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Fela Durotoye Receives Birthday & Wedding Anniversary Message From Wife. Tara.



ela Durotoye and his wife Tara celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary and his 48th birthday on May 12th. It was indeed a very special day for the Durotoyes.

In celebration, the politician and motivational speaker's wife, Tara pened down a very sweet message to him with a picture on instagram captioned below;

"This man 18 years ago was given to me As a GIFT! I knew it then and now that I won a JACKPOT? Olufela...Happy 18th anniversary to us and Happy birthday to you.

Thank you for being the real meaning of a HUSBAND. I am confident because you flame all the good things about I can dream big because your dreams for me are bigger. I love Nigeria because I live with one who shows his love for Nigeria by the example you set.

You make me a better Christian cos when the chips are down you will ask "what will Jesus Do?"

I feel beautiful, sexy, wanted and cherished cos you say it in your eyes when I walk pass you, you say it in your words when I am with you and not with you.

You make it very easy to submit, support and respect you .You don't insist; you only show the example .The example of a considerate man who puts his family first.

You give me space to be me (the good ,the bad & the ugly) I know them ;I have worked on some ,have failed at many but your emphasis are on my good .As you say "focus creates blindness" Thank you FOR BEING AN **EXAMPLE IN WORDS AND** ACTION.

You still make me smile when you walk into a room. Your smile, your thoughtfulness, your compassion, kindness. I have seen you in your highs and in your lows and still my

When I am 48 I want to be like you? Cheers to more years with you.I celebrate you, I honour and my respect is for you.

heart throbs for you.

Oko mi.

"Thank You For **Being The Real Meaning Of** A Husband"



infrastructural drive, the Governor also prioritized welfare of Muslims and worked hard to enhance peaceful co-existence and harmonious relationship among religious groups in the State.

"Quran Chapter 14 verse 7 says if you show appreciation, we would give you even much more. This is what we have come to do to you (Governor Ambode) today sir. We want to appreciate you; you are a performer and numero uno. We have seen action in Lagos State. "Jesu healed 10 lepers in the book of Luke Chapter 17 verse 17 and only one came back. Jesus now asked were not 10 cleaned; where are the nine? Muslims of Lagos State appreciate you sir and you will never ask where are those Muslims because we are here. We love you, we appreciate you, we value you. You are a jewel of inestimable value. Is it the infrastructure that you have developed in Lagos State? Is it the gentlemanly attitude that we all have seen in you?

Other States are burning as we speak but Mr Akinwunmi Ambode, the Executive Governor of Lagos State, took the political landscape with astounding equanimity. When

MURIC Hails Ambode

Over Massive Infrastructure Drive

The Muslim Rights Concern (MURIC) has commended Lagos State Governor, Mr Akinwunmi Ambode for embarking on massive infrastructural drive which positively changed the landscape, saying the Governor's name has already been written in gold in the history of the State and can never be altered by anybody.

Speaking while presenting a letter of appreciation to the Governor on Monday, May 6th, 2019 during a Ramadan Tafsir/Iftar and special prayer organised by the State Government to mark the official commencement of the Muslim fasting month, Director of MURIC, Professor Ishaq Akintola, described Governor Ambode as a top performer whose achievements are indelible.

Akintola, a renowned Islamic scholar, said aside the massive

there should have been storm, you calm everything down. Mr Akinwunmi Ambode, your name is already written in letters of gold in the annals of Lagos history; it is indelible and nobody can ever erase it again," Akintola said. He particularly commended Governor Ambode for setting up the Nigeria Inter-Religious Council (NIREC) in the State and going further to decentralize the activities of the Council in all the 20 Local Government Areas and 37 Local Council Development Areas (LCDAs), just as he commended the Governor for prompt payment of workers salary.

According to him, "Salaries are owed for eight months, nine months, eleven months in several States of the federation in spite of all the financial facilities they got from the Federal Government; Lagos has not owed one month not even one week. Salaries are paid, workers are happy, there is industrial peace in Governor Ambode's time. We appreciate the Governor and this will go down well in history.

"Of particular note is Muslims and Christians sitting together through the Committee (NIREC) that the

Governor set up which has greatly enhanced peaceful co-existence. For this friendliness that the Governor established; and for this generosity that you extended to the Muslim Committee, we say Allah will bless you sir.

"In appreciation of the great works that His Excellency the Governor of Lagos State has been doing, the Muslim Rights Concern came up here with a letter of appreciation thanking the Governor. We never had it so good in Lagos State."

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Don Jazzy In A Serious Relationship

Veteran music producer, Don Jazzy has revealed that he is no longer single and currently in a relationship with "a serious babe". Don Jazzy made this known while featuring in the last episode of Loose Talk Podcast titled, 'The Blueprint'.

Speaking on his relationship with the foreign singer, Rihanna, the producer noted that he had moved on while revealing that he is presently in a serious relationship. He said "No I'm not free, no I have a babe, a serious babe actually," he said.

However, Fans and lovers of Don Jazzy have long been waiting to hear the announcement of his wedding. Meanwhile, speaking on his relationship with Tiwa Savage who recently left his record label for Universal Records, he said "It's obvious to everybody, it was an epic journey. I don't necessarily even feel like now because you've signed to Universal, to everybody it just looks like she's gone to the land beyond beyond." "I don't understand, we're still business partners, there's still catalogues that we share, that she's still going to be receiving royalties from for the rest of her life or whatever."

"The business was dope, and she's actually one of my favourite business partners of all time. I mean, I and D'Banj worked together for eight years and one year, Tiwa would have been eight years too as well. It was beautiful, she was understanding from the get-go till now," he said.

ASA Returns After Five Years With New Album

igerian prolific singer Asa makes comeback after a fiveyear break with a new album. The France based singer teased her fans with a snippet of her video which is set to drop May 14.

This will make Asa's fourth album. Her third studio album, 'Bed of Stone' had hits like 'Dead Again', 'Eyo', 'Satan Be



Gone', 'The One That Never Comes' and 'Moving On', was released in 2014. She thereafter embarked on a world tour from 2015 to 2017, which marked her long break from music.

As Asa makes comeback,

her fans grew excited as they anticipate more good music from the singer, the type she is very well known for.

The video showed a man dancing behind a blue background as it slowly transitioned to show Asa in a sleeping position after which a date appeared to bring an end to the video. While the new song is slated for May 14, Asa is yet to reveal the title of the tracks on the album that will serve as her follow up to the music video of 'Eyo'.









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Actress Chacha Eke Expects Third Child

Popular Nollywood actress Chika Eke recently shared a cute family photo with her followers on social media, but even more interesting is the baby bump spotted!

Actress Chacha Eke Faani was spotted with her lovely husband and two kids as they all came together to strike a lovely pose as they are expecting their newborn baby soonest

In the photos shared was also spotted with a baby bump which means she is expecting baby number three. Eke already has two lovely girls with her loving husband, who appeared to be all over her in the family photo shoot in a different photo slide of the post shared on Instagram, the actress, and her man were all loved up in a warm pose as he placed his hand on her belly.

Some of them wished her a happy delivery in advance while others were simply taken by how she manages to look beautiful even while pregnant.

ifunanyaigwe.kmj: The little kaira is always too excited this baby so beautiful family I love you guys too much

queenzydiva: You shall deliver like the Hebrew woman.

I Am Not Fully Divorced, I Might Go Back To My Husband - Mercy Aigbe

ollywood actress and fashion icon, Mercy Aigbe said she might go back to her husband, she revealed this during an interview about her fashion and beauty business and her marriage.z

During the interview, she was asked about her marriage to her estranged husband, Lanre Gentry and she revealed she is not fully divorced and might go back to him because she does not see herself getting married to somebody else.

Here are excerpts from the interview. She said:

Honestly, I have no such plans. I am not fully divorced, and I don't know what is going to happen tomorrow. Never say never. I have put everything in God's hands. If God says I will go back to my husband, it is fine. If God says am okay like this, then it's fine too. Let God take absolute control of everything but there's no plan of ever settling with someone else.

On her good looks, mercy revealed the secret behind it, she said:

I watch what I eat, I eat healthy, drink a lot of water, stay out of trouble as much as I can and I worry less, any problem I cannot solve, I take it to God almighty and that has really help me to stay happy and beautiful.





Alibaba Addresses Ladies Who Make The **Fathers Of Their Children Look Like Monsters**



▲ libaba Addresses Ladies Who Make The Fathers Of Their Children Look Like Monsters Comedian Alibaba lends his voice to ladies who make make the fathers of their children look like monsters. He tells them that the fact that they have a problem with you baby's father does not mean your child does too.

Alibaba who is very known to be vocal about different issues on social media share the lona message on his Instagram page.

He wrote; "Very often, you will see ladies who make the fathers

of their children look like monsters. The said father may be the best father the child ever wished for, but, the mothers' hurt will not let the fathers have the opportunity to show the child that love. Many years ago, a certain wife of a Nigerian career diplomat, posted to East Africa, had a messy and sour marriage. It was a very popular case.

The woman resorted to making sure she flung all kinds of dirt at the Diplomat. She even asked the Nigerian Government to recall him and dismiss him. While she was all out to ruin him. She forgot that her children were depending on their father's support to make a headway in life. The Solomonic dilemma came to play again. If I can't have him, then let me mess his career up.

The truth is that if you think about it, the only time it's ok, to deny the father of your child access to the child and by so doing, denying the father an opportunity to play a role in the child's life, BECAUSE YOU HAVE ISSUES WITH THE FATHER, you are using your reggae to spoil the child's blues. No one stops you from being upset. And in deed, no one can stop you from venting. But if in the process of doing that vexing, don't let that mess up the relationship the child will have with the father.

In summary, If you know you cannot give the child or children, the kind of life they deserve, and you know the father can give them, all they need, don't block their access to him. But if you can do better than him, ignore the guy and move on. Don't give yourself unnecessary pressure. If the father has and can give, don't block him from being the father. You can do more with all the assistance. Even if you are Oprah Winfrey.

Man Brutalizes His Fiancée 3 Months To Their Wedding

n a tweet thread, @Obayinde recounted how his cousin suffered domestic violence in the hands of the man she was going to married to in August. He shared pictures of his cousin brutalized saying she was not involved in a motor bike accident but domestic violence.

According to him, this is not the first time he is doing this to her but she has apparently been covering up for him. Read below the story of the man, Prince Adelufosi Adelekan Lawrence who brutalized his fiancee 3 months to their wedding.



Ladies, God cherishes your life more than he cherishes "marriage" don't kill yourself in an attempt to keep a man. The reason for the fight or what led to this brutality was not revealed and Nigerians who have been reacting to the story on twitter say there is no reason good enough for a man to lay his hands on a woman. Especially not one he intends spending the rest of his life with. Many others are just thankful she will not end up marrying him anymore but called for his immediate arrest.



Joke Silva Is Unhappy

eteran actress, Joke Silva is not happy and has expressed disappointment at the way Nigerian actors are being treated, especially whenever they need help from the public.

She said; "I appreciate the work and sacrifices of Baba Suwe and other ailing veterans. They have done what they enjoyed doing but they did it at the expense of their lives."

"I feel they are entitled to support from the public because they have given too much to the society. But I don't think it is right for you to tell the world that you helped someone. If I come to you for help, I should not

see it on the pages of newspapers. Why would you assist me and use it to give yourself some leverage? Why put me in a humiliating position?"

"I don't think there is anyone in the industry that is not aware of the likelihood of getting broke and this has made us lose good actors in Nollywood. Some people left acting when they saw that it was

"Why would you assist me & use it to give yourself some leverage?"

Nigerian Pastor Ephraim Ononye Sprays Dollars At A Wedding In Lagos

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A Nigerian pastor Ephraim Ononye was pictured spraying US dollars at a wedding in Lagos. According to the pastor, one of his sons was the groom at the wedding he attended in Lagos State. While sharing the news on social media, pastor Ephraim Ononye wrote;

"One of my sons in Lagos found a wife, yes he found a good thing and has obtained favour from God.

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Whats its like being a mum?

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months old. E never tey like that.

moments with my child, that's just

the best. So basically that's where

Ah memories, I think hmm. This is

everything happens and it is just like wow. So yeah, I think memories that you can cherish literally are about the best thing that I can say about being a mother and also spending time quality time. It just feels like I have never been in love before. It just feels like I just have the opportunities to shower every emotion that I have bottled up on this human being that you cant just help but love. It is just great. It just

I am not arugbo o, what I do tor fun is just to hang out with my child and more like think about work, because when was it, I was like talking to a friend at about 3 am in Singapore, she was like, why are you not sleep? And I said my account balance and my brain work hand in hand, if there is no money in my account, my brain can't shut down. So the only thing that makes me happy is when the money will start to come. Right now, it is when I see alert, I get into joyous mode, for me now it is just for fun, anything that will bring money, I will dance for you. Anything that brings money is fun, that's it.









there are a lot of things you will stumble on that might just be safe when you have come together, you know, let just use pidgin English "see finish go enter".

The Do's

- 1- Be honest.
- 2- Share moments together. But like there are times he says I want to hang out with boys, there should also be sometimes that you must hang out with your girl. But make up time to hang out with your man.
- 3- Communicate, talk about everything and anything, trust me, you don't know what that can do for your relationship. "Mo so fun yin", speak up, talk it, I
- "mo so fun yin" speak.

You Still Look Good, How Do You **Now Deal With Advances From** Men?

Am still a hot girl o, they are still trying, it is just that am not in the mood, you understand, "Je kin heal tan". It's just the excuse I give now, just give me small chance, let me just, you understand, "kin balance arami", you get me. So basically now I wont say they are not making advances, one or two you know will try but I will say am still healing.

The Do & Donts Of Relationships?

- Don't tell lies,
- Don't compromise,
- 3- Don't entertain what you will not be able to continue with.
- 4- Don't allow other people advice you or don't share your marital stories with other people especially when it is about your age range because you cannot really tell what he/she is thinking in their heart, our faces is different from our heart.
- 5- Don't live together if you are not ready, if you are not married because

you make decision about your pouse seek advice

from your parents or people who are truthful like your pastor. Seek advice, it is better to speak to people who are experienced and spiritually on the right path than just talking to anybody.

5- Lastly but not the least, Buy each other gifts; memories make use of them, always have memories.



The name of the film is called "MALOMO" This project is what I should have been doing since. I am very excited, super excited. Ive shot a couple of films and I have produce for people too, but this is my "baby". When I saw the story, I read through it and said wow, wow. I asked how much will it cost me to shot this? I am putting my heart and soul, every dime, whatever it is I need to do, I need to get this done and do it

right. The reason why i am interested in the story is because when I read it, its something that has affected me, and that has happen to me before. Its something that I will say 75% to 80% of Nigerians are guilty of this. So I don't want to spill, it is something that you guys should watch out for it.

What Advise Do You Have For Youths In Nollywood?

There is no job that is easy, just make sure that you have passion

that's one of the reasons you wake up early morning. In as much as that's is there, that's 80% done because with that you will make your research, it will make you want to read books, it will make you want to be better as an actor or an actress in Nollywood.

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I Removed My Womb To Live A Normal Life - Nse Ikpe-Etim

ollywood actress Nse Ikpe-Etim has just disclosed that she has no womb (uterus) and so will not be able to give birth to a baby for the rest of her life.

The actress made this revelation at an event in Lekki, Lagos, ahead of the release of a new movie, tagged, 'Conversation with Nse', where she bared out her hearts to the her fans and the teeming audience, The Nation reports.

While speaking with the audience Nse Ikpe-Etim revealed that she was diagnosed three years ago with Adenomyosis, a condition whereby the inner lining of the uterus breaks through the muscle wall of the uterus.

"I was told I couldn't have kids. And so, I had to have a hysterectomy (removal of the uterus) to make me have a life again and to stop going through what I was going through. And I'm literarily telling women and men, it really doesn't matter if you can't bear children. What really matters is what you would do for the world, for the universe." Recalling the moment when the doctor told her she'd have to have remove her uterus to live a normal life, Nse said: "Tears dropped and then my husband squeezed my hand. It was reassuring there was someone there and it was telling me that this is reality, my reality." She fell into a depression.

"I didn't think there was any point anymore because my society taught me that I have to be a mother to be appreciated and every time I went online, I would have one troll or two say 'you never born?'

"But I'm thankful that that didn't break me. I'm thankful for Nollywood," she said.

DAVIDO's Baby Mama Is Now A Graduate

Dopular Nigerian artiste singer David Adeleke, known as [Davido} second baby mama, has graduated from the University of United state of America

Davido's second baby mama, Amanda, has graduated from college in the United States and she had her family, friends and loved ones around to celebrate with. Amanda, who is the mother of Davido's second daughter. Hailey, shared the good news on her social media page.

The mother of one who was so excited at the achievement shared photos from the occasion and she was also spotted with her friends who were obviously very happy for her.



"it really doesn't matter if you can't bear children. What matters is what you do for the world."



Court Declares Actress. Omoni Oboli Owner Of Okafor's Law Script



fter a two year legal battle, Nollywood actress Omoni Oboli has won the legal battle over the ownership of the script for Okafor's Law which was challenged by Jude Idada and Raconteur Production.

According to court documents, the Federal High Court Lagos division (per Ibrahim Buba J) on Thursday,2nd May 2019 delivered its judgment in suit No FHC/L/CS/401/2017- Rein couteour Productions Limited V. Dioni Visions Entertainment Limited &2 ors, an action bordering on issues of alleged intellectual property theft and copyright infringement.

Judgement was delivered in favour of the defendants and the claims sought by the plaintiff against the defendants were demised and matter dismissed. It was gathered that Omoni Oboli who could not contain her joy as she announced her victory at the court over the ownership of the script for Okafor's law.

In an instagram post, Obili narrated the experience: "Glory be to God who gave us the victory, I am happy to announce to you all that today, 2nd May 2019, judgement was passed and we won the case that Raconteur productions and Jude Idada brought against us for Okafor's law". "It's been 2 years' I remember I was at Tiannah's place putting finishing touches to my dress on my way to my movie premiere when I was called that we have been served an injunction and we couldn't show our movie. It was one of the worst days of my life, I remember breaking down in

tears when I had to explain to a hall full of guests why they couldn't watch, the film. and Ce, you are my "I was called a thief, may God never allow anyone label you a thief for your own work, I cried, I prayed, I fasted, I kept the watch with my friends and relatives, I lost 5kg in a space of 3 days I was in the toilet every 30 minutes, it took its toll. But God never sleeps nor slumbers. God knew I was innocent of everything I was been accused of and today even that laws of the land have pronounced me innocent, details of the verdict coming shortly.

Thank you to my winning team, my lawyers Alegeh heroes thank you to my friends and family who moved into my home, called every day, kept the watch, forced me to at least drink pepper soup when I couldn't keep anything down for days".

Did everything to make sure I didn't go into depression, to my fans and everyone who stood by me, you know yourselves", I love you from the bottom of my heart, my king and my God thank you, I have been vindicated.

Movie Maker, Eddie **Ugbomah Is Dead**

Veteran filmmaker, Eddie Ugbomah is dead. He died on Saturday, May 11th, 2019 at a private hospital in Lagos at the age of 78.

His demise was announced by Shaibu Husseini, he said; "I have the permission of the Chair of the Chief Eddie Ugbomah Medical Fund Committee Alhaji Adedayo Thomas (DG, NFVCB) to break the news of the

passage into eternity of the Veteran Filmmaker Chief Eddie Ugbomah, OON."

"The veteran filmmaker died an hour ago at the hospital where he was scheduled to undergo a surgery on Monday." "Sad, but we totally submit to the Almighty."

For those who don't know, Chief Ugbomah was a Nigerian film director and producer. He directed and produced films such as the Rise and Fall of Oyenusi in 1979, The Boy is Good and Apalara, a film about the life and murder of Alfa Apalara in Oko Awo, Lagos.

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Why We Arrested Naira Marley - EFCC



The Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) has confirmed the arrest of a rising Nigerian musician, Afeez Fashola, aka Naira Marley and others in relation to alleged advanced fee fraud. Acting Spokesman of the Commission, Mr Tony Orilade, made the confirmation to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Abuja on

According to Orilade, he was arrested in Lagos in the early hours of Friday.

"Yes, he is with us. He is not the only person; he had some other persons also arrested alongside (him).

"They were arrested in relation to advance fee fraud, Internet-related cases and all of

"We shall give details shortly," he said.





Mother Sells Her Baby For Uses Money To Buy Phone, **Wrapper And Slippers**

single mom revealed that she sold her baby girl for N600,000 and used the money to buy a phone, wrapper and slippers in Imo State. She also stated that she planned using the remaining money to start a business. According to the Special Anti-Robbery Squad of the Imo State Police Command, a 27 year old single mom, Nneka Donaatus allegedly sold her day old babu girl and used the money to bus a phone, wrapper and slippers for herself.

The woman, who spoke in her native dialect, said, "I sold my baby girl for N600,000 and used N15,000 from the money to buy a phone, wrapper and slippers and transported myself back home. I asked Nneoma Onwusereaka and her husband, who had the balance to use it to start a business for me. I have five children already and I am separated from my former husband."

A civil servant, who was arrested in connection with the crime, said she was rewarded with N10,000 for connecting the buyer with the seller.

Nneka was arrested alongside a level 12 civil servant at the state Ministry of Women Affairs, Ujunwa Udechukwu, 40; and Nneoma Onwusereaka, 37; who allegedly conspired with the single mother to sell the baby to a couple.

The mother of the woman who sold her baby is said to have reported the case to SARS operatives after the lady; her daughter came home without the newborn baby.

Bureau De Change Operators Killed & Thrown Into Septic Tank

Three men have allegedly killed operators of Bureau de Change and dumped their bodies in a septic tank in the Ikorodu area of Lagos. The suspects Oluwatosin Olanrewaju, Mayowa Olawuni a.k.a General and Babatunde Idris a.k.a Aloma were said to have tricked the Bureau de Change operators to an undisclosed location on March 14, this year.

Police spokesperson in Lagos, DSP Bala Elkana while speaking with newsmen said "on March 14 at about 5.30p.m., the Lagos State this team found four decaying corpses floating in a septic tank.

"Despite paying the sum of One Million, Six Hundred Thousand Naira (N1,600,000) as ransom, the abductors refused to release the victims and nothing more was heard from them. The victims' phones remained switched off".

The police boss in Lagos dispatched a team to Ikorodu and this team found four decaying corpses floating in a septic tank.



Police Command received a complaint from Ikorodu area that some unidentified persons approached one Alhaji Yakubu Musa and Alhaji Hassan Umaru, both money changers at Benson area, Ikorodu and informed them that they have a relation who returned from overseas and needed to sell \$10,000".

"They initially requested that payment will be made in a bank at Ikorodu but on getting to the bank, the suspects moved the operators to an unknown destination and started demanding for ransom from their friends and relatives." After a while no one heared from them again.

The police boss in Lagos dispatched a team to Ikorodu &

"Operatives from Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) Ipakodo base led by SP Godfrey Soriwei arrested three suspects who confessed to the commission of the crime and led operatives to their den at Ikorodu where they dumped the corpses in a septic tank."

"Two locally made single barrel guns with five live cartridges, one locally made a gun with three ammunition, one locally made revolver pistol with three live ammunition, one cutlass, one axe and some charms were recovered from them.

"Investigation revealed that the suspects had at various times used an abandoned company as their den, where all their targets are killed and dumped in the septic tank," Elkana adds



Fake JAMB Letter Tells Students To Prepare To Retake Examination

ccording to the fake JAMB letter, the examination board is alleged to have made the call because it noticed that hackers have gained access to the board's website and gave increase scores of some candidates.

Meanwhile, JAMB Registrar, Prof. Is-haq Oloyede, says the examination would release the 2019 UTME results on Saturday, May 11. "We are releasing our results tomorrow (Saturday). we are having a meeting today to consider what to put out," he said.

More than 1.2 million candidates sat for the 2019 UTME from April 11 to April 18. Since then, the board has not released the results, with candidates increasingly getting apprehensive.

A report says that the registrar has paraded a staff of the board, who allegedly collected N25,000 from a 2018 admission seeker.

According to Oloyede, the suspect was reported to the JAMB management after he couldn't meet the demand. "We are not hiding anything; we are ready to deal with anybody caught and they must face the wrath of the law," he said.



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training arm of the Lagos State Judiciary that will be responsible for the promotion of innovation and effectiveness in services rendered to Lagosians has been commissioned by the Lagos State Chief Judge, Justice Opeyemi Oke.

Speaking at the commissioning of the Institute in Ikeja, the Chief Judge said that the Institute, among other functions, is expected to provide continuing education for all categories of judicial officers through workshops, seminars and other programmes related to judicial education.

promote excellence through training, competency, and professionalism in the Lagos State Judiciary. It is expected that the Institute will have a far-reaching impact on the quality of our human capital and productivity auotient".

Justice Oke maintained that the Lagos State Judicial Establishment Institute will, in addition to the above functions, serve as a platform for updating judiciary staff on recent developments in the law, contemporary issues around legal procedure and practice, administration and iudicial ethics.

While noting that since the beginning of her tenure as the State's Chief Judge, staff of the Judiciary had benefited from both local and international training, Justice Oke explained that the rationale behind the various training programmes were borne out of the conviction that training was the only way that judicial competency, standards, and professionalism could be achieved, maintained and sustained.

"Training is the only way that we can maintain and sustain our position as the foremost Judiciary in Africa. It is one of the foremost ways to build public trust and confidence in the Lagos State Judiciary. We are the first Judiciary

Lagos State Chief Judge Commissions Training Institute For Judiciary Staff



in the nation to formalise and set up its training arm", the Chief Judge reiterated.

Justice Oke expressed the hope that with the establishment of the Institute, judicial officers are now expected to sharpen their skills, increase efficiency, innovation, and effectiveness for the benefit and service to the good people of Lagos State

She expressed optimism that the Board of Governors of the Institute would design programmes and

training for various categories of staff to address and improve the capacity and overall effectiveness of the Lagos State Judiciary.

The Institute was established, pursuant to the Lagos State Judicial Institute Law 2007, to serve as the principal focal point of judicial activities relating to the promotion of efficiency, uniformity, and improvement in the quality of judicial services in the superior and inferior courts in Lagos State.

New Transport Policy To Check Pedestrian Deaths Introduced By Lagos State

agos State Government has concluded plans to implement the new transport policy, Lagos Non-Motorised Transport, NMT, aimed at achieving zero pedestrian death in the state. The state government added that the crux of the new policy was to protect the pedestrian who made several trips daily.

Commissioner for Transportation, Ladi Lawanson, who disclosed the planned implementation of NMT yesterday at a stakeholder's

workshop on Lagos Sidewalk Pilot Project held at Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority, LAMATA headquarters, Ojota, stressed that the new policy would aid clean urban public transport system. Lawanson lamented: "The interaction between pedestrian and motorized vehicles in Lagos is dangerous and not properly planned. Pedestrian and cyclists are frequently forced to walk and ride simultaneously on the carriageway sharing same road with motorized transport."

LASPARK Rolls Out Activities To Brighten Up Recreation Parks

n furtherance of its desire towards combining relaxation with excitement as well as enriching the value of citizens' social life, the Lagos State Parks and Gardens Agency (LASPARK) in conjunction with Arial View Nigeria Limited has rolled out series of delightful shows at some of the State-owned parks for the citizens' pleasure.

The weeklong event, which began on Thursday 2nd of May, 2019 at Rafiu Jafojo Recreational Park, Shasha and Ebute-Iga Park, Ikorodu, is tagged "Monster Fiesta". The programme, planned to be staged at all the State-owned recreational parks across Lagos, is designed to promote a sequence of interactive shows where numerous fun seekers and other social enthusiasts would have the prospect of exploring the quality of nature for memorable viewing experience.

The Head Public Affairs Unit of LASPARK, Mr. Sanusi Abdulateef, who disclosed this at a joint meeting with the representatives of Arial View, stated that the activation of these activities at the various parks is a way of connecting citizens to the abundance of creative and indigenous vibes that are lacking in our lifestyle.

"Aside using the exciting league of



renowned foot balling nations to encourage citizens to visit the parks regularly, it is one of the many exquisite approaches the State government is adapting to engage the citizen, particularly the youth, on the relevance of investing their leisure periods on activities that are worthwhile rather than engaging in social vices", he affirmed.

The Agency Spokesman pointed out that creating a web of enticing activities around parks through the Public-Private Partnership strategy is an affirmation of government's resolve to continuously connect everyone to the best of social experience, irrespective of age and location and establish a sense of companionship among its diverse citizens.

He added that the hosting of these series of events at the parks is possible because of the solid security structure and other topnotch facilities that the locations possess, adding that the ambience of these parks offers the most hospitable appearance for pleasure and memorable events which the citizens must exploit. In his remarks, the Chief Executive Officer, Arial View Nigeria Limited, Mr. Rotimi Pitan described the initiative as a way of creatively

utilising parks to promote social development and re-energise the profound fondness inherent in every individual for the betterment of society.

According to him, the serene conditions of the various stateowned Parks has made them a potential hotspot for exquisite fanfare for both young and old. "Engaging in outdoor activities and interacting with people particularly at a serene atmosphere like parks is a good form of social therapy which in turn improves life expectancy", Rotimi declared. "Presently, these parks have been upgraded with facilities to show live football matches, from the English Premiership to Laliga to the **UEFA** Champions League and Europa League Matches where fans and supporters of different football clubs assemble to savour thrilling encounters involving their favourite teams and also win lots of exciting prizes", he noted.

He promised that the event would feature lots of fascinating activities which include outdoor movies, drone racing, basketball and football tournaments, video board games, open MIC contest and other side attractions, imploring Lagosians not be left out of the weeklong fiesta.







Lagos State Govt To Reconstruct Oko-Oba GRA Scheme

The Lagos State Government is set to embark on the reconstruction and upgrade of Taiwo Adewunmi and Imafidon Crescent in Oko-Oba GRA Scheme 1 in Oko-Oba, Agege Local Government Area. Speaking at a stakeholder meeting with residents of Oko-Oba GRA Scheme 1, the State Commissioner for Physical Planning and Urban Development, Prince Rotimi Ogunleye said the intervention by the Government is towards realising the objectives of its infrastructural development plans for the residents in the area.

The Commissioner who was represented at the forum by the **Director, Physical Planning** Department, Tpl. Bola Aliu commended the communal efforts of the residents and civil society organisations towards the development of roads within thanked the Lagos State the estate and assured that with their cooperation the project will be delivered within the scheduled nine-month project duration.

The reconstruction project is a

single carriageway along two streets with lengths of 750m and 6.6m respectively while the approved Right of Way for the project is 9.6m.

The Project Coordinator, Engr. Blessing Oyegua, highlighted the socio-economic benefits of the reconstruction to include: improved connectivity within Oko-Oba GRA Scheme 1; enhancement of the standard of living of residents of the Estate; improved status of Taiwo Adewunmi/Imafidon roads and drastic reduction of vehicular travel time in the area.

He, therefore, solicited for the support and cooperation of Lagosians in the axis for the inconvenience that may result from redirecting traffic during the construction.

Speaking on behalf of other residents, Mr. Taiwo Adewunmi Government for the laudable project and appealed to residents to cooperate with the contractor and staff of the Ministry of Physical Planning and Urban Development on the project.

Lagos To Reduce Noise Pollution

he Lagos State Government has revealed its desire to manage and reduce noise pollution across the metropolis in view of the need to protect citizens' rights and privileges towards good life in a serene and comfortable environment.

The State Commissioner, the Ministry of the Environment, Mr. Babatunde Durosinmi- Etti made the disclosure at the 4th Annual Stakeholders Interactive Session on noise pollution control in Lagos State, organised by the Lagos State Environmental Protection Agency (LASEPA) at the Adeyemi-Bero Auditorium, Ikeja.

He said that the fast social and economic growth in the 20th century was without adherence to adequate land planning and environmental laws, consequently, cities face increasing noise levels amongst environmental infractions.

The Commissioner pointed out that the growing awareness of the menace on the environment has called for necessary action by the State Government to manage and reduce noise pollution in Lagos.

He averred that the Lagos State Government had enacted the new **Environmental Management and** Protection Law 2017, with the sole aim of achieving a clean and smart environment.

In his remarks, the General Manager of LASEPA, Engr. Ayodele Antonio said that the ability to measure ambient noise levels and its appropriate representation on the map of Lagos will provide a powerful tool for spatial identification of noise source, its spread and impacts. He said the process will ensure that decision making in relation to noise control and management will become easy for the State Government and provide data to improve well-being of Lagosians.

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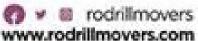


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