the Airport road reconstruction works and since then, no more channel for water to flow out after the rain.

"However, the community members requested for the drainage to be reopened by the road contractors but their request was not granted."

She therefore pleaded for state government's intervention to order the contractors to open the drainage to totally control the flood out of the community.



## Fayemi John shines as Ghetto Light FC defeat Onemco FC 2-0

By Saheed Afolabi

**M**idfield maestro, Fayemi John was involved in both goals as Ghetto Light FC secured an impressive 2 – 0 away victory over Onemco FC at Megbon Field on Sunday afternoon.

In a highly dramatic game which exhibited springs of combative displays in the middle of the park, Fayemi John held his ground.

He drew first blood in the 9th minute of the game, guiding home a rebound from the opposition goal keeper.

The midfield trio of Oluwafemi Valbuena, Fayemi John and Folorunsho Lateef saw to it that their opponents did not break their barricade as the home side could only manage a shot on target all through the first half.

A solitary strike was what made Ghetto Light FC to take the lead into the second half with the home team hell bent on unlocking the impenetrable defense of the Ghetto ballers.

Just as the home team was beginning to dream as though they could get something out of the game, a point maybe, point man, Oluwole Babatunde put the icing on a very tasty cake for the Ghetto ballers to take the game to 2-0 within 7 minutes to play beyond the reach of the home side.

The game ended with two goals to zero, making Ghetto Light FC under 17 extend their unbeaten run to three matches post Covid-19.

The team has now registered victory against Future Stars and Onemco FC and a score draw against Lyon Blessing FC since the relaxation of the Covid-19 stay at home.



Ghetto Light FC VS Onemco FC

## Ms Success FC knocked out of Timi Agbale Cup

By Saheed Afolabi

**M**s Success FC have been knocked out of Timi Agbale Cup championship as they lost by a lone goal to Awolu FC.

It was a wonderful game with the well experienced Awolu FC dominating the game.

The youthful Ms Success FC team created chances in the early part of the game which they could not convert to goals. Awolu FC paraded a more experienced and tactical side fought hard to clinch a win as Ms Success FC gave them a fight for their efforts.

The first half ended in a goalless draw as both teams were a match to each other, both battling to reach the final of the competition.

Awolu FC came out stronger in

the second half and produced lots of goal scoring chances before finding the back of the net in the 65th minute, which was the only goal of the match.

Ms Success FC strived hard to get a goal in the closing stage of the game but Awolu FC manned their defense well to avoid any late goals.

The coach of Ms Success FC, Musbahu Oseni said: "We will like to use this medium to thank everybody that stood by us during this wonderful competition. We say thank you for all your support and prayer. "Special appreciation to our esteemed fans, friends and family. We appreciate your support, gestures during our journey to Ede, Osun State for Timi Agbale Unity Cup as we were able to reach the semi-final."



Ms Success FC

## Diadem Stallion FC crash out of invitational tournament

By Saheed Afolabi

**D**iadem Stallion FC failed to go beyond the group stage at an invitational tournament in Osun State despite grabbing 6 points from 3 games.

Diadem Stallion FC won the first game 1-0 against SSI

FC, they were defeated by Knight FC 3-1.

They were able to pull a win over Isanlu Isin United in the final game of the group.

Thinking they have been through to the next round of the competition despite having 6 points from a possible 9, Diadem Stallion

FC were handed the shock of their life when they learnt that they had crashed out of the competition.

Speaking with ECHONEWS, the goalie of Diadem Stallion FC, Wasiu Ibrahim, said the team was robbed by the organizers despite their promise that there would be a

place for the 3rd best team in the next round.

He noted that a team that finished with 4 points advanced to the next round.

The coach of Diadem Stallions FC however appreciated their fans and supporters for the inspiration given to them.

## Great Success FC draw with Javetu FC

By Saheed Afolabi

**G**reat Success FC played a 1-1 draw with Javetu FC to mark their return to active football after a long break.

The match started as a low tempo game as both teams

tried to get their rhythm of the game.

Great Success made the match lively in the 30th minute when their right winger fired a terrific shot which could only find the side net of the goal post.

Javetu FC were not at their best in the first half as they could not

muster any shot on target but they were able to put up a solid performance with their defense. The second half was much better than the first as both sides made the match more lively to expectations.

Great Success FC's striker opened the goal account of the

match with a thumping header which found the back of the net in the 67th minute.

Javetu FC came out stronger after conceding first by pressing back their opponents with fantastic display.

Javetu FC changed performance was rewarded with a goal in the 77th minute.



Great Success FC VS with Javetu FC



# Happy Birthday

TO A

PASSIONATE  
PERSISTENT  
STRATEGIC  
LOYAL  
CURIOUS &  
IMAGINATIVE  
FRIEND, COMRADE,  
BROTHER & PARTNER

MAY THIS DAY OPEN A NEW  
VISTA OF GROWTH  
IN GOOD HEALTH AND  
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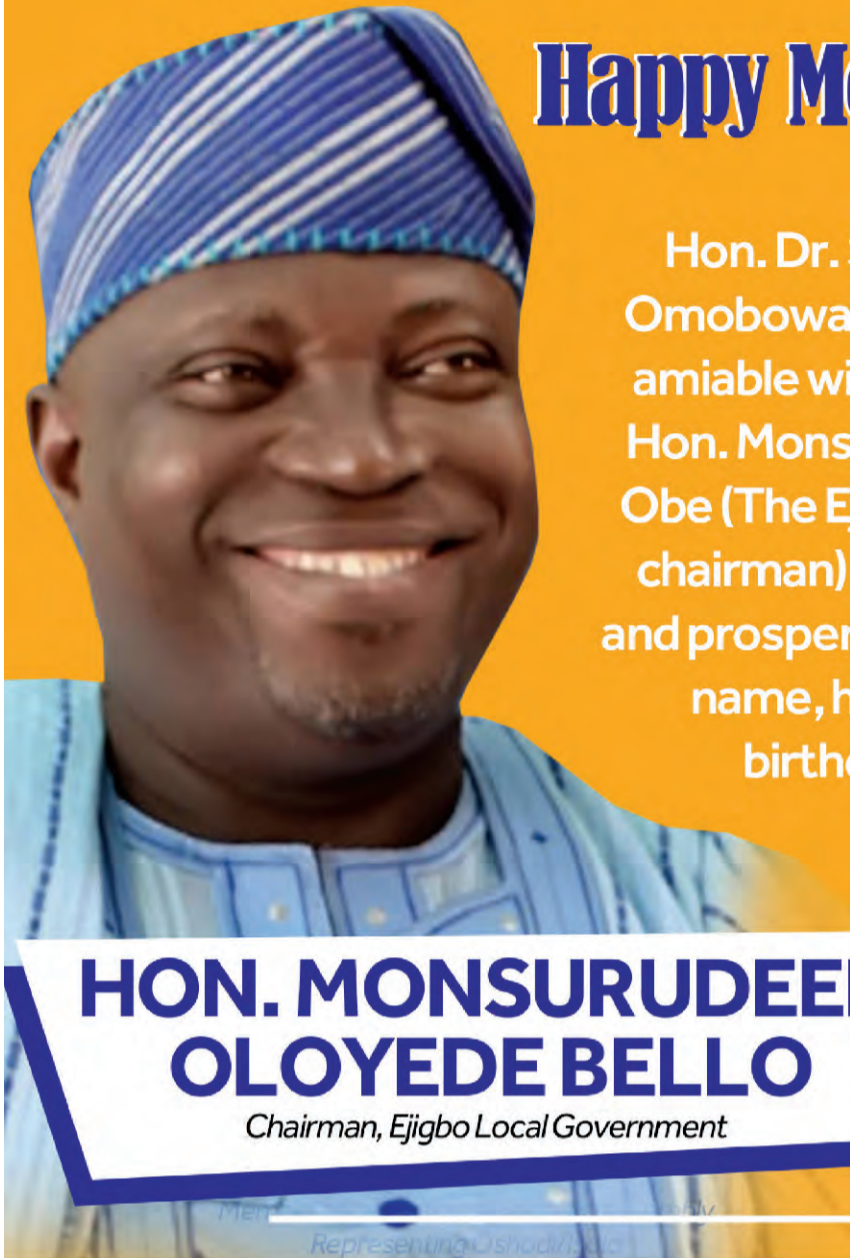
**HON. MONSURUDEEN  
OLOYEDE BELLO**

Chairman, Ejigbo Local Government



*From*  
**KEHINDE & FATIMAH  
BAMIGBETAN**





## HON. MONSURUDEEN OLOYEDE BELLO

Chairman, Ejigbo Local Government

## Happy Moments, Happy Birthday

Hon. Dr. Sir. Jude Emeka Omobowale Idimogu and his amiable wife facilitates with Hon. Monsurudeen Oloyede Obe (The Ejigbo local Council chairman) wish him long life and prosperity in Jesus mighty name, have a fabulous birthday brother.



Signed:  
Hon. (Sir) (Dr.) Jude Omobowale  
& Lady Roseline Enitan Idimogu  
Member of Lagos State House of Assembly  
Representing Oshodi/Isolo  
Constituency II

## Happy Birthday To A Dedicated Leader



The 4th Legislative Arm of Ejigbo LCDA congratulates **HON. MONSURU OLOYEDE BELLO (OBE)** on his 53rd birthday.

Your leadership by teamwork inspired us to attain success and we are proud of your contributions to the development of Ejigbo LCDA.

Words cannot express our happiness for the opportunity to celebrate your special day with you.

Congratulations and have a wonderful birthday celebration!

*Signed:*

**The 4th Legislative Arm of Ejigbo LCDA**

**Hon. Olanrewaju Akinbowale** - Leader, Iamoshe Ward

**Hon. Omoniyi Ismail Oluwaseun** - Deputy Leader, Oke-Afa Ward

**Hon Nwankwo-Okere Grace** - Majority Leader, Ifoshi Ward

**Hon Muritala Surajudeen** - Chief Whip, Aigbaka Ward

**Hon Shonde Tajudeen** - Member, Fadu Ward

**Hon. Shitta** - Bay Rotimi Abdulfattah, Member, Ailegun Ward.



# Happy Birthday

To A Hardworking & Compassionate Leader



*On behalf of the good people of South-South Zone of Nigeria here in Ejigbo LCDA, I rejoice with Hon. Monsuru Oloyede Bello (Obe), Executive Chairman of Ejigbo LCDA.*

*Your birthday gives everyone whose life you have touched an opportunity to tell you how happy we are that you entered the world on this day.*

*And your steadfastness and upbeat spirit has made a huge impact in the land of Ejigbo.*

*Happy birthday my dear friend!*



Courtesy:

**Dr Esegine Jonathan (MBBS, DFM, FAGP, DMP)**

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# Happy Birthday

to the Most Extra-ordinary Administrator

**HON. MONSURUDEEN OLOYEDE BELLO**

has been the Marquee in the Administration of Ejigbo Local Council Development Area.

I wish to join all wellwishers to wish him Happy Birthday and Many Happy Returns of the day



Signed:

**HON. (DR) OLUSUNMADE OLATUNDE**  
VICE CHAIRMAN  
EJIGBO LOCAL COUNCIL DEVELOPMENT AREA  
FOUNDER, ISOLO ESTATE CLINIC





**The Executive, Legislative, Management And the entire Staff of  
Ejigbo Local Council Development Area,  
Lagos State wishes our chairman a wonderful birthday.**



**HON. MONSURUDEEN  
OLOYEDE BELLO**

*Happy birthday to an exceptional political figure! Your leadership and direction are exactly what this generation needs. Your headstrong approach and passion to achieve what you set out to do are so remarkable and truly inspirational. You have continued to guide us all in the right direction and motivated us to do our very best. Thank you for being such a wonderful boss.*

*Happy birthday to the most innovative chairman!*

**SIGNED:**

**OLADELE ADEKUNLE**  
Head, Public Affairs Unit

**For and on behalf of Ejigbo LCDA**