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Ikorodu United trudges on despite financial crisis

By Peace Ezuma & Timileyin Olapade

The Ikorodu local team- the Ikorodu United since the beginning of the year made headlines for the financial crisis they have been under going. The team even failed to register for the 2018/2019 season because of the financial crisis they found themselves in.

It was gathered that the crisis started last year when the team failed to regain promotion to the NPFL.

A former footballer of the club said that the management of the club had sacked its entire administrative staff, adding that some of the players have moved to NPFL and NNL clubs.

He claimed that the internal crisis actually robbed the club chances of returning back to the elite division of the Nigerian League.

'We are owed salaries and I can't even remember the last time I was paid before leaving the club. We are even told that we won't play in the league this year.

There is no point in staying in this club, even; I was told that some players were dismissed without any compensation. I was told that the chairman of the Club



is no longer interested in the club and wants to sell the club to the highest bidder.

The team despite the crisis has managed to continue playing, winning Akwa Ibom Starlets 2-0 and defeating Bayelsa United 1-0 in the NNL.

Media officer of the team, Babatunde Ayoola said in a statement that the team is bouncing back and is being encouraged by its teeming supporters.

He said, "It has been a revival since we moved back to Lagos and we have enjoyed every bit of it. The way the fans are cheering the team is encouraging.

"We have enjoyed much support from Lagos fans since our return to the city. It's really nice to be back at home where you are loved.

"We are banking on their support to push farther in our campaign in the NNL. We also seek to gain promotion back to the elite league maybe in a shortest possible time,".



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Egbin, Ijede residents lament irregular power supply

By Gbemisola Jaji

Residents of Egbin, Ipekan and Ijede areas of Ikorodu, Lagos State, have lamented the irregular power supply by the authorities of Egbin Thermal Power Plant in spite of being the host communities.

Leaders of the communities made the appeal at a town hall meeting organised by the host communities of the power plant in Ijede, Ikorodu..

They made the appeal against the backdrop of an alleged plan by the authorities of Egbin Power Station to move an abandoned 1X100 MVA transformer project meant for the area to another transmission station.

The Community Development Chairman (CDC), Alhaji Shakiru Ajala, stated that the communities have faced a lot of challenges since Egbin Thermal station was sited in the community. Ajala urged the government as a matter of urgency to resolve the situation before it gets out of hand.

“The host communities have been in darkness while the Egbin Power Plc Estate enjoys 24 hours uninterrupted power supply,” he said.

Ajala said that top among the



caused by industrial waste from Egbin thermal station.

“As you can see, people of Ijede are known to be fish farmers but because of the chemicals and hot water flowing into the lagoon, we no longer engage in our usual trade.

“Since this power plant was sited in Ijede, we have not benefited anything from the company. Most times, we pay a huge sum for the epileptic power supply in spite of being the host communities.”

“We are appealing to the government to, as a matter of urgency, intervene because we are peace loving and law-abiding citizens,” the regent said.

demands was that the abandoned 100MVA transformer should not be moved to another transmission station for use but rather to be energised and put to use for the host community.

The regent of Ijede, Chief

Kayode Musediku, said that non-availability of power supply had crippled the economy and commercial activities of the communities. Musediku also said that people were moving out from the community en masse as a result of the environmental hazards

Tanker crushes Okada rider to death in Itamaga

A tanker driver escaped being lynched by a mob in Ikorodu area of Lagos State after a commercial motorcyclist was crushed to death by the tanker. The incident occurred at the Itamaga area inward Ijede at about 9.30am when the tanker laden with fuel and the Okada journeyed inward Ijede.

Eyewitnesses' account said the incident was caused by the potholes on Itamaga/Ijede road as both vehicles were trying to avoid the potholes shortly before the tragedy occurred.

The deceased - Jemilu Sulaiman and a male

passenger were said to be riding side by side the tanker when it meandered and the rider was crushed to death by the rear tire. Fortunately, the male passenger escaped unhurt and was full of appreciation to God Almighty. The incident led to outrage in the area as co-riders and sympathizers rushed to the scene to apprehend the tanker driver just as street urchins hijacked the situation by attempting to lynch the tanker driver and set the tanker ablaze.

When *Vanguard* visited the scene, people were running for their dear lives shouting on top of their voices and protesting that the tanker should not be set ablaze

because of the context in which the incident took place.

However, information got to Policemen from Area N and Igbogbo Division who rushed to the scene to control the area.

In addition, some chieftains of the Okada rider's association rushed to the scene to remedy the situation and calmed down the mob. The matter was reported at the Igbogbo Division just as

the deceased family said they were not interested in a court case and arrangement concluded to prepare the deceased for burial. Vehicular and commercial activities were paused for a

while until normalcy returned to the area as the riders held various meetings. - culled from *Vanguard Newspaper*



LASG foots bills of Ogolonto accident victims

By Ugochim Uzojie & Eliora Freeborn

Lagos State Government has said that it will foot the medical bills of victims of the accident involving a cement truck and a Bus Rapid Transit at Ogolonto area of Ikorodu.

Commissioner for Health in the state, Prof Akin Abayomi, made the disclosure during his visit to victims of the accident at the General Hospital, Ikorodu on the 27th of August. Prof. Abayomi expressed



deep sympathy with the victims, assuring them of quality and adequate care at the facility.

He said, “On behalf of Governor of Lagos State, Mr Babajide Sanwo-Olu, who is currently out of the country, I

express my sympathy to the victims of this unfortunate incident.

“I assure you that the state government has taken full responsibility and set to ensure that all victims get adequate healthcare free of charge.

I assure you that the state government will not relent in ensuring that Lagosians get quality healthcare.



“I also use this opportunity to condole with the family members of the deceased.”

Abayomi said of the 53

victims brought to the hospital, one was brought in dead, while two others died in the hospital due to the severity of injuries they sustained.

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Businessman arraigned over N3.38m fraud

By Ruth Chukwuma

A businessman Mr. Isaac Ayidessa has been arraigned before an Ijede Magistrate Court for allegedly defrauding a business partner of the sum of three million and three hundred and seventy five thousand naira (N3,375,000) on the premise that he would help him buy motorcycles.

Ayidessa was said to have obtained the money in instalments between April 2018 and February 2019, from his partner, Mr. Bilewu Gbolahan after which he allegedly ran away without delivering the motorcycles. After he was caught, Ayidessa was arraigned before the Ijede Magistrates' Court on three counts of

obtaining money under false pretenses, stealing and displaying conduct likely to cause a breach of peace. He, however, pleaded not guilty to the charges.

The prosecutor, Inspector Aminu Isaac, said Ayidessa obtained N3,375,000 from Gbolahan to buy motorcycles, adding that the offences contravened Section 278 and was punishable under Section 285 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2011.

The charges read in part, “That you,

Isaac Ayidessa, between the month of April 2018 and February 2019 at Oke-Eletu, Ijede in the Ikorodu Magisterial District, did obtain the sum of N3,375,000 from one Bilewu Gbolahan on the pretext of buying motorcycles for him, thereby

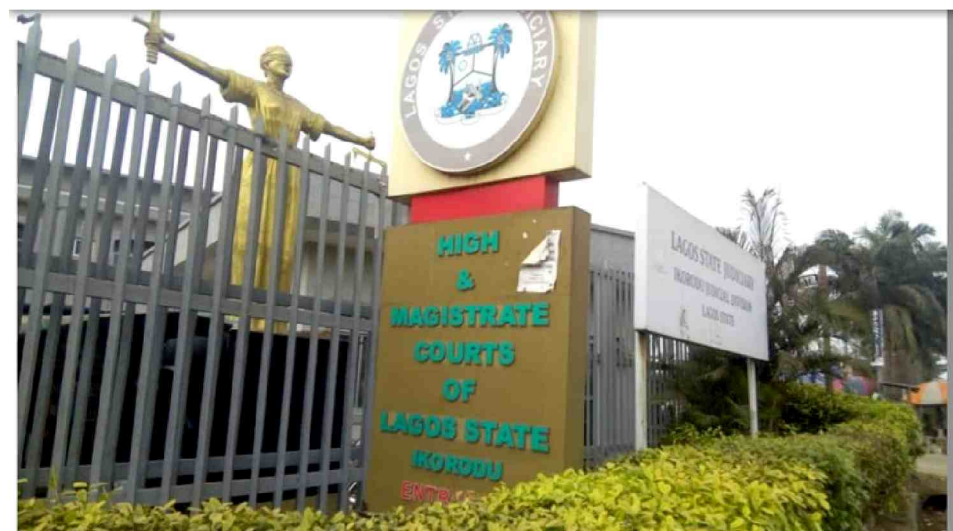
committing an offence contrary to and punishable under Section 312 (1a) of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2011.

“That you, Isaac Ayidessa, on the same date, time and place at the aforesaid magisterial

district, did steal the sum of N3,375,000 belonging to one Bilewu Gbolahan, thereby committing an offence contrary to Section 278 and punishable under Section 285 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2011.”

The presiding magistrate, Mrs. Oshodi-Makanju, granted the accused bail in the sum of N500,000 with two sureties each for the said sum.

She added that the sureties must reside within the jurisdiction of the court and show evidence of tax payment to the Lagos State Government. The magistrate - Mrs. Oshodi-Makanju later adjourned the case.



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Street foods especially in Lagos are part of the night time tradition of the metropolis. One of such street foods is skewered beef, also known as Suya. This is made by roasting thinly sliced beef placed on a stick over fire which is finally served with Suya pepper (Yaji) and sometimes with Lettuce, tomatoes and onions. Although it is very enjoyable there have been concerns and controversies over the preparation process as well as its health effects. Although it is a predominantly Northern dish, it has become very popular in South West cities as well as major towns and cities in the South East and South-South.

The health state of the cows firstly, has been a source of concern as there is little to no health care given to the cows. Vaccinations, balanced diet and Sanitary environment is necessary to ensuring the cows are groomed properly thus minimizing the risk of infections and diseases like worms e.g. tape worms etc.

In Nigeria, all of these are taken lightly and little to no effort is put into taking care of the cows as well as their diet which has put the consumers

at risk of being infected meaning that to kill these parasites the beef needs to be cooked at least 100°C.

This is why there has been a lot of concern as roasting beef by an open fire although may appear cooked but it is not capable of killing all the parasites that may still survive in the beef thus making it dangerous for anyone to consume because as the nature of parasites, the parasites in the beef enters the



hosts body and obtains nourishment from the body without killing the host.

This is what makes it particularly very dangerous because the body of the host becomes malnourished and then the worms begin to multiply in the body and can upset the body system as some of the parasites

Suya: Safe or not?

By Peace Ezuma & Ruth Chukwuma

themselves are host to varieties of diseases for example

According to a research by the United Nations in 2015, Suya is the root cause of not only diseases that can be gotten from parasites but long term diseases like Stroke, High blood Pressure, Kidney diseases etc. from eating large

risk of death Alzheimer's disease, hypertension, liver disease, lung disease, diabetes etc.

There is naturally a high level of iron in red mThe scientists added that heme iron, a type only present in animal meat, may contribute to the risk of dying from cancer or heart disease.

particularly unprocessed white meat. The effects of meat on human health may be due to ingredients such as heme iron, nitrates, and nitrites.”

They said: “High intakes of heme iron have been shown to be associated with cancer and cardiovascular disease. Nitrates and nitrites are added to meat during the curing process.

Researchers have discovered that people are more likely to have the painful condition if they indulge in red and processed meats, soft drinks and sugary treats.

A Professor of Nutrition and Director of Academic Planning

at the Ambrose Alli University, Ekpoma in Edo State, Ignatius Onimawo, according to media reports, said research has shown that while there is a strong link between consumption of suya and increased risk of cancer, consumption of suya garnished with onions and other vegetables has a strong cancer-lowering effect.



portions of red meat over a long period of time because of the excessive cholesterol level in the beef.

The claim is also supported by the British Medical Journal which in 2016 said that people who ate the most red meat were 26% more likely to die of various diseases. Red meat raises the

The researchers said: “The results show increased risks of all cause mortality and death due to nine different causes associated with both processed and unprocessed red meat.

“They also show reduced risks associated with substituting white meat,

NEWS

Jandor Foundation holds empowerment programme in Ijede, Imota

By Olutade Ajayi

Jandor Foundation, a non-governmental organization (NGO) held recently an empowerment programme for artisans and traders in Ikorodu Local Government Area of Lagos state. Others who benefited from the programme included market leaders, traders, tailors, barbers, food grinders, mechanics, hair-dressers, vulcanisers, photographers, printers and many others.

The founder of Jandor Foundation, Olajide Adediran said the programme was aimed at helping people, promising the gesture would be extended to other local community tour of Lagos. "The people we are empowering cut across several trades, and we are doing the little we can to help them", he said.

On what informed the carrying out of the philanthropic projects, Mr. Olajide said. "The best thing Nigerians should sincerely do is to see how we can embark on a national convocation, embark on a journey of redemption and reclamation of our lost ethos and that includes lifting the poorest of the poor."

In a chat with *Caleb Community reporters* on the

foundation's contributions to the welfare of the people, Olajide lamented the level of poverty in the land despite the country being well resourced and endowed.

He said: "The condition of the poor in the society bothers me as it also bothers

people are now coming together to ask questions on why the situation has been so and when will it end. But it is not enough to be bothered but enough to proffer solutions."

On what the well-to-do should do to alleviate the sufferings of the poor, he said

does not want to sleep. He is awake because the man in Ajegunle who has nothing to eat is awake, hungry and angry.

"So, the wealth and welfare of the poor is in the hands of the rich, but the peace of mind of the rich is in the

some blessings from God, it's time for one to extend such blessings to others. To whom much is given, much more is expected.

The General Secretary of Nigerian Union of Tailors (NUT) Ijede branch, Owoyale Shukurah who received a sewing machine expressed joy as she thanked and prayed for Jandor Foundation.

"I feel so elated. I wasn't expecting this. My Chairman called me a day to the event to inform me about this programme. I was unwilling to come because nothing positive had come my way in the various empowerment programmes I've attended. I am so elated; I really appreciate the founder of the NGO, Mr. Olajide. If we have up to five people like him in our society, we're good to go. I was so touched by his gesture. I pray that God will continue to guide, guard and enrich him more, his volunteers and family," she said.

Mrs. Kafayatu Tayo of Nigerian Association of Hairdressers and Cosmetologists (NASHCO) was joyful over Mr. Olajide's generosity, even as she prayed for God's blessings on the initiator of the programme.

hands of the poor."

Commenting on the level of assistance or collaboration from individuals or government in running the foundation, he said: "Jandor Foundation is funded from my personal purse; I don't have any corporate support. I'm driven to help people because when one receives

everyone else. Nigeria is a rich country peopled by a majority poor. But I do tell people that the plan of God for this country is a big one. We are destined to be a great country peopled by great individuals. The problems we encounter are simply man-made. With the grim realities on ground and with the realisation of that fact,

it is a thing of the mind.

"Those who are rich but care less about those in their environment should have a change of heart because for the rich to live peaceably, they must seriously and sincerely work for the peace of the poor. This is so because, the rich man in Ikoyi is awake not because he



Father, son in court for assault on Ikeja Electric staff

By Kofoworola Jaiye-Oba

A father and his son have been arraigned before Ab Agbowa Magistrate court over alleged assault on some officials of Ikeja Electricity.

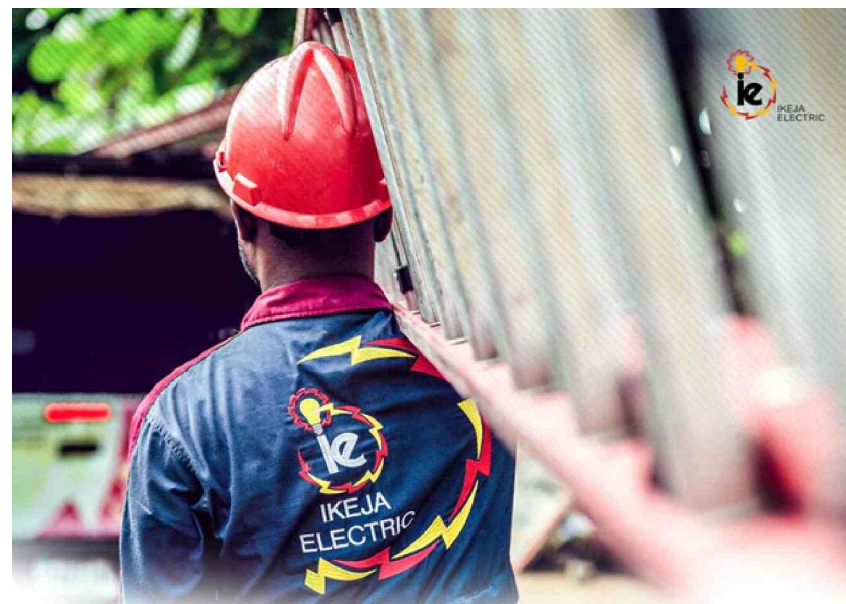
Okiki Akintola, 50, Mohammed Akintola, 22 and another resident in the area, Abdulameed Okiki were alleged to have the team of IKEJA staff and forcefully tried to throw off the Ikeja electric staff who had

climbed the electric pole via a 30-feet ladder. The other staff were beaten by the 22 year old boy and neighbours that arrived the scene.

According to the charge sheet, the accused were said to have obstructed and prevented one Adebajo Kabiru 'M' and other staff members of Ikeja Electric from performing their lawful duty and thereby committed an offence contrary to and

punishable under Section 117 (2) of the Criminal Law of Lagos State of Nigeria 2015."

After the five charges were read to them, the accused pleaded not guilty to the offence. Magistrate A. O Ogbe adjourned the matter to a later date and the accused were granted bail.



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Jimi Benson resumes 'I Care Foundation'

By Hajarah Balogun

The representative of Ikorodu Federal Consistency at the Federal House of Representative, Honorable Babajimi Benson on Saturday, April 13, 2019, resumed the laudable gesture amid praises and commendations.

His efforts have been recognized for the goal to eradicate and end hunger in the world through the I care Foundation's monthly free distribution of food items to members of his constituency,

The program, which was the 30th edition of the scheme, was held at the Lawmakers' constituency office in Ikorodu and recorded an impressive attendance of notable dignitaries, well known individuals in Ikorodu, all there to lend their support to their beloved Lawmaker.

Like previous editions, a total number of five hundred (500) beneficiaries, selected across Ikorodu federal constituency, were given bags of food and popularly called 'Apo Anu' (Bag of Mercy), containing different food items such as rice, beans, milk, beverages and other staple foods.

Among these beneficiaries were elderly persons, vulnerable individuals, less privileged people, widows, among others. The food distribution initiative took off in October, 2016, with about three hundred beneficiaries but was increased to five hundred (500) a year later to enable more people to benefit and gain from the programme.

The elated beneficiaries were particularly impressed by

Hon. Benson's decision to hold the event few months after expending millions of naira for his re-election in the general elections. They swarmed round him on his arrival at the event to offer him prayers for his exemplary gesture.

They grouped themselves by religion and took turns to offer prayers for their young benefactor as they prayed to God to grant him good health, long life and where withal to continue with the laudable initiative.

They also commended and praised him and members of his I Care Foundation for remaining committed to putting food on their table despite the huge financial cost involved.

After the prayer session, the unassuming and humble performing Lawmaker went round to exchange greetings and handshakes with the beneficiaries while assuring them that the food program will be sustained. He also prayed that God will bless them so that they too can provide for others in need.



Show of love; Hon. Jimi Benson with Hilary Adelabu, daughter of Kunle Adelabu, Publisher, THE IMPACT, at the event

The climax of the event was the handing out of the food packs by guests to the lucky beneficiaries, who were on a queue with their collection cards.

Meanwhile, Mr. Bayo Oteju, a senior legislative aide to Hon. Benson, in a chat with the media shortly after the distribution of the food packs, assured the media team that

the Lawmaker and his I-Care team are now more committed to eradicating hunger in Ikorodu division due to the recent global recognition, which the free food distribution initiative has attracted.

He said, "Our effort in contributing to the worldwide efforts in eradicating and ending hunger is not in doubt;

you have seen that in the responses of beneficiaries and recently, the invitation of Hon. Benson to participate in the summit to eradicate hunger held in United States of America."

"It was in recognition of his efforts to ensure people do not go to bed hungry or starve that has been recognized as a major step to eradicate hunger in Africa."

He stated that I-Care is not going to stop its effort and that the Lawmaker and his group are more determined than before to reach out to more people in the attempt to provide foods for those in needs and hungry.

It would be recalled that Hon. Benson was invited to the 14th Annual Presidents United to solve hunger (PUSH) and Universities Fighting World Hunger Summit (UFWH) at the University of Maine, United State of America last month as a panelist on a discourse titled, "UN Challenge 2030: working to Achieve a zero Hunger World."

The Lawmaker joined other stakeholders across the world to discuss the issue of global hunger and finding ways out of the menace and also solutions to end it.

The invitation to the global summit came in recognition of Hon. Benson's efforts, through his I-Care Food Bank initiative, to eradicate hunger in his immediate environment as well as in acknowledgement of I-Care's success in deploying data to meet the food needs of people in the Ikorodu constituency.



Beneficiaries on the queue during the distribution of the food bags (Apo Anu) at the event



Cross section of Beneficiaries at the event

PHOTO NEWS

Ongoing road rehabilitation in Gberigbe

By Peace Ezuma



Women's group reconstruct road, provide electricity poles in Ikorodu

By Grace Aderinwale

Women Connect International Initiative, a non-governmental organization (NGO), recently embarked on a three-day road repair in Obanla Community, while also providing electricity poles for the community's residents all located in Igbo Agbowa, Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Ikorodu.

This selfless service to the community was carried out to facilitate the free movement for residents, while ensuring proper connection to electricity when there is power supply.

The chairman of Obanla Community Development Association, Oke Oyeladun

Omoniye, speaking on behalf of the grateful community, commended the group for their benevolence, which he noted would bring huge relief to many residents.

In his view, the residents had long grappled with the near absence of government's assistance, clearly reflected in the lack of

basic infrastructure in the area. He explained that the community had not made any appeals to the Lagos State

Government, due to the small population of residents, which had caused many to leave the Obanla community

for more developed communities.

The founder of Women Connect International Initiative, Hon. Olabisi Salis, stated that the intervention of the NGO was a result of the plight of residents and is the fourth road reconstruction carried out by the group.

The chairman, while appreciating what the group had done further appealed to Women Connect, to assist more women in Obanla community by further empowering them with skills that will help them optimize their potentials, since he believes that the women in this community are resourceful and enterprising.



FEATURE

Ijede: Waiting for a King

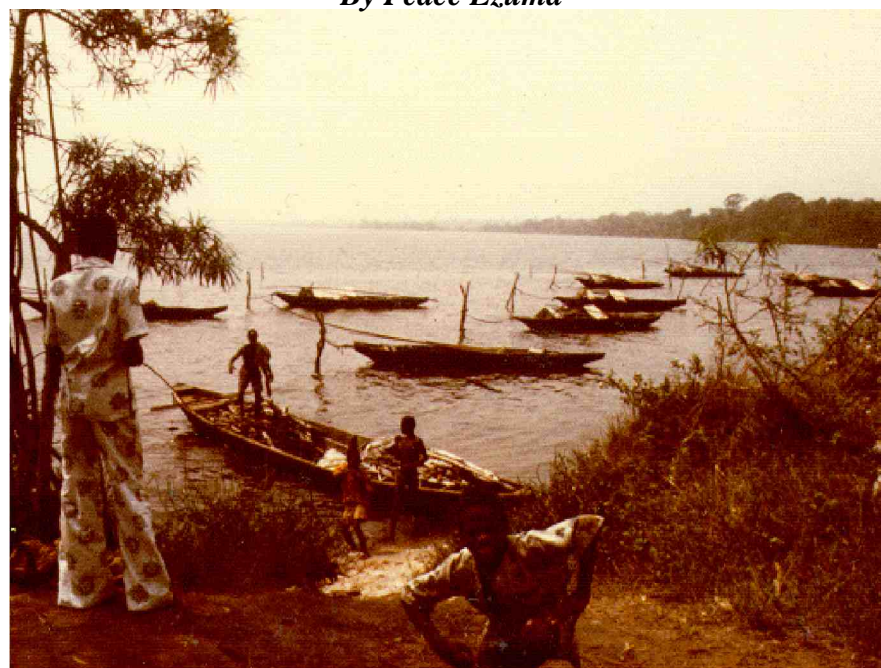
By Peace Ezuma

Ijede is a small coastal town in Ikorodu local government area of Lagos State. The town is a fast growing town, bordered by Ogun state and the Lagos lagoon and home to the biggest power station in West Africa - the Egbin Power station. It is also home to the Ijede ferry terminal which is very significant to the people as it offers boat rides to Victoria Island and other towns making it a coastal community. The town is also home to a lot of unique industries with the most unique feature being that Ijede town has had no traditional ruler since the death of the Alajede of Ijede, Oba Fatai Ladega.

The unique yet noticeable vacuum occurred when the then local government chairman, Hon Hassan Adefarasin was announced as the heir. Chaos erupted in the town because he was once the Local government chairman of the area for two consecutive terms after representing the area in the Lagos state house of Assembly between 1999 to 2007.

The usually calm youths of Ijede expressed their displeasure over his choice as becoming the Oba considering the fact that he had held several positions but had allegedly done nothing to help or improve the community. Caleb community reporters spoke to a resident who pleaded anonymity but explained that they prefer to continue with a regent till they find another person.

"I do not think that anybody will accept Hon Adefarasin, he was a house of assembly member and didn't do anything at all, other people use the



opportunity for something good but not him. We do not even want a politician at all, they don't do anything at all, the Elepe road is bad, Itamaga road too - they pass there every day but have never bothered to do

anything. So why should we accept them? Among the royal families someone else would be picked but not him or any other politician".

Another resident who gave his name as Ibrahim

Shonaike complained that he has nothing against him but wishes for someone else to be the king. "I want nothing but peace and progress for Ijede but in all honesty, Hon Adefarasin has held a lot of positions already and I think it is better for someone else to be given an opportunity to do something".

The leadership tussle is not a new development as neighbouring towns such as Imota, Sagamu, Ebute, etc w have gone through this phase in history with Ebute choosing a king in 2018, after more than 10 years of vacuum due to the tussle and clashes among the ruling families.



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NEWS

Three die, 69 injured as truck crashes BRT bus

Three persons were confirmed dead and 69 others injured in an accident involving a Dangote Cement Plc's truck and a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) vehicle on the 27th of August at the Ogolonto area of Ikorodu, Lagos State.

It was learnt that the truck, which was laden with 45 tonnes of cement, suffered brake failure around 10.30am and skidded into the BRT lane, and crushed the bus with number plate LSR 228 XS.

It was gathered that the truck was heading for Ikorodu, while the fully loaded BRT was heading for the Lagos Island, when the accident occurred. The BRT driver, Samuel Akpochi, and a bus trainee died in the hospital, a female passenger died on the spot.

The injured passengers were taken to the Ikorodu General Hospital and the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital, Ikeja.

An eyewitness, who identified himself simply as Wale, said one of the passengers died at the Ikorodu General Hospital, adding that other injured passengers were taken to different hospitals.

He stated, "These truck owners want to maximize their returns. They don't care what happens to an overloaded truck. From what the officials said, the truck conveyed 45 tonnes of cement, way above its capacity."

"Many people were evacuated from the wreckage alive but suffered severe injuries. I am convinced that

many may not be able to walk again. They have all been taken to the Ikorodu General Hospital.

and as soon as they were done removing phones and money from the victims, they disappeared."

Osanyintolu, stated that all the passengers on board the BRT vehicle were injured, adding that investigation

suffered injuries with one female passenger losing her life and the BRT driver suffering life-threatening injuries with his leg decapitated. Recovery operations are ongoing."

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Bala Elkana, who confirmed the death of three persons, noted that 32 injured passengers had been taken to hospital.

"Three people died in the accident. We have moved 32 people, who were injured, to hospital for treatment," Elkana stated.

The Public Relations Officer, Primero, Cletus Okordolor, who confirmed the accident, noted that it was a sad day for the company.

He said, "Two of our busmen died in the accident, the driver and a trainee, who was on the shadow run. The bus conveyed about 70 passengers. It has been a sad day for us."

"We have successfully moved all the victims to the General Hospital in Ikorodu and those whose cases are critical have been moved to LASUTH. The bus driver and the trainee died in the hospital while receiving treatment, while a female passenger died on the spot of the accident."

"The bus was coming from Ikorodu and heading for the Island, while the Dangote truck was coming from Mile 12 and heading for Ikorodu. The driver of the truck slept off and veered off the service lane and came into the BRT corridor and crashed into our bus."

Culled from Punch

would be conducted to determine the factors responsible for the accident.

He said, "A Dangote truck loaded with cement suffered brake failure and had a head-on collision with a Primero

It is reported that the rescue efforts was a collaborative effort by the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, also involved officials of the Lagos State Traffic Management

"If those in authority can regulate the operations of trucks on our roads, the country will have less carnage every year." Another eyewitness, who identified himself simply as Chinedu, noted that it was a horrible sight as some people were busy stealing the victims' phones and money rather than rescuing them.

"The situation was horrible. I thought the people, who gathered at the scene, were going to rescue the victims, but they went there to steal

Authority, Federal Road Safety Corps, Lagos Neighbourhood Safety Corps and the police.

The Director-General, LASEMA, Dr Olufemi Oke-

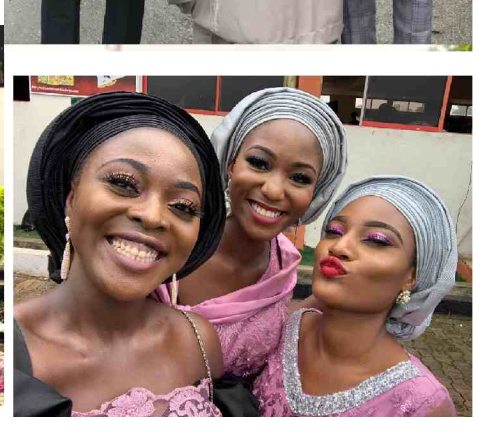
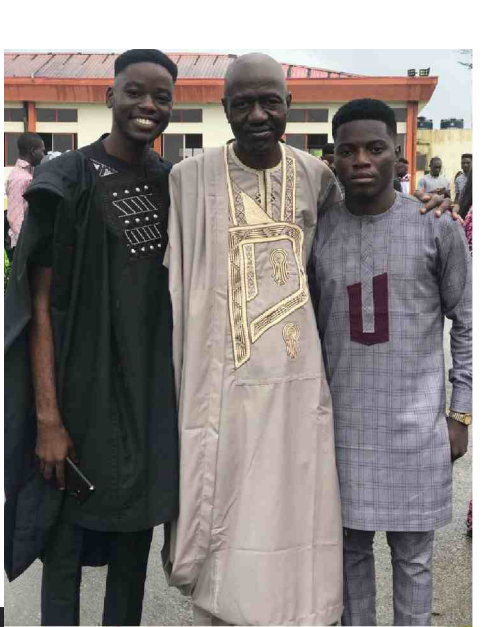
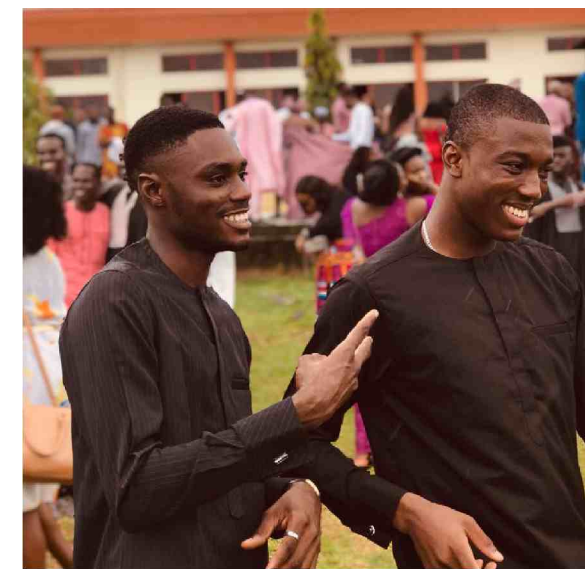
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"All the passengers on board



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FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup. She was also named best player and second top goal scorer with the Super Falcons team who won the 2014 African Women's Championship. She also won the BBC Women's Footballer

of the Year 2015. In 2019 scored the only goal in 41 defeat to Lyon in the champion leagues final.

In September 2014 Oshoala was made a Member of the Order of the Niger by

President of Nigeria Good luck Jonathan. On 8 June 2015 in Winnipeg, Canada, Oshoala opened her senior FIFA Women's World Cup account by scoring Nigeria's second goal in a 33 draw with Sweden. Oshoala was also a

member of the Super Falcons team who won the African Women's Championship in 2016 and 2018. She scored three goals in the 2018 Edition in Ghana. In her career she acquired a number of honors some are African

Women's Championship (3): 2014, 2016, 2018, FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Runner-up: 2014. In rivers state Rivers Angels Nigerian Women's Championship (1): 2014, Nigerian Women's Cup (2): 2013, 2014

POLITICS

'Kaoli Olusanya didn't work against Ikorodu interest'- Osinowo

By Ruth Chukwuma

The media team of Hon. Bayo Osinowo, the senatorial candidate of the ruling All Progressives Congress (APC) in Lagos East senatorial district, has debunked the rumours that the vice chairman of the party in the district, Arshia Kaoli Olusanya, worked against the interest of Ikorodu division during the primary election that produced him as the party's flag-bearer in the district.

In a statement on Monday, Osinowo urged the people of Lagos East to ignore what he called "a fresh attempt to divide us."

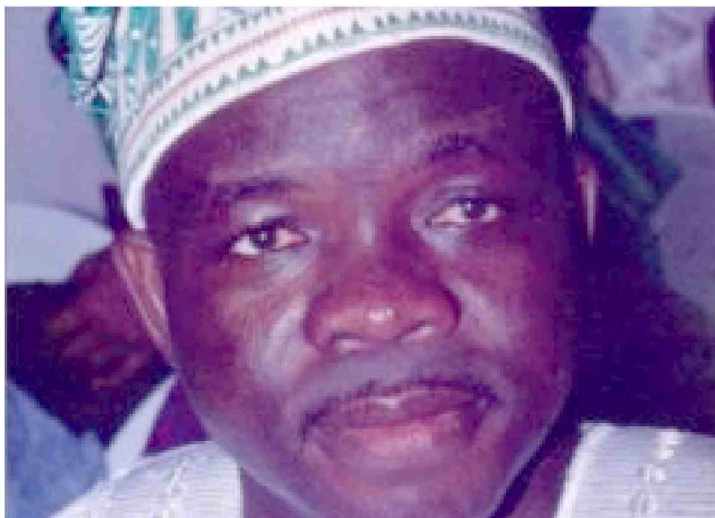
The statement read in parts: "Those peddling this fake and discordant news are falsely hinging their claims on a statement allegedly made by Asiwaju Bola Tinubu, the national leader of our party, while he was explaining how some APC candidates emerged.

"While it is very correct that Asiwaju said Asipa Kaoli led some party leaders to him to inform him of their preference for Hon. Bayo Osinowo (Pepper) to become the next Senator of Lagos East senatorial district; they were obviously not exclusively from Ikorodu but from the generality of Lagos East.

"A look at the leaders who visited Asiwaju on this mission will explain the truth as it is Asipa Kaoli was not the leader of the delegation, nor were they all from Ikorodu as those spinning and twisting Asiwaju's statement want the people of Ikorodu to erroneously believe."

Reeling out the names of APC leaders from the district

that visited Asiwaju, Osinowo stated that it was mischievous for anybody to refer to the delegation as being from Ikorodu. He also acknowledged that Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu had mentioned Asipa Kaoli



Olusanya's name, but he believed it was done in recognition of his position as the Vice Chairman and leader of the party in the district; and not as the leader of that high-powered delegation.

He also indicated that the

visiting team was not from Ikorodu. The delegation was from and for the entire district, represented by members of its Apex leadership. He mentioned that Senator Gbenga Ashafa, an APC leader from Ibeju Lekki was on the delegation. This he indicated showed that Asipa Kaoli Olusanya and others from the division did not plan to nor did they betray the division. They were on assignment as party leaders.

In his view after all campaigns for aspirants are concluded, the party leaders have to work together in the interest of the whole.

In his view Ikorodu had in times past benefited from similar gestures by other

leaders in the district when they unanimously endorsed Asipa Kaoli as the state Vice Chairman from the district, among many other aspirants across the district. In politics, the collaboration and cooperation of other divisions are required for any section to thrive.

He warned that people should be on guard against those from and for the entire district members as well as fanning the embers of hate among the constituents of Lagos East.

As such, he encouraged all Ikorodu indigenes and residents, and in fact, all the great people of Lagos East senatorial District, to support Osinowo. He stated that "Without doubt, it is in the interest of everybody for us to team up with broad minded, analytical and empirical leaders, rather than succumbing to the parochial tenets of individualism and political mercantilism".

FEATURE

Celebrating Ikorodu Trailblazers; Abike Dabiri-Erewa and Asisat Lamina Oshoala

By Oluwafisayo Abiodun Akintade

Ikorodu, a city in the north-east of Lagos State, Nigeria is located along the Lagos Lagoon and shares a boundary with Ogun State. At the 2006 census the population was 535,619. Situated approximately 36 km north of Lagos, Ikorodu is bounded to the south by the Lagos Lagoon, to the north by a boundary with Ogun State, and to the east by a boundary with Agbowa-Ikosi, a town in Epe Division of Lagos State. The town has grown significantly in the past 40 years and is divided into sixteen or seventeen areas whence the main industries in the town are trading, farming and manufacturing. Inhabitants of Ikorodu include adherents to several religions, including Christianity, Islam, and traditional worship.

Ikorodu hence became the birthplace for important figures that made it an eternal battle to come out of the shadows cast by the various challenges of life. **Abike Dabiri-Erewa and Asisat Lamina Oshoala** through all the challenges and discrimination made it to the top with sheer will power and hardwork. The duo in their line of profession became the best at which they did not only that but also were one of the first to do the impossible; whence their actions opened up a path for other dejects and outcast both nationally and internationally regardless of the hell-hole they crawled out from. Now Ikorodu is not known only to harbor criminals and cultists but also geniuses who have not only excelled in their profession but also become the best at what they do.

ABIKE DABIRI-EREWA
Abike Dabiri-Erewa was born to the family of Alhaji and Alhaja Ashafa Erogbogbo of Ikorodu. Her father, Alhaji Ashafa Erogbogbo is one of the children of late Alh. Sule Erogbogbo of Adegorunsen Compound, Ajina square, Ita Agbodo,

Ikorodu. Her paternal grandmother, Alhaja Alimotu Erogbogbo is from Bello Solebo family of Ita Elewa Square, Ikorodu. She is married to Segun Erewa. Although born in Jos Plateau State, she is a Nigerian politician and former member of the Nigeria Federal House of Representatives representing Ikorodu Constituency in Lagos State. She was the Chairman of the House Committee on Media & Publicity. She was also the former Chair of the House Committee on Diaspora Affairs, and was elected for the first time in 2003, and re-

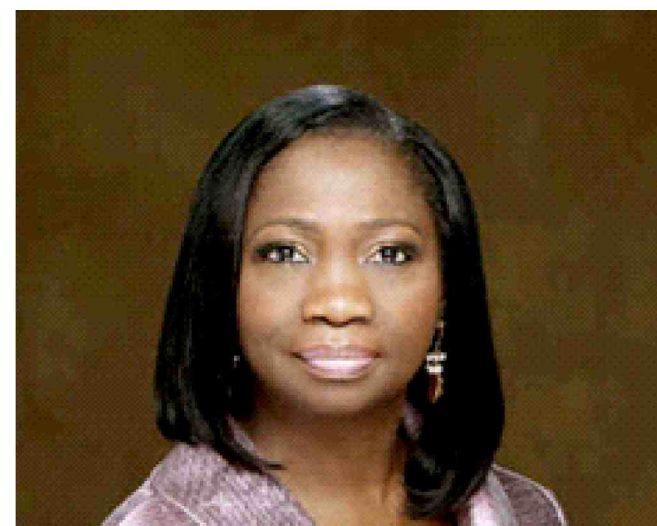
Dabiri-Erewa worked for the Nigerian Television Authority (NTA) for fifteen years, anchoring the weekly NTA News line programme and taking a particular interest in poverty and social justice issues. She retired from her position at Nigerian Television Authority to stand for election in the House of Representatives, winning with a substantial majority. While in this role, she stood against the third term bid of former President Olusegun Obasanjo.

She was the Chairma

2007 to 2011. Dabiri-Erewa attended Maryland Private School, Maryland, Ikeja for her primary school education, and St. Teresa's College, Ibadan for her secondary education. She obtained her first degree in English Language from the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University, OAU) Ile-Ife. She obtained a post graduate diploma (PGD) in mass communication and also a master's degree in mass communication from the University of Lagos, Akoka.

Lagos, **Asisat Lamina Oshoala** born on the 9th of October 1994 is a Nigerian professional footballer who plays for Spanish Side FC Barcelona Femení in the Primera División as a forward began her early football education at Mushin. The football star attended Air Force Primary School in Victoria Island before she moved to Aunty Ayo International school in Ikoyi. Oshoala was always good at sports. Oshoala incurred the wrath of her parents when she dropped out of school to pursue a football career. She is Muslim by religion.

She kicked off her career at a local club in Mushin called **FC Robo** before her move to **Rivers Angels** where she broke out as the best player in the **Nigeria Women Football League (NWFL)**. She led Rivers Angels to the **Women's Federations Cup** title in 2013 and the next year to the league and cup double.



Abike Dabiri-Erewa



Abike Dabiri-Erewa (L) President Muhammad Buhari (R)

elected in 2007 and 2011. In 2015 she was appointed as the Senior Special Assistant to President Muhammadu Buhari on Foreign Affairs and Diaspora. She was also a supporter of "Together Nigeria"; an independent advocacy group launched to work towards President Muhammadu Buhari's 2019 re-election bid.

n, House Committee on Media in Federal House of Representative from 2003 to 2007, Honourable Member, Federal House of Representative from 2003 to 2007, Board Member, Lagos State Broadcasting Corporation Vision 2010, Honourable Member, and Federal House of Representative from the year

She also studied in the United States at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. She is currently the chairman / CEO of Nigerian Diaspora Commission.

ASISAT LAMINA OSHOALA

Although born and brought up in the Ikorodu suburb of

On 23 January 2015, Oshoala joined Liverpool Ladies. Oshoala missed two months of the 2015 season with a knee injury, as defending champions Liverpool finished seventh of eight teams. In January 2016 Liverpool reported that a transfer bid from Arsenal Ladies had activated the release clause in Oshoala's contract and that she was discussing personal terms with the London club. On 10 February 2017, Chinese club Dalian Quanjian F.C. officially signed Oshoala. On 31 January 2019, Spanish Club, FC Barcelona Femení Women signed Oshoala on a Loan deal till the end of the season. Oshoala found success as a forward for Nigeria's youth teams but made most of her early appearances for the senior national team as an attacking midfielder.

She was named best player and with seven goals was also the top goal scorer at the 2014

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Asisat Lamina Oshoala

Kingsfield College student, others shine at Cooking Competition

By Zainab Afolabi, Moyosoreoluwa Adedeji

The maiden edition of the Ikorodu cooking competition was organized by the Ikorodu Tourism Limited and held in the Labi Oasis Hotel with a sizeable number of contestants cooking indigenous meals to win the prizes.

The event was aimed at

displaying the varieties of local foods consumed in the town, particularly to rebrand the ancient town and position it as a tourism site for non-indigenes, foreign investors while promoting business and cultural activities in the town.

Ikokore (wateryam porridge) was prepared by eight

contestants who under 30 minutes, displayed their culinary expertise to the delight of the audience. The contest, which had two categories: secondary school and adult, was won by Kingsfield College, Ikorodu and Nofisat Adeniji of Koler Catering Institute. For their efforts, the winners will embark on an all-expense paid trip to Ghana through the Ikorodu Diaspora Programme geared towards promoting the cultural heritage of the town.

Guests were also treated to various local delicacies, such as, Afon, Ebiripo, and Ikokore.

Ikorodu Tourism Limited Managing Director- Morufu Ogunsanmi, explained that the

yearly chef contest would expose the various Ikorodu delicacies beyond the country as well as encourage food vendors to add them to their food menu." There is no gainsaying it that the Ikorodu image has been bathed with negative impressions, which has denied the town proper channels of development that is required. As such, the Chef Competition Award is positioned to promote our local cuisine to compete favourably with international dishes with the Ikorodu Tourism Market and Ikorodu in Diaspora targeted to correct this stereotypical impression," he added.

He noted that aside the health benefits in consuming local foods, they are cost-effective and available in the

market.

Former Managing Director, Ikorodu General Hospital, Dr Mobolaji Olukoya, noted that the country needs to put more effort to export its local foods, adding that such events would attract investors, boost tourism and improve the economy in the town.

He also advised that more local dishes be eaten to preserve our culture.



FEATURE

Struggle for BRT in Ikorodu

By Ruth Chukwuma

The Lagos state BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM which is also known as (BRT), came into existence on March 17, 2008, even though it was supposed to be opened in November 2007. The BRT is a bus-based public transport system designed to improve the capacity and reliability relative to a conventional bus system.

In examining the history of BRT we understand that the population in Lagos is on the increase but still not everyone in Lagos makes use of the BRT, yet there are always endless queues early morning to early afternoon, during weekdays. While this cannot be attributed solely to the control of the system, there is need to put proper operational measures in place to reduce the stress of the people.

Residents of Ikorodu are forced to queue every day either due to delay of buses caused by the traffic or buses undergoing downtimes. Ikorodu has a large population, and as a result of the traffic, there are usually more people than normal waiting to board the BRT which is seen as faster. At times, the queues are



uncontrollable as people struggle and rush to board available buses; people often get injured in the process. The afternoons are usually calmer as the traffic then switches to the return leg into Ikorodu.

From observations early in the morning, there were indications that people often stand for hours on end due to

lack of buses to convey people. From conversations with the citizens of Ikorodu, the issue calls for more creative strategies to address which does not appear to be going away anytime soon.

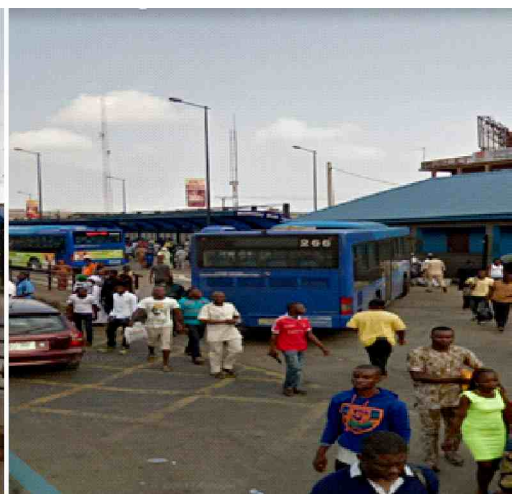
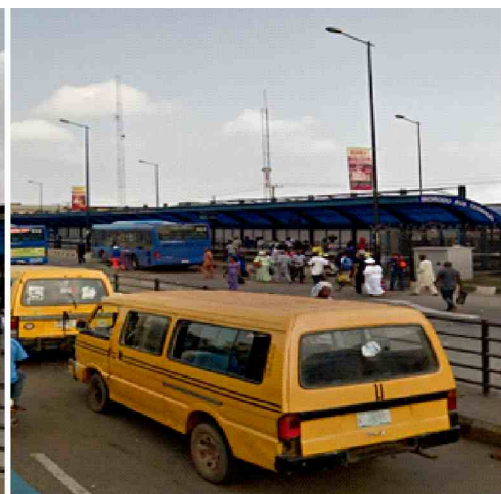
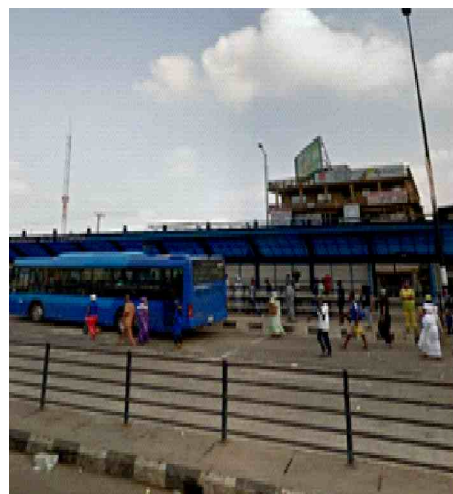
An anonymous BRT user stated that "The population in Ikorodu is too large that even the BRT have problem in accommodating the citizen

of Ikorodu, even with the commercial buses around, you will still find a lot of people struggling to get a bus.

The reporter interviewed some regular BRT users and Richard, who works in Lekki explained that at first it wasn't easy for him at all because of the late arrival of buses and having to wait on

the queue for the bus, then rush and push just to get into the bus. He also mentioned that the buses are not conducive enough due to the number of people they carry which is more than what it is supposed to be. However, everyone is forced to manage just to get to their destination on time. He also said this has made some of them to be early risers as he gets up by 4am just to prepare and be at the BRT bus terminal on time. Other commuters also pleaded with the government, that more buses should be provided since the ones that are available are insufficient to convey the citizens of Ikorodu. They suggested that government should employ a bus coordinator who can help control the long queue. And provide a proper time of buses to arrive and depart from their stations so that they won't be too much crowd. Richard hoped that with some adjustments, the struggle of BRT in Ikorodu would reduce.

It is expected that the government would examine all possible creative solutions to help solve the challenges of transportation in Ikorodu particularly during the peak periods of the day.



NEWS

Kidnappers take advantage of bad Epe-Ikorodu road

By Henry Chidozie Okpara & Peace Ezuma

Residents and commuters have lamented the state of the Epe- Ikorodu road pointing out that it is responsible for the high rise in crime particularly kidnapping, robbery and abduction among other crimes in the area.

The residents pleaded with the **Caleb Community reporters** to appeal to the Federal Government to take on the road project as the road has now been inhabited by hoodlums and criminals who have taken advantage of the deplorable state to do evil.

government really needs to do something to the road because this is affecting everyone especially people like me, we do not like to pass this road for any reason after 7pm. Going to the farm in the afternoon just to be able to get ugu is not easy and really isn't convenient and even after farming, transporting the vegetables has become more expensive. Talk to them to repair the road".

A resident of Epe, who asked to be anonymous said drivers and passengers travel on the road with fear especially in

the evening, and called on the government to reconstruct the road to make travelling comfortable.

A member of the House of Representatives from the Epe Federal Constituency, Mr Wale Raji, when contacted, said that the road

needed an urgent attention to save the people from hardship. He acknowledged, "The road is in a deplorable state. Although the Ikorodu-Epe-Ijebu Ode Road is a Federal road, I have even spoken to the Lagos State governor about it".



Mrs. Nkiruka Okoye, an ugu farmertold our correspondent that she now farms in the afternoon to avoid being a victim to the hoodlums. She said, "this

NEWS

Why we don't want to relocate to Imota- Mile 12 Traders

By Peace Ezuma, Babajide Adenuga, Opeyemi Osho

The announcement by the former Governor of Lagos state, Governor Akinwunmi Ambode, on the relocation of the popular mile-12 market to Imota, a suburb area in Ikorodu caused a lot of uproar, with criticisms and negative reactions from business men and women.

Traders among other affected Lagosians have expressed their concerns about this relocation, while explaining that prior to the time of the announcement, there had been no form of communication with them, even though the issue is of serious concern to each and every one of them.

Their argument is that the government has devised a plan, intended to take the market from them and ultimately affect their source of livelihood because the market is strategically located, connecting the main lands with the largest vegetable market in Lagos, among other commodities.

Some sellers have added, that most of their customers are residents at Ojota, Ketu and Ikeja local government area and as such, might find it difficult coming all the way to what they referred to as 'a dead zone' (Imota). They therefore agreed that relocating to Imota was a decision none of them was interested in making or obeying.

Mr. Shehu Usman, the financial secretary at the market further stated, "Mile 12 has been in existence for over 40years, and has become



A section of the Mile 12 Tomatoes Market. Pic by Babajide Adenuga

a part of Lagos state's landmarks. Although, the government has said we should prepare to relocate, we the people of Mile 12 do not agree with this idea, we have a place in mind as regards where to relocate to, but I can't disclose that now".

to Imota is really narrow and we usually transport our goods using trucks. This will change the rate at which our trucks pass though the roads since it is risky for both drivers and other road users, especially children going to their schools by themselves. Imagine on days when they

500 million naira worth of losses during such periods", Mr Usman added.

"Why should we stay in a place surrounded by only bushes? Only a few people live there and not everyone will want to buy things in a bush. How about our regular

here and no form of tribalism is allowed. Even in cases where someone is going to church, such a person can trust that his or her wares are safe because another person will watch over them and help with sales", he explained.

Although, majority of the traders and business men and women frowned at the idea of a relocation, a good number of people welcomed the idea of change.

Mrs Odianose, a trader at the market for 22years boasted about her impressive clientele whom she believed, would not be affected by a change in location since they all had become permanent customers who would employ her services wherever she was.

She further added, that, "if the government wants to move the market to Imota, I don't have a problem with it because I have other businesses that I do. The only people I worry about, are the people who come to the market without money as well as the elderly, since this change in location might make things harder for them than they already are.

Although, the decision to move the Mile 12 market is very sensitive and delicate with regards to its benefits and consequences, it is necessary to ensure that the intentions of the Governor are received in good light and the government alongside the traders are able to reach a consensus fast enough to avoid an abrupt end of the market in totality.



Traders and commuters around Mile 12 Market Pic by Babajide Adenuga

He continued "Imota does not have banks where transactions can be made unlike Mile 12 where there are many banks. The distance will equally affect transportation, since the road

observe Oro rituals, and women cannot even leave their homes, will men alone sell things in the market? The women play vital roles in the market so if they are not present there would be up to

customers coming from Mile 12, who also live there? I don't even know why they want to move us, we've not had any issue, any challenges, nothing! We are traders who love ourselves, there is unity

FOOD RECIPE

Ebiripo and Egusi Ijebu

By Grace Aderinwale

Preparation (Ebiripo): To make this;

1. Peel, rinse and grate cocoyam then leave in a bowl.



Ingredient List

Egusi Ijebu:

- Melon Seed (Egusi) -2 cups
- Pepper (Rodo and Tatashe)
- Fish: Smoked(Shawa, Titus, Panla)- as desired
- Palm Oil
- Onions 1 bulb
- Crayfish to taste
- Iru (Locust Beans)
- Seasoning (Maggi and Salt) -to taste

Ebiripo:

- Cocoyam- 4 pieces
- Pepper (Rodoand Tatashe)
- Leaves a bunch
- Salt-to taste

2. Pick the pepper, and blend with little water. Pour in the bowl of grated cocoyam.

3. Boil water in a clean pot and arrange the stalk of the leaves at the bottom. This pot should be placed over low heat.

5. Scoop some paste on the leaves and fold in form of a pyramid.

6. Arrange the Ebiripo in a pot as they are wrapped.

7. Allow to cook for 15 to 20 minutes adding water to the sides of the pot gently.

pepper. The result must be a smooth paste that should not be thick or very watery.

3. Pour the blended paste in a bowl.

4. Get another bowl; debone all the smoked fish and wash

cook for 10 turn off the burner as the Ebiripo is ready.

Preparation (EgusiIjebu) :

To successfully cook this soup;

1. Pick, wash and rinse melon seeds (E g u s i seeds) to remove dirt.

2. Wash the pepper, rinse then blend. Remember to add the melon seeds and little water while blending the

thoroughly.

5. Pick a good bulb of onions, wash, slice, and leave in a plate.

6. With a clean pot on fire, add palm oil, and heat for 1 minute. Add onions immediately and stir to avoid them getting burnt.

7. Add the pepper and Egusi mixture to the already fried onions in the pot and stir. After stirring, leave to cook for 4 minutes.

8. Wash the locust beans (Iru) thoroughly and pour in the pot on fire. Stir again and reduce the heat of the fire to avoid the soup from frying and becoming too thick.

9. Pour all the fish in the pot and stir.

10. Add Maggi and salt to taste and cookfor 5 minutes.

11. Turn off the burner, as the soup is now cooked.

How to Serve:

'Serve a rich plate of EgusiIjebu with a wrap of Ebiripo'.

Ebiripo can be eaten with other soups and stews. Egusi Ijebu can also be eaten with other solids and can be cooked with proteins such as beef, chicken, goat meat etc.

LEISURE



Nigerian Food Wordsearch

All Nigerians love good food, especially the Ijebus (a part of the Yoruba tribe). They enjoy foods, highly fortified with nutrients. Listed below are some of their favorite foods hidden in the puzzle.



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1. Egusi
2. Ewedu
3. Ikokore
4. Ofada
5. Ebiripo
6. Afon
7. Apon
8. Adalu
9. Ojojo
10. Gaari
11. Gbure
12. Ekuru
13. Eko
14. Akara
15. Jogi

STILL I RISE

You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may trod me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise.

Does my sassiness upset you?
Why are you beset with gloom?
'Cause I walk like I've got oil wells
Pumping in my living room.

Just like moons and like suns,
With the certainty of tides,
Just like hopes springing high,
Still I'll rise.

Did you want to see me broken?
Bowed head and lowered eyes?
Shoulders falling down like teardrops.
Weakened by my soulful cries.

Does my haughtiness offend you?
Don't you take it awful hard
'Cause I laugh like I've got gold mines
Diggin' in my own back yard.

You may shoot me with your words,
You may cut me with your eyes,
You may kill me with your hatefulness,
But still, like air, I'll rise.

Does my sexiness upset you?
Does it come as a surprise
That I dance like I've got diamonds
At the meeting of my thighs?

Out of the huts of history's shame
I rise
Up from a past that's rooted in pain
I rise
I'm a black ocean, leaping and wide,

Welling and swelling I bear in the tide.
Leaving behind nights of terror and fear
I rise
Into a daybreak that's wondrously clear
I rise
Bringing the gifts that my ancestors gave,
I am the dream and the hope of the slave.
I rise
I rise
I rise.

Maya Angelou

NEWS

Family of three die mysteriously in Aga

By Kofoworola Jaiye-Oba

A couple and their child were found dead in their home in Aga, Ikorodu. The sad incident happened at Borokini Road in Aga, Ikorodu. A neighbor to the deceased, said he had left home that morning, as early as he usually does and that at the time he left, Charles Omomo, popularly called Baba Efe, and his wife, Faith Omomo and their three children were all inside the apartment when the incident occurred.

The neighbor said, "I left home very early as usual with my motorcycle. After some hours, my wife called me that Baba Efe, his wife and their last child, Glorious were found dead inside their apartment. On getting home I saw a crowd in our

compound. I entered the apartment of Baba Efe only to discover he had committed suicide, the wife lay on the floor dead and the son on the



three-seater chair also dead.

"I was surprised because yesterday night I saw both the wife and the husband sitting

together as usual without any problem.It was Efe, the eldest daughter who went to one of their family members living nearby to report the

motorcycle developed a fault. The children also stopped going to school, but I saw them yesterday and there was no sign of any problem

wife had been having issues in recent times. The neighbor said, "There was a time the husband and wife were fighting and the husband was accusing his wife of infidelity that the wife must tell him the real father of the son if not that nobody will be alive among them. The mother and son whose matter was in contention were found dead and the father was also found to have committed suicide."

Officers of the Rapid Response Squad from Ikeja and Ikorodu Police Division were seen evacuating the corpses from the apartment. The Public Relations Officer of the Lagos State Police Command, DSP Bala Elkana, could not immediately give an official statement on the case.

among them."

Another neighbor, who pleaded anonymity, disclosed that the man and his

ORIKI ILU IMOTA AYAYO



Imota ayayo,
Awon omo asoko bi eke,
Omo ekewaa olu,
Omo atonkale elefo egbowon ti won se laro ti o seyo losan,
Awon Omo eluku meden meden,
Awon omo imale afeleja,
Awon Omo asani ni poriki poriki ese,
Awon Omo olire abiaya to nbi sotun to tun n bi s'osi,
Awon Omo o s'oro s'agemo,
Awon Omo liworu elesan ude,
Awon Omo logumogbo esuwadaloye,
Awon Omo kunkun ke,
Awon Omo a ke ninu igbo keru o ba ara ona,
Awon Omo ajeun ninu igbo f'irawe nu'wo,
Omo ayi'lu bara Ko to jeun aaro,
Awon Omo ori ba san a juwon ele.



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