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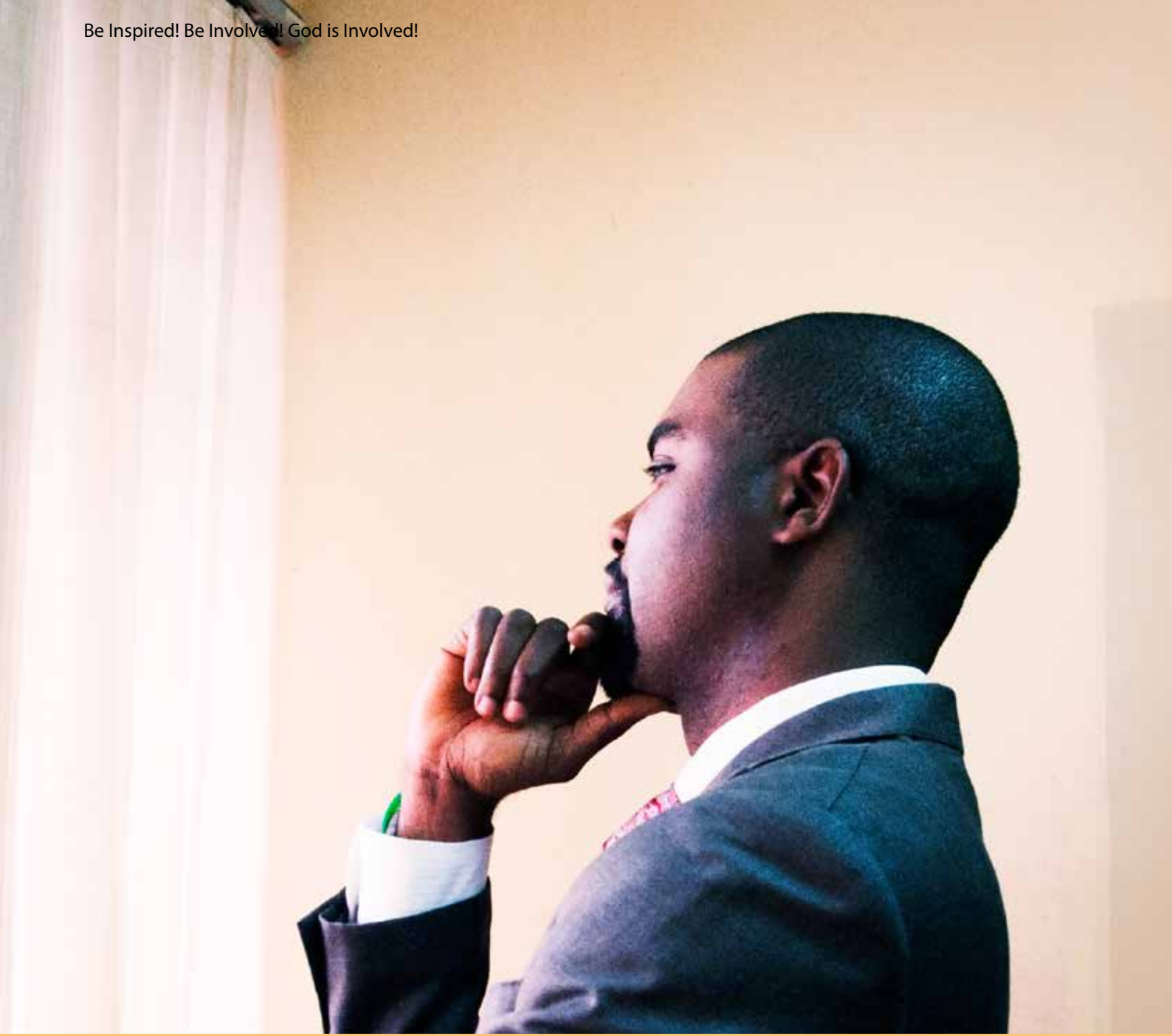
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Welcome to the first edition of Eleniyan Cares Magazine, a brainchild of Hon. Segun Olulade, the lawmaker representing Epe Constituency II at the Lagos State House of Assembly. It is a constituency feedback magazine that is indeed a complete deviation from the conventional grassroots journal. This edition's concept, outlook and design are targeted at capturing the attention of the local and global audience.

As a literary piece, this magazine seeks to portray the good image, culture, history, traditions, vocations and aspirations of the good people in Epe Constituency II, Lagos State. It is aimed at celebrating and drawing attention of people to the beautiful geography of abundant resources, endowments and splendid aquatic environment of the constituency; these brought home the fact that Epe Constituency II remains a basket of opportunities for the new Lagos of our dream. The cover story captures the rising political profile of Hon. Olulade, the man behind the scene, but subsequent editions would dwell on other suitable and like-able personalities who have distinguished themselves in their chosen careers and paths of public engagement. A column is dedicated on topical issues of paramount concern in the development of the society. This edition examines the educational challenges in Nigeria, thus soliciting for Governmental intervention where necessary.

Selfless services being rendered by some role models around us especially in view of their community support efforts are worthy of celebration. The star models for this edition are Engr. Najeem Omotayo Disu and Engr. Bade Adebawale, technocrats with the Lagos State Ministry of Works and infrastructure and ministry of the environment respectively. Arts and culture sections, portrayed in pictorial images the cultural monuments and scenes that are symbolic of Epe Constituency II while a section dealing with historical facts and statistics gave a graphical presentation of the numerous towns and villages, not leaving out the names and effigies of traditional rulers in these enviable enclaves. Short profiles

of Chairmen and names of other elected officers of Ikosi/Ejinrin and Eredo LCDAs were captured under constituency matters while an eye witness account on the Home of God Orphanage, Agbowo, renders a very appealing and compassionate story about this sprawling humanitarian outfit.

Satisfying the quest for public enlightenment; some information hot-lines were reeled out to help Lagos residence make necessary official contacts especially during emergency situations. Likewise, simplified brief highlights on the newly passed Lagos State Traffic Law were enlisted therein to the understanding and compliance of readers.

On the more entertaining side, readers have the benefit of cracking their ribs given the array of riddles and jokes. A section also talks on some health tips for sporting activities, while Engr. Mosunmola Olulade gave her candid views on 'Managing Unplanned Pregnancies'.

Lastly, an interview with the ACN Chairman, Republic of Ireland Chapter, Mrs. Olubunmi Salako draws us to the passionate drive of Nigerians in the diaspora to come home and contribute to the development of their fatherland. I enjoin all our readers to take ample time to read and digest the amazing contents of the magazine. However, your invaluable criticisms and suggestions are most welcomed.

Thanks ■

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EDUCATION IN NIGERIA: CHALLENGES AND THE WAY FORWARD

No nation can rise above its education. For any remarkable development, the human capital must be developed. This is only possible through education. This assertion was corroborated by the President of Nigeria, Dr Goodluck Ebele Jonathan who identified quality education especially at the basic level as the key ingredient to the attainment of national development. He says further, "It is my belief that our efforts will achieve the desired goals and outcomes only if such efforts are predicated on quality education and the development of abundant resources of the country". Education is therefore an important component of our transformation agenda and other key policy frameworks including the National Economic Empowerment Development Strategy (NEEDS) as well as the Vision 2020 (Punch, Friday, June 8, 2012 page 50).

Education is defined as a process of acquiring general knowledge for preparing oneself intellectually for matured and useful life in the society. Ever since the introduction of formal education in Nigeria on September 24, 1842 by Revered Thomas Birch Freeman, a lot of educational reforms have taken place in order to solve various problems that have been confronting it in Nigeria.

Due to the inadequacies of the previous systems of education in Nigeria, the Universal Basic Education (U.B.E) was launched on Thursday September 30, 1999 in Sokoto by Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, former President of Nigeria. The U.B.E is tagged 1-9-3-4 system of education. The first one year is for Early Childhood Care Education, 9 years include Basic 1-6 (i.e. pr1-6) and Junior Secondary School which is Free and Compulsory Education. The 3 and 4 years stand for Senior Secondary School and University Education respectively. The aim of launching U.B.E was to stop the decrease and rot of the previous systems.

Education should be child-centered with all necessary resources in place. There are many stakeholders that are central to educational development in any clime. These include Parents, Teachers, Schools and the Government. Education is the powerful weapon to train the world. Regardless of highly convincing evidence that education is crucial to the development of communities and the nation, the sector is being hampered by numerous problems making it difficult for quality education to empower citizens and bring about sustainable development. Below are some of the challenges of education in

School children
from Home of God
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► Nigeria, taking into consideration the contributions of the various stakeholders to these problems.

THE STUDENT

The student happens to be at the center of all educational pursuits and as well constitutes a problem to the development of education. The readiness to learn on the part of the learner is very crucial. Most of our children are not ready to learn. Rather, they engage themselves in all forms of indiscipline. This ranges from examination malpractices to cultism, pre-marital sex and other social vices. They spend a lot of time on movies and pornography which leads to the girls having unwanted pregnancy. The poor standard in primary and secondary schools extends to the higher institutions in the country. After university education, some of our children can hardly write intelligibly and meaningfully. They deserve a good foundation at both primary and secondary school levels before getting into the university. When we deploy our energy and time effectively in educating them, they would be knowledgeable enough to avoid misappropriate behaviours in the society. Students should be discouraged from acts of indiscipline through proper and consistent moral counseling. To tackle the menace of examination malpractices, fingerprints of students should be taken to detect those who write by proxy. In such situations where exams scripts are slotted in for students, they should be made to use computers in writing exams.

Cameras could also be installed in the examination halls to detect any form of cheating. Teachers found guilty of collaborating with students to cheat in an exam should be sanctioned accordingly.

THE PARENTS

Negligence on the part of parents is another factor. Parents are culpable in the decadence that has bedeviled our education sector from time immemorial. They have neglected the reading culture and instead, pay attention to money making rather than encouraging their wards to cultivate the habit of reading and be serious with their studies. During examinations, some parents are seen in special centers where they hire someone else to write papers for their wards. To solve this problem, parents should buy good textbooks and novels and encourage their wards to read them. They should regulate how their children make use of mass media and modern communication gadgets e.g. cell phones, ipads etc. Many parents do not monitor their children right from their tender age to know their level of their performances in school. Knowing the type of friends they keep is also very important.

THE TEACHERS

Teachers are also alleged as the primary cause of the crises in the education sector and also as the best for its eventual hope. Studies show that greater percentage of those in the teaching profession at ►

**School children
on their way home
in a BRT**
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both primary and secondary schools today just find themselves in the job in the quest for survival, not for the sake of interest, but because they could not get the job of their choice. Our schools are filled with graduates who take teaching as their last resort. They have no job satisfaction and thus are not happy. Parents will not be contented seeing their children being taught by half-baked and ill-motivated teachers. The teaching profession is no longer regarded as a highly esteemed profession. It is not very rewarding and is losing its honour and prestige by the day. However, this is not to say there are no good teachers. There are some intelligent ones who feel cheated when they see some of their colleagues or even students they taught earning fat salaries in another profession.

Apart from above mentioned, those admitted into the Department of Education in our Universities are the ones whose scores in the various exams (UTME, Post-UTME) did not give them the opportunity to be admitted for the course for which they applied and thus made education as a discipline to be their last resort. It is this disgruntled students that later become teachers that teaches in our schools. The best brains are in short supply in this discipline. These teachers are product of a deficient education system. As a result of the rot and decay, some State Governments insisted that teachers must write competency test. Some teachers were given WAEC question papers to solve and they could hardly solve it. At the end of it all, they engage in examination malpractices where bribery becomes the order of the day. These corrupt activities had eaten deep into the education system in Nigeria.

Interestingly, the plights of teachers had for long been ignored. In order to address these problems, the teaching profession needs to be more appealing through good remuneration for teachers, rewards for high performance and access to quality training, so that the best brains could take over our schools again. The search for the panacea to the problems of education should not be limited to the students alone. Invariably, we have to do something to improve the welfare of teachers as well as their training in the use of modern gadgets to teach.

Teachers should be well paid whilst their salary structure (TSS) should be promptly implemented. They must be trained and exposed to new teaching techniques since knowledge is not static. Even in the universities, lecturers need to be updated on new developments and research techniques in their field. After fulfilling all these conditions, we can then ask for good performance based on the facilities and welfare packages available.

POOR PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND LACK OF TEACHING AND LEARNING MATERIALS

This is a major challenge as many school buildings and facilities are in terrible state. Some buildings are dilapidated and unconducive for effective teaching and learning. Most of the schools do not have good portable water and toilet facilities. Some of the schools are not fenced, thus creating distractions and security leakages which nonetheless disrupt academic

activities. Modern facilities like computers, electronic boards etc. are lacking. The introduction of high-tech educational facilities makes it almost impossible for teachers to closely supervise and teach their students. The available ones have to be overstretched and rationalized in order to go round. Parents and guardians would be reluctant to send their children and wards to schools with dilapidated buildings. In the past, universities have good infrastructure cum accommodation and charge low fees but today, most universities are glorified secondary schools.

The various stakeholders in education sector: philanthropic organizations, individuals, NGOs, corporate bodies, elected and appointed political office holders should all rise up to the challenges. Schools with modern toilet facilities, good water system and ICT facilities that will facilitate effective teaching and learning should be built. A gesture of this kind was demonstrated

by Hon. Olusegun Olulade who dug boreholes and gave notebooks to all students in Epe constituency II of Lagos state.

MISAPPROPRIATION OF FUNDS PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT AND POOR IMPLEMENTATION OF EDUCATION POLICIES

The Universal Basic Education promised to pay attention to the need to have enough schools, the imperative of producing quality teachers and pumping funds into the system so that adequate educational equipment could be procured (Guardian, Friday, Oct. 1, 1999 page 2). Successive Nigerian governments have made a lot of commitment to education in the belief that overcoming illiteracy and ignorance would form a basis for national development. The decline of the oil market in the eighties together with the implementation of Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP) brought about drastic reduction in Government spending on education. This led to the era of unpaid teachers' salaries, degradation of educational facilities at all levels, incessant strikes in secondary schools and higher institutions all over the country. Consequently, the delivery of education in Nigeria has suffered a lot of neglect, compounded by inadequate attention to policy frameworks within the sector by state actors and various other stakeholders. The major problem might not be lack of resources but rather, imagination, serious thinking and planning. The huge resources at the disposal of Federal Government which are being misused, misappropriated and sometimes stolen could be better utilized. It is better if the resources being wasted at the federal level are given to the State and Local Governments so that the people at the grassroot might have access to them. These huge resources at the disposal of political appointees are routinely stolen, misappropriated and mismanaged with impunity.

Our law makers should confront these problems by putting appropriate laws in place to salvage our educational system. In a related development, Hon. Olusegun Olulade representing Epe constituency II at the Lagos State House of Assembly made a move sometimes ago which was supported by his counterpart from Epe constituency I, Hon. Abiodun Tobun at the Lagos parliament under the leadership of Rt. Hon.

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EPE CONSTITUENCY II AT A GLANCE!

Epe constituency II which comprises Ikosi/ Ejinrin and Eredo Local Council Development Areas of Lagos State, is bordered by Ogun State to the right and it is often referred as the future of Lagos in the circle of foresighted individuals. Taking a tour of the constituency, one will understand better. The communities and towns are uniquely laced with beautiful landscapes, rich culture, traditions and an environment with natural beauty. Each community is headed by an Oba or Baale, who in conjunction with his Chiefs carry out local administration and serve as custodians of customs and traditions. The constituency is blessed with vast arable land and vegetation spanning hundreds of kilometers with a blend of mangrove wetland interlaced by open water as well as a huge deposit of untapped agricultural potentials.

It is predominantly occupied by the IJEBUS, being their ancestral home, but plays host to a large number of settlers from different ethnic groups across the country, among whom are ISOKO, URHOBO, IGBO, IKALE, HAUSA, BENUE, ILAJE and the IJAWS to mention just a few. Farming and trading are the main occupation of the people, but to a large extent, it is on subsistence scale. There are however fewer civil servants and artisans. The people are known to be practicing Christianity, Islam or Traditional religion based on their varying beliefs and conviction. There are 2 Local Council Development Areas (LCDA) in the constituency with 11 wards in all. There is a heavy State Government's presence especially in terms of housing schemes and existing tertiary institutions together with a handful of privately owned businesses.

1. St. Augustine University
2. Ejinrin Water Front
3. Agbo Remireke Statue
4. The First Post Office In Nigeria (Ejinrin)
5. Vast Land
6. Mowowale Market
7. On-Going Construction Of Housing Estate
8. Ibodun Settlement
9. Lagos State Water Corporation (Ota-Ikosi)





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Adeyemi Ikuforiji. Hon Olulade moved a motion that the teaching of indigenous languages be made mandatory at public/private primary and secondary schools in the state. He further stressed that language is the most powerful instrument of preserving and developing the tangible cultural heritage of every human civilization. Apart from this, the use of language is necessary for adequate comprehension of facts in other subject areas as advocated by late Professor Babs Fafunwa. This law was subsequently passed by Lagos State House of Assembly (The Nation, Thursday, June 28, 2012 page 39).

Government policies and pro-activeness can go a long way towards improving the quality of education in Nigeria. Instead of proliferating new universities when existing ones are ill-equipped with no feasible solution being proffered towards improving them, more emphasis should be placed on qualitative education.

In the bid to solve some of the problems, the Lagos State Government introduced Lagos "Eko" project, a partnership programme with the World Bank which started in 2009 where funds worth of 2 million naira were released to all school principals in Lagos State for quality improvement which was inclusive of the procurement of good textbooks for each student in about five subject areas.

In the pursuance of quality education, the Nigerian Educational Research and Development Council (NERDC) should be strongly supported to strengthen the school reform programmes. In the area of capacity building, Government should not neglect private schools. Though, they make their profit but yet, they contribute to the development of education. Hence, adequate funding is required as those passing through private institutions would equally contribute to national development.

THE PROBLEM OF ACCESS

There is also the problem of access which implies that it is not everyone that has access to education. Some children do not go to school for reasons of high school fees in some states. The cost of schooling includes the cost of books, stationery, uniforms, examination fees, transportation, mid-day meal, sports levy, parent forum fees etc. For all of the above costs, some parents are reluctant in sending their children to school. Also, there are categories of those who tend to be excluded from the formal education system e.g. children of migrants, farmers, orphans, HIV/AIDS victims and the physically/mentally challenged. Specialized programmes should be designed for such disadvantaged groups as the children of nomads, migrant fishermen and the disabled children since they cannot

benefit from the normal classrooms. It becomes very necessary to extend access to them. Equally, basic education is inhibited by gender issues and socio-cultural beliefs and practices. Wide disparities persist in educational standards and learning achievements. This is evident in the rate of girls' enrollment, attendance and completion in all levels of education, particularly in the Northern part of the country due to socio-cultural and religious beliefs in early marriages.

In the eastern part of the country, one peculiar problem is the boy-child drop-out syndrome. For economic reasons, the boys refuse to go to school and those that entered drop out without cogent reasons. They refused completing their education for reasons of economic problems encountered in the society. This trend is also now prevalent in the South-west where most boys engage in "Okada" (motorcycle) riding to earn a living.

Through the efforts of Federal and State Ministries of Education in collaboration with the United Nation Children Education Fund (UNICEF), Government agencies have been directed towards providing non-formal education schemes and associated reading materials developed for out-of-school learners otherwise known as the early leavers.

Henceforth, efforts should be geared towards the improvement of this programme as spelt out in the U.B.E. scheme.

Another cause for worry is the limited employment opportunities in the country for those who have completed schools but has no job to commensurate with their high academic qualifications. It is interesting to note that when parents come across people who are educated and yet with no employment, they are dissuaded from sending their children to school. Example is when age limit and year of graduation disqualifies some people (graduates) from seeking employment with the Government.

In conclusion, contemporary developments around the world should bring good tidings to education in any country. We cannot continue to perpetuate such trend in which we allow our public education system run down while we encourage some money bags to establish parallel private institutions which many find unaffordable. Our educational administrators should be sincere and ensure that resources allocated to the education sector are not diverted to private use. Educating a few citizens through private institutions while condemning the majority to poorly equipped public institutions is a potential source of conflict, chaos, contradictions and educational collapse.

Shittu A.I (SAICO)



Hon. Segun Olulade
Distribution of school materials to public school pupils in Epe 2



LAGOS STATE TRAFFIC LAW

ON THURSDAY 2 AUGUST, 2012, Governor Babatunde Fashola of Lagos State signed the Lagos State Road Traffic Bill into law. The law becomes effective Saturday 1 September, 2012. According to Governor Fashola, the new law follows from a holistic review of the state's Traffic Law of 2003, and is designed to ensure safety on the roads and reduce road accidents due to the recklessness of commercial motorcycle riders (popularly known as Okada riders) among others.

S/N	LAW	PENALTY
1	Riding a motor-cycle against traffic	1 st time offender – N20,000.00. Subsequent offender N30,000.00
2	Driving a car against traffic	1 st time offender – 1 year imprisonment. Repeat offender 3 years imprisonment
3	Smoking while driving	N20,000.00 fine
4	Failure to give way to traffic on the left at a roundabout	N20,000.00 fine
5	Disobeying traffic control	N20,000.00 fine
6	Riding motor-cycle without crash helmet(s) for rider and/ or passenger	N20,000.00 or 3 years imprisonment
7	Carrying a pregnant woman, an adult carrying load on her head or a child below age 12 (onOkada)	3 years imprisonment with community service and forfeiture of the bike, while such passengers will also be prosecuted
8	Driving without valid driver's licence	Vehicle to be impounded
9	Driving with fake number plate	N20,000.00 or 6 months imprisonment or both
10	Eating, counting money, making phone calls and engaging in other dangerous activities while driving	N20,000.00 for 1st offender and a maximum of 3 years imprisonment or N30,000.00 fine or both for subsequent offences
11	Restricts Okada, carts, wheel barrows and tricycles from operating along Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, Ikorodu Road, Apapa-Oshodi Expressway, Agege Motor Road, Funsho Williams Avenue, Eko Bridge, 3rd Mainland Bridge, Carter Bridge, Lagos-Badagry Expressway, Victoria Island-Lekki-Epe Expressway and all bridges in the state	Risk punishment (type not specified)
12	Okada riders will now operate from 6:00 am to 8:00 pm where permitted in the state. However, motorcycles of courier companies are exempted with a proviso that they must have engine capacity of 200cc and must not carry any passenger	Risk punishment (type not specified)
13	The law also bars articulated vehicles/ trailers/ trucks from entering or travelling within the Lagos metropolis between 6:00 am and 9:00 pm	Violators risk impoundment of their vehicles and payment of N50,000 fine or 6 months imprisonment
14	The law compels commercial bus drivers and their conductors to wear identification tags while property owners are also compelled to report cases of abandoned vehicles in their vicinity	Risk punishment (type not specified)
15	Other offences which attract stiff penalties, as contained in the new traffic laws of Lagos state, include: driving on BRT lane; parking within 15 metres of road intersection; using sirens and other noisy devices in a vehicle; failure to wear prescribed uniform or identification tag by drivers and conductors; driving or being driven on unauthorized routes; and herding cattle, sheep, goats or other animals on the road	Risk punishment (type not specified)
16	According to the law, it is an offence to sell alcoholic drinks, herbal or pharmaceutical drugs within 100 metres of a bus stop, terminus or motor park; hawk, vend or offer for sale any item of goods or services, or beg or solicit for alms or engage in cleaning windcreens or any part of a vehicle on the highway or bridge	Risk punishment (type not specified)
17	Other offences include displaying of wares on walkways and dropping or picking up of passengers on fast lanes or undesignated bus stops by commercial vehicles	Risk punishment (type not specified)
18	Driving unregistered and/ or unlicensed vehicle or vehicle without valid identification marks	1st time offender – N20,000.00. Repeat offender N30,000.00 or 3 years imprisonment or both

Officials of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) are empowered to administer breathalyzers on drivers to detect their degree of drunkenness while owners of commercial vehicles are compelled to obtain operating licences from government.

The new law has been excerpted above to acquaint us with the various penalties associated with the offences, so that we (and our friends and families) do not fall easy prey to agents of the various traffic law enforcement agencies who will be on the prowl for offenders.



MOSUNMOLA OLULADE'S CORNER

UNPLANNED PREGNANCY

SO FAR, SOME WOMEN, PREGNANCY AND BIRTH IS SOMETHING THAT HAPPENS TO THEM RATHER THAN SOMETHING THEY SET OUT CONSCIOUSLY AND JOYFULLY TO DO THEMSELVES. Dealing with the issue of an unplanned pregnancy, whether the couple is married or not can be very overwhelming for the parties involved especially the would-be mother who would have to overcome uncertainty, shame, lack of money and a host of other things too.

To save the society from the burden of unwanted pregnancy, the Lagos State Government have enacted the 'Criminal Law of Lagos State, 2011 and Administration of Criminal Justice Law, 2011, which replaced the 98-year-old Criminal Code Law which was first introduced to Southern Nigeria by the British Government in 1914. The law in view contains some legal innovations, which seek to protect women and children better than the previous legal regime.

The new law is subtitled "Desertion of Pregnant Woman or Girl, Section 277". This new criminal law clearly addresses the rising cases of women or girls who were impregnated and consequently abandoned.

Unlike under the old legal regime, it is now criminal for any person to put a woman or a girl in the family way and abandon her. Section 277 (1) states that "any person who impregnates a woman or a girl and fails, refuses or neglects to contribute to maternity related costs from ante-natal to post-natal stages is guilty of an offence and is liable to a fine of Forty Five Thousand Naira (N45, 000.00) without prejudice to the recovery of any cost that any other person may have reasonably incurred in relation to the upkeep of the child."

To ensure fairness and justice, both subsections 2 & 3 further spell out what will be the fate of such a person who flouts the provision of the first subsection.

For instance, Subsections 2 & 3 states: "For this purpose, maternity related costs include all medical expenses, food expenses, reasonable shelters and other necessities. In determining the financial liability of a person

Mrs Olulade
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Riddles & Jokes

under Section 277{1}, the court shall have regard to the means and resources available to him.”

Personally, I think every man should own up to his responsibility if he impregnates a woman. I know there are instances when some pregnancies were not planned. Such could be in different cases such as when a couple just got married and wanted to take their time before raising children; they already have enough children; the woman is a nursing mother; or if the couple are on the verge of divorce. Men should understand that a woman at such time needs all the support they can get from their partners. It is not the period to tell the woman she is on her own, the couple needs to sit down and decide what to do about the pregnancy, but certainly, Abortion is Not an option.

Surely, I will not encourage any woman to call in the authority to hold her husband accountable for her pregnancy except when it is absolutely necessary, but I believe if the couple sit together, they could fashion a way out to care for the pregnancy and child after birth.

However, If a young girl decides to play around instead of keeping herself until marriage, she should be prepared to have a baby. Likewise, any guy who decides to play with a lady who is not his wife must be ready to be a father.

All those stories about not being ready to start a family do not hold water; the naughty fellows should have considered this before indulging in what should be exclusive to married people. Pre-marital sex has a lot of consequences that a young person may not be able to manage successfully. Therefore, it is advisable to abstain totally from it till after marriage.

Same goes for those in a “serious relationship” who are not ready to get married. It takes the two parties to solve the issue. The parents or guardians of the boy could assist him in catering for the pregnancy as well as the baby after birth up till the time the father becomes independent.

I will like to offer a piece of advice to the single ladies; abstinence is the best protection for an unwanted pregnancy, don't allow men lure you into premarital sex, because at the end, you bear majority of the burden even with the law on your side, we all know we women are highly vulnerable and emotional.

For the married couples, there are several measures you can take to prevent unwanted pregnancy. Visit the health clinic and hospital to know which measures best suit your needs and stick to it. Though, they may not have 100% assurance but they still help a lot. In case pregnancy eventually occurs, the man should know he has to rise up to his responsibility. “A new baby is like the beginning of all things – wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities”. Men and woman should embrace it, if God blesses one with it, you can never tell what it holds in stock for you, but if the man chooses to shy away totally from his responsibility, then, fellow ladies, don't forget the Law is on your side. ■

A guy sits in a taxi and sees his wife entering a hotel with another man , and tells the driver. Do you want to Earn N50,000 right away?. The driver excitedly says what do I have to do? Bring my wife by the hair out of that hotel, here's a picture of her. After a while the driver is seen dragging a woman by the hair , while kicking and beating her and puts her in the Taxi and the husband says to him, " This is not my wife" the driver replied " Noooooo , this is mine, hold her for me. I'm going for yours"

Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.
Life is beauty, admire it.
Life is bliss, taste it.
Life is a dream, realize it.
Life is a challenge, meet it.
Life is a duty, complete it.
Life is a game, play it.
Life is a promise, fulfill it.

Life is sorrow, overcome it.
Life is a song, sing it.
Life is a struggle, accept it.
Life is a tragedy, confront it.
Life is an adventure, dare it.
Life is luck, make it.
Life is too precious, do not destroy it.
Life is life, fight for it.

A lawyer and a Jamaican are sitting next to each other on a long flight. The lawyer is thinking that Jamaicans are so dumb that he can fool them easy...

So the lawyer asks if the Jamaican would like to play a fun game. The Jamaican is tired and just wants to take a nap, so he politely declines and tries to catch a few winks. The lawyer persists and says that the game is a lot of fun.

I ask you a question, and if you don't know the answer, you pay me only \$5; You ask me one, and if I don't know the answer, I will pay you \$500..'

This catches the Jamaican's attention and to keep the lawyer quiet, he agrees to play the game.

The lawyer asks the first question.

'What's the distance from The Earth to the moon?'

The Jamaican doesn't say a word, reaches in his pocket pulls out a five-dollar bill, and hands it to the lawyer.

Now, it's the Jamaican's turn.

He asks the lawyer, 'What goes up a hill with three legs, and comes down with four?'

The lawyer uses his laptop, searches all the references he knows.

He uses the air-phone; he searches the Net and even the Library of Congress.

He sends e-mails to all the smart friends he knows, all to no avail.

After one hour of searching, he finally gives up.

He wakes up the Jamaican and hands him \$500.

The Jamaican pockets the \$500 goes right back to sleep.

The lawyer is going nuts not knowing the answer.

He wakes the Jamaican up and asks, 'Well, so what goes up a hill with three legs and comes down with four?'

The Jamaican reaches in his pocket, hands the lawyer \$5 and goes back to sleep.

[are you sure that guy isn't a Naija guy?]

Three contractors were visiting a tourist attraction on the same day. One was from Nigeria, another from Germany, and the third from France.

At the end of the tour, the guard asked them what they did for a living.

When they all replied that they were contractors, the guard said, "Hey we need one of the rear fences redone. Why don't you guys take a look at it & give me a bid?" So, to the back fence they all went to check it out.

First to step up was the German contractor. He took out his tape measure and pencil, did some measuring and said, "Well I figure the job will run about \$900. \$400 for materials, \$400

for my crew, and \$100 profit for me."

Next was the French contractor. He also took out his tape measure and pencil, did some quick figuring and said, "Looks like I can do this job for \$700. \$300 for materials, \$300 for my crew, and \$100 profit for me."

Without so much as moving, the Nigerian contractor said, "\$2,700."

The guard, incredulous, looked at him and said, "You didn't even measure like the other guys! How did you come up with such a high figure?"

"Easy," he said. "\$1,000 for you, \$1,000 for me and we hire the guy from France."



HOME OF GOD ORPHANAGE

I was very excited when I got the brief that I would be interviewing Mrs Grace Boluwajoko - founder Home of God Orphanage - and also writing this piece. My excitement was born out of three reasons; the first was the chance to interact with her face to face having heard so much about her while growing up in the Agbowa-Ikosi axis where her home is. The second was that I find stories highlighting men and women who literally sacrifice their lives, ambitions and possessions to serve mankind heart-warming, fascinating and thought provoking. I keep wondering what our world would be like if all men are like these. The third was the opportunity to join others in amplifying and celebrating the contributions of these selfless individuals who are regrettably mostly unsung heroes as their efforts are not recognised except for a few such as Mother Teresa and Mrs Christiana Bamidele George of Little Saints Orphanage who have

earned local and international recognition. These people are living embodiments of compassion and love in today's world where greed and selfishness seem to reign supreme. They are a blessing, a gift and inspiration to our world. One of such individuals is Mrs. Grace Bosedede Boluwajoko. She is from the Ifelodun local government area of Kwara State and was married to Mr Ajiboye Gboguniyi of blessed memory. My visit to her was unscheduled and on arrival I was informed she had taken some of the children in her care to an eye clinic so I decided to put a call through to her to inform her of my mission. Even though I didn't have an appointment, she was full of apologies for her absence and prayers for me. Something I soon discovered she was not in short supply of.

Home of God Orphanage
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My interview with her was very informal yet so inspiring. She was very unassuming, soft spoken and high-spirited. She also had an aura of genuineness all around her and was oozing with warmth. In no time during the course of our meeting did I feel uncomfortable being around her. She came across as someone who was willing to share out of the little she had as she kept asking again and again if I cared for some refreshments. I asked her how it all started, and with a smile she began.

“ The God’s Grace Children’s Home as we were called before we applied for registration as an orphanage home was inspired by a vision I received from God. Years ago while I was on a sick bed, I made a covenant with God that if I was healed of the disease I had at the time, I would dedicate my life to his service. To the glory of God I was healed of the disease when all hope was lost and about a year afterwards I got the vision to establish the home.

So I moved to Agbowa –Ikosi in Ikosi-Ejinrin

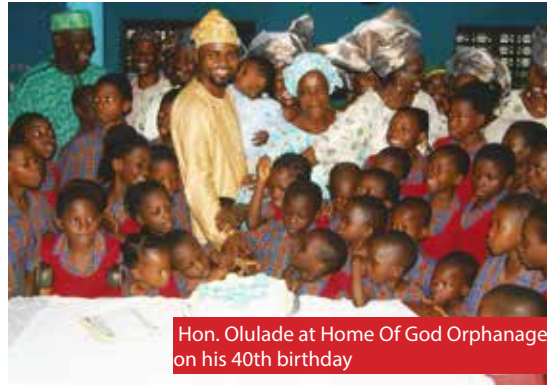
LCDA Epe in 1992 and from there I started with the little resources I had earned as a fashion designer. How difficult was it settling up the home? It was quite challenging I must say. I had 5 children of my own to carter for at that point in time. Having lost my husband who had been a great source of strength and support to me five years earlier, I was saddled with the responsibility of bringing up our children on my own. It was just the grace of God that saw us through the foundation stage as we struggled to survive, I remember that there were days when we would run out of food without a clue as to where the next meal would come from and I would be very worried, with no one to turn to. At such times I would gather the children together and we would pray to God, in my prayers, I would remind God that this was not my idea but his and he had not brought us this far to abandon us, and to the glory of God Almighty some strangers would choose that period to visit us with food stuff and gifts that would sustain us for days.

In 2007, we moved from our abode within Agbowa-



Ikosi town to an expanse of land we had secured in the outskirts of the same with the assistance of very generous individuals who may not want their names to be mentioned. We had to relocate even though the structure we were putting up had not yet been fully developed but our population was growing and the house we were occupying in the town could no longer accommodate us. At the new site, which is now our permanent abode, we cultivated every available portion of the land and planted crops such as Leaf vegetables, Plantain, Maize, Potatoes, Yam, Tomatoes, Pepper, Water Melon and every fruit seedlings we could lay our hands on. We also bred goats and chickens. Looking back at those years, I give praise to God for his faithfulness and mercy; against all odds we have come this far, being true to our purpose and achieving our goals of giving meaning through love and care to the lives of the children in our care. As of today there are over 70 pupils who have gone through our home and have grown into men and women of purpose with the fear of God and love for humanity. Today, they are on their own achieving God's dream for their lives to the glory of God."

She later invited me to take a tour of the home with her and as we walked around, the evidence of love amongst the children was undeniably abundant. I noticed that the older children in the home were helping the younger ones, the children were also very respectful and friendly. They seemed very happy. I mentioned my observations to her, and with a smile she responded



Hon. Olulade at Home Of God Orphanage on his 40th birthday

proudly that she regularly preached to the children the gospel of love for one another and also exhorted them to regard one another as brothers and sisters. We visited an uncompleted structure supposed to be a one bedroom apartment which she said she had been building for close to five years but only recently roofed using a donation made by a Good Samaritan, she said that the house when completed would serve as

a Widows and Vocational centre where pupils at the home could learn diverse vocational skills. She however said she would require help to complete this project while showing her gratitude to the individuals, Corporate organisations and Churches that have contributed in one way or the other to the survival of the home. Institutions and individuals such as: Heal the World Mission, Ocean Energy, NNPC, Wilson Badejo Foundation, Daystar Christian Centre, The Redeemed Christian Church of God, Agbowa-Ikosi Community, ECWA Women's wing, Mrs Emmanuella Abimbola Fashola, Hon. Segun Olulade and others who she said may not want their names to be listed.

Mrs Boluwajoko, fondly called Grandma by those who know her, is no doubt an epitome of unconditional love. Little wonder she is dearly loved by the children and everyone in the home. As we were rounding off our meeting, I asked her if she had anything word for people out there. She said she would love people to visit the home frequently and also support them in every way they can, saying, "It is not how much one has in life that matters but how much we are willing to share."

*William Drew
Councillor Ward Q1*

COMMUNITIES IN EPE CONSTITUENCY 2

AGBOWA-IKOSI
OTA-IKOSI
ODO-AYANDELU
ADO
IKOSI OFFICE
OWU-IKOSI
IGANKE
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KETU
EJIRIN
SEKUNGBA
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EREDO
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COVER STORY

OLULADE

A Rising Profile In Social Transformation

CONTEMPORARY DEMANDS OF DEVELOPMENT IN NIGERIA HAS CONTINUED TO

PINPOINT THE NEED FOR US TO CRITICALLY REINVENT A NEW PHILOSOPHY OF POLITICAL LEADERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE WHICH MUST EMPHASIZE ON THE PERSONALITY TRAITS OF INTENDING LEADERS BEFORE ENTRUSTING THEM WITH THE MANDATE TO GOVERN THE PEOPLE.

Given the crisis of development that had bedeviled the continent of Africa over the years, it is pertinent that certain durable criteria such as strength of character, intellectual depth and selfless commitment to humanity be seriously sought for among budding political

Hon. Segun Olulade
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leaders in the present circumstance.

Genuine leaders of the people must, of necessity, be those that are imbued with vision, courage and clarity of purpose, credibility with compassionate spirit, a strong drive for positive action, humility, determination and dynamic disposition to life. Such men are worthy of trust and responsibility. They are diligent and reliable. These are men whose passion is not only constantly driven by the ultimate pursuit of the common good but those that would readily sacrifice their pleasure for the attainment of progress and happiness of all and sundry. Interestingly, most of such men are not from noble or wealthy backgrounds but their actions and dispositions during moments of critical challenges often bring them up from the rear.

Among the newly emerging vibrant lawmakers in Lagos State, Hon. Segun Olulade has, indeed carved a niche for himself as a very resourceful, forward-looking and outstanding legislator whose rising public and political profile has continue to capture the attention of well-meaning people in Lagos State and beyond. Here is a man of impeccable character whose leadership credentials and progressive political pedigree can never be doubted. A most intriguing chapter of his life is the dramatic stride from grass to grace in the face of difficult and intimidating challenges of life which he contended with while growing.

Born on the 20th of July, 1971 into a humble and God-fearing family of Chief Sufian and Late Chief (Mrs.) Olulade of Ejinrin Community in the old Epe Division (now under the purview of Ikosi/Ejinrin Local Council Development Area of Lagos State), Segun Olulade knew too well at a tender age that only a mix of good virtues such as courage, determination, hard work, humility, perseverance as well as sound education could place him in such vantage position to fulfill his aspiration for great success in life so as to impact positively on his family, town and the society at large.



He attended RCM Primary School, Ejinrin where he was the Head Boy, having demonstrated good leadership skills in his formative years as a young, brilliant and outspoken pupil. After which he proceeded to Lofi Ogunmade Comprehensive College, Ejinrin. There he became the Social Prefect through proactive activities and later the Health and Sanitation given his reputation for neatness and sound discipline. However, Olulade's lofty dream to attain great academic heights suffered some setbacks when his aged parents could not afford to bear the financial burden of sending him to the university despite passing the General Certificate Examination in 1988 with flying colors. Invariably, only courage, determination and perseverance could have kept a person of Olulade's humble background to survive for another 8 years of post-college graduation where he engaged in menial jobs such as gardener, bus conductor, office messenger and lottery clerk.

It is refreshing to note that throughout those 8 years of hard labor, the laudable desire to satisfy his insatiable quest for academic excellence was never lost. As providence would have it, he became financially stable and then sought for more knowledge and intellectual exposure at the prestigious Lagos State University (LASU) to study Economics/Education, where he bagged a Bachelor's degree (with honors) in 1999, Second Class Upper Division. During the pursuit of a university degree at LASU, the innate leadership potentials that he possessed made him actively involved in Student Unionism and Indigenous Students Associations from where he cut his political tooth. Consequently, his unique



sense of judgment, political maturity and unmatched exploits at contributing to student's welfare issues on campus made him a member of LASU Students' Union Electoral Committee before his graduation from the University.

While many young graduates were roaming the streets in search of white collar jobs that were actually nowhere to be found, he leaned on his earlier experience in life thus ventured into a selfless adventure where he mobilized some other graduates for a voluntary collection of refuse and drainage cleaning services in some selected streets and markets in Lagos State. Together with his like-minded colleagues that were involved in this altruistic venture, Olulade established the Environmental Support Service. A Non-

Governmental Organization (NGO) in Nigeria, where he was the Director of Publicity and Operations at the wake of the new democratic dispensation in 1999 when Lagos was noted for high mountains of refuse dumps and blocked drainages. This was before the new administration of Governor Bola Ahmed Tinubu's introduction of PSP operation and Highway Managers for prompt and effective refuse collection. Olulade had his major breakthrough in life in the course of these selfless efforts when providence smiled at him when he was favorably granted the license to practice as a PSP operator after a brief stint of been an employee. Equipped with the fervor and vitality to excel in everything he does, he soon became a household name amid PSP operators and

Waste Managers in Nigeria. It is not surprising however that within a short period, he was elected as the Secretary-General of the Association of Waste Managers of Nigeria (AWAM), a conglomerate of waste collection operators across the nation. Coming from an ancient rural community of Ejinrin, a town that is widely referred to as a long-abandoned but erstwhile sprawling economic destination noted for hosting a combination of local and international commercial activities. He grew up to the resounding tale of neglect and indifference towards the people and the environment that produced him despite its very rich cultural, geographical and economic endowments. Poverty conditions and socio-political decline was not limited to Ejinrin with a common denominator

among the people of Ikosi/ Ejinrin LCDA and Eredo LCDA as well as people of several rural communities in Nigeria. His determination to liberate the people in Epe Constituency II eventually made him contest in 2011 for a seat in the Lagos State House of Assembly where he could serve as an articulate voice for his people, sponsor bills on their behalf and showcase the political peculiarity, cultural identity, and economic ingenuity. He is not only determined to help in making novel laws for Lagos State and empower his people politically but there are eloquent testimonies in the last one year that speak volume of his intent of promoting greater local and foreign investments in his constituency as he has always sought every avenue to draw public and



international attention to the wide expanse of land, resources, vast aquatic splendor, green vegetation and serene environment that have hitherto come to give Epe Constituency II the picture of an untapped goldmine waiting to be explored. This is the more reason he has continued to emphasize the widely believed truism that Epe remains the frontier to the emerging new Lagos. It is self-evident that only Lekki-Epe Axis of Lagos could conveniently host the novel Lagos Free Trade zone which promises to become another splendid commercial destination and hub of diplomatic activities in future. In recognition of his vibrant and eloquent contributions to debates and deliberation on the floor of the hallowed chambers, as well as his commitment to legislative

stability, he was appointed in November 2011 as the Chairman House Committee on Information, Strategy, Security and Publicity. To be saddled with such enormous and extremely sensitive task, despite he is a first timer, goes a long way to give the impression that Olulade is quite an intelligent, reliable and resourceful lawmaker whose approach to legislative delivery is prompted by the ultimate drive to promote democratic values, good governance and to equally advance the interest of the downtrodden people of Lagos State. Passionate about the plights of the unemployed youths and the less privileged in his constituency, he facilitated the employment of many youths on permanent and temporary basis respectively in public and private institution. His charitable

and humanitarian nature prompted his donation of cash gifts, food items and other support materials to the Home of God's Grace for widows and orphans at two different occasions. Provision of transformers to communities within Ikosi/Ejinrin and Eredo LCDAs was also influenced. Beyond his routine constitutional obligation of law making and oversight function on Government institutions, in the last one year, he has not only solicited the intervention of State Government towards the rehabilitation of bad roads within his constituency, but successfully influenced the deployment of the Rapid Response Squads (RSS) to the same area, which indeed, had drastically helped in reducing the menace of armed robbery activities that were hitherto

prevalent. Just recently, he provided 5 notebooks each to all Students in the 31 Public Junior and Secondary Schools in Ikosi/Ejinrin and Eredo LCDAs. This singular gesture received a state-wide applaud given its potential to help tremendously in complementing the efforts of the State Government in education as well as boost the morale of parents and guardians of students. The hallmark is selfless and a life-transforming one with the empowerment of communities through borehole in all the 11 wards within his constituency plus new generating sets to power them. He is happily married to his heartbeat, Engr. (Mrs.) Mosunmola Olulade. A devout Christian and ardent supporter of Church projects. In appreciation of his outstanding



contributions to this, he was recognized with an Award by Christ Embassy LCC5 in 2011. Olulade was also a recipient of the Outstanding Personality Award for the year 2011/2012 as presented to him by the National Association of Care and Voluntary Service Providers. Equally, he was given a Special Recognition Award by his kinsmen from Eredo Development Association and Epe Club respectively. In the same vein, the elegant members of the Sunshine Sisters' Club of Ejinrin decorated him in April 2012 with the Good Leadership Award in appreciation for his selfless service to humanity.

Joining the array of encomiums and laurels for Hon. Segun Olulade was the Legislator of the Year 2012 Award by the 2011/2012 Executive Council of the National Association of Political Science Students (NAPSS), Delta State University Chapter as a resounding ovation to his brilliant contributions to varying debates and sundry issues of national importance on the floor of the House.

Furthermore, in July 2012, Publishers of the Public Notice Magazine conferred on him the National Outstanding Leadership Award (NOLA) for his landmark achievements as a lawmaker likewise his prominent and resourceful efforts towards the lofty attainments of the legislative agenda of the 7th Assembly in Lagos State. However, it is instructive to note that these encomiums, awards and commendations were not showered on Olulade on a platter of gold, but indeed, the laurels and praises should be credited to his earlier years of spartan discipline and determination to attain greatness against all odds, his deliberate but quite philanthropic gestures which knows no bound and passion to put smiles on faces of the voiceless, helpless and hopeless, together with his long-attained resolve to leave this world better than he found it.

Talking about parliamentary activism, he is a trail blazer at the Lagos State House of Assembly. It is on record, that he was the first person that ever moved a motion in Yoruba language in the 32-year history of the Lagos parliament. This has now become a historical precedent and reference point in the political development of Lagos State as well as the promotion of the cultural values and tradition of the Yoruba people. Given his background as a human rights and pro-democracy activist way back in his undergraduate days, Olulade saw the need to celebrate the late Afro-beat maestro and African legend, Fela Anikulapo Kuti for his commitment to human rights advocacy and national development



ACHIEVEMENTS

ASSEMBLY RELATED

- He is highly rated as if he has been in the Assembly for many years back due to his matured contribution during debates and discussions on the floor of the House.
- He moved a motion for the immortalization of Fela Anikulapo Kuti which was fully supported and passed by the House of Assembly
- He moved the first motion in Yoruba language in the history of the Lagos State House of Assembly: "That teaching of indigenous languages be made mandatory at both primary and secondary schools in Lagos State.
- He facilitated a dynamic Public Communication Process in the Lagos State House of Assembly within a short time as the Chairman, House Committee on Information, Strategy, Security and Publicity in conjunction with the House leadership and his colleagues in the Committee
- He has contributed immensely to the progressive attainment of the Legislative Agenda of the 7th Legislative Assembly of the Lagos State House of Assembly.
- He has moved and supported several other motions, recommendations and contributions on varying issues of public concern.

CONSTITUENCY RELATED

- He has contributed positively to Youth Empowerment through his assistance to Students in Higher Institutions
- Through his intervention, the Oko-Baba relocation issue that had been suspended by the Lagos State Government was re-opened and there is an on-going effort to bring it to fruition.
- Through his modest intervention, construction of three major roads (1. Balogun Amodu Street/Obalende Street, Ejinrin. (2), The impassable Igbonla Road. (3), Odo-Egiri Road in the constituency is currently on-going by the Lagos State Ministry of Works.
- His endless intervention also led to major repair works on Ikosi/Ado/Agbowo Link Road & Culverts, Lagos – Epe Road (From Agbowo through Ajebo to Itoikin to Ketu-Ejinrin Roundabout to T-Junction through Araga Road to Poka, Epe/ Ijebu-Ode Road stopping at Mojoda by Lagos State Public Works Corporation.
- Influenced the posting of RRS Squads to border areas of Ikosi-Ejinrin/EredHo LCDAs, which had drastically reduced the menace of armed robbery attacks that was prevalent in the area before his assumption of office.
- Facilitated the temporary and permanent employment for youths in the Constituency through State and Local Governments Interventions.
- He facilitated the provision of Transformers to Ejinrin, Ajebo, Agbowo, Iraye, Odo-Iragunshin, Eredo communities etc.
- He mediated in the land feud between Lagos State Government and the land owners in Agbowo / Ikosi. The land is now playing host to a World-class Housing Estate, first of it's kind in Africa.
- He donated Cash, Food Items amongst others to Motherless Babies Homes and Widows in his constituency.
- He sponsored a mass sensitization campaign to enlighten his constituents against the menace of Lassa fever.
- He complimented the state government's efforts in the area of provision of portable water by providing bore-holes in all the wards in his constituency.
- He distributed notebooks to students in all the 32 public secondary schools in his constituency.



Hon. Segun Olulade
at the
UK ACN
Convention

through music. This made him move a motion for the immortalization of Fela and this was highly applauded and unanimously passed by the Lagos State House of Assembly.

Attesting to his pro-activeness on the floor of the hallowed chamber of the Lagos House of Assembly, the Daily Independent Newspaper of Sunday, August 26, 2012 edition rated Hon. Segun Olulade as:

“Being very impressive, articulate and cohesive in his presentations. Olulade exhibits maturity and confidence whenever his microphone light comes on. He has moved a number of motions which were adopted as resolutions of the House. A young and dynamic legislator with a great sense of fashion. In the last one year, he has been a fantastic lawmaker”.

Hon. Olulade is a passionate lover of sports with immense support in several sporting and recreational activities within his constituency and Lagos at large.

These afore-mentioned attainments of his, had not only made him a role model to the younger and upcoming future leaders but would continue to serve him right in the near future when sensitive decisions are made on the growth and development of Lagos State. ■

HON. SEGUN OLULADE

- ★ CHAIRMAN, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION, STRATEGY, SECURITY & PUBLICITY
- ★ MEMBER, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVT. ADMINISTRATION & CHIEFTAINCY AFFAIRS.
- ★ MEMBER, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WORKS & INFRASTRUCTURE
- ★ MEMBER, HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ESTABLISHMENT, TRAINING, PENSIONS





Hon. Olulade with Rt. Hon. Adeyemi Ikuforiji



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Hon. Olulade and Hon. Tobun during their inauguration into the 7th Assembly



Hon. Olulade with Gov. Babatunde Fashola, Asiwaju Bola Tinubu, and Rt. Hon. Adeyemi Ikuforiji



Hon. Olulade with a working team in his office



Hon. Olulade with honourable colleagues in the legislative chamber



Hon. Olulade and Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu



Hon. Olulade, Gov. of State of Osun, Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola and Alhaji Mutiu Are



Hon. Olulade with Alhaji (Chief) Seriki (a.k.a Bamu), the Apase of Epe



Hon. Olulade with Hon. Masha and Hon. Olooto



Hon. Olulade with Her Excellency, Mrs Abimbola Fashola



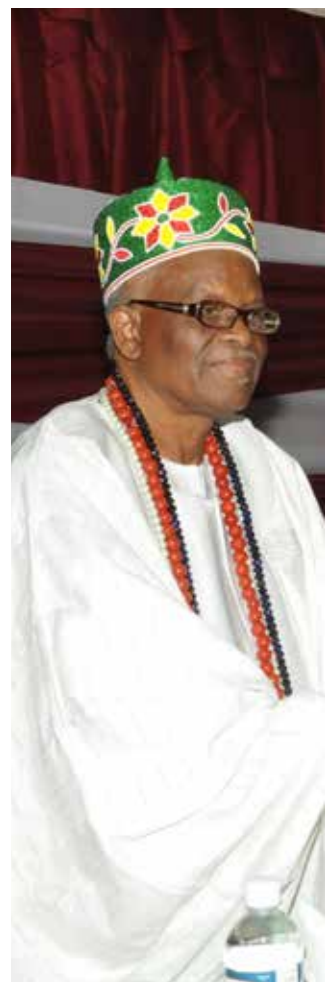
Hon. Olulade with Hon. Niyi Fabikun



Hon. & Engr. Mrs. Segun Olulade



Hon. Olulade with Hon. T. Ajide, Hon. Durosimi and Hon. Abiodun Adebayo



Hon. Olulade with Hon. Wale Oluwo and Engr. Ade Ifeshile.



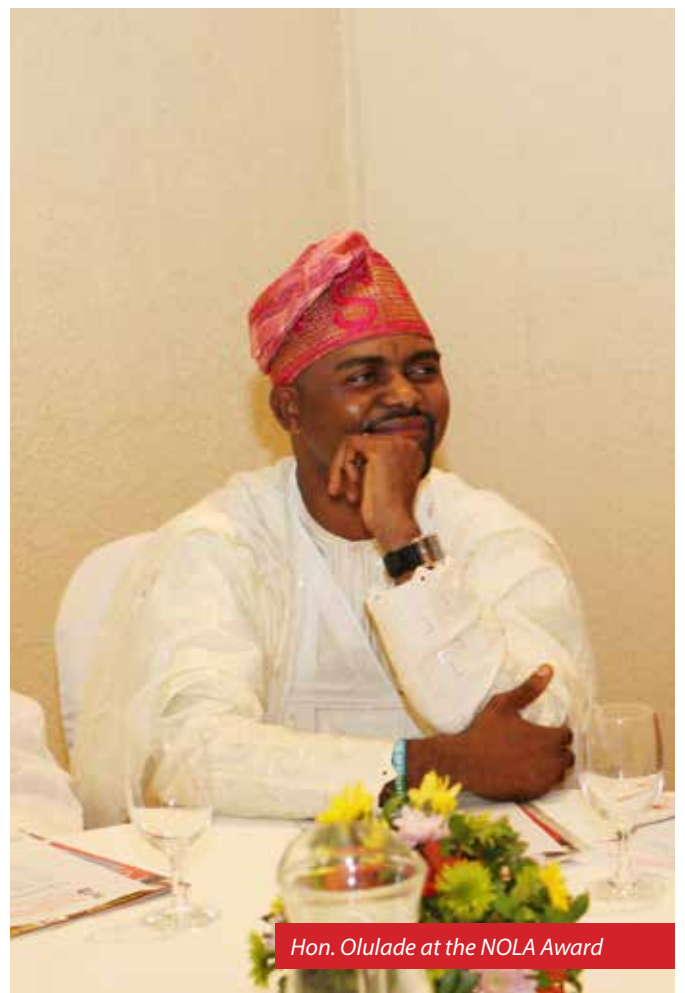
Hon. Olulade being decorated as the NOLA Awards Lawmaker of the Year 2012



Hon. Olulade displaying his Most Promising Lawmaker of the Year Award 2012



Hon. Olulade receiving his Award from Kabiyesi Oba Dr. Olusanya Adegboyega Dosunmu, Paramount Ruler of Owu Kingdom, Arole Odua 1, Olowu of Owu



Hon. Olulade at the NOLA Award



Hon. Olulade presenting the cup to acting Clerk, Mr. G.O. Abiru



Hon. Olulade with the victory cup of the match between members of LAHA and OSHA



Hon Olulade and Floyd Mayweather jnr



Rt. Hon. Adeyemi Ikuforiji and Hon. Olulade with some of the Honourable members of LAHA



Rt. Hon. Speaker Adeyemi Ikuforiji with majority leader Hon. Dr J. Ajibayo Adeyeye and Hon. Olulade at new chamber commissioning



Members of LAHA & OSHA after the match that ended in a stalemate



Members of the LAHA at the changing room



Members of the LAHA before the match



Hon. Olulade with the Deputy Speaker, Taiwo & Hon. Muyiwa Jimoh at a function



Hon Olulade With Hon. Wasiu Odeyemi (WASTAB 2)





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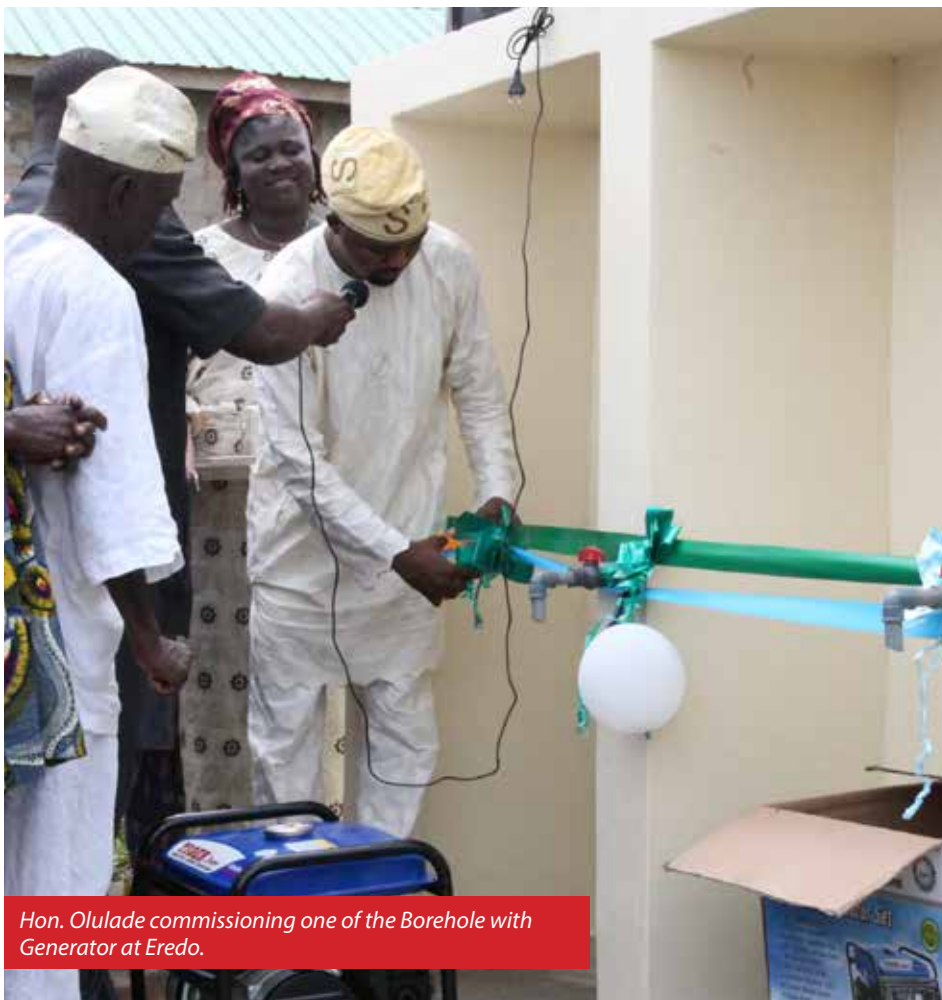
Hon. Olulade, his wife and Dr. Leke Pitan
(Fmr. Comm. for Health and Education,
Lagos State)



Hon Olulade With Hon. Tobun, Hon. Adetola , Hon. Odubo-
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HON. OLULADE on a courtesy visit to the DPO of Ikosi-Ejinrin Division



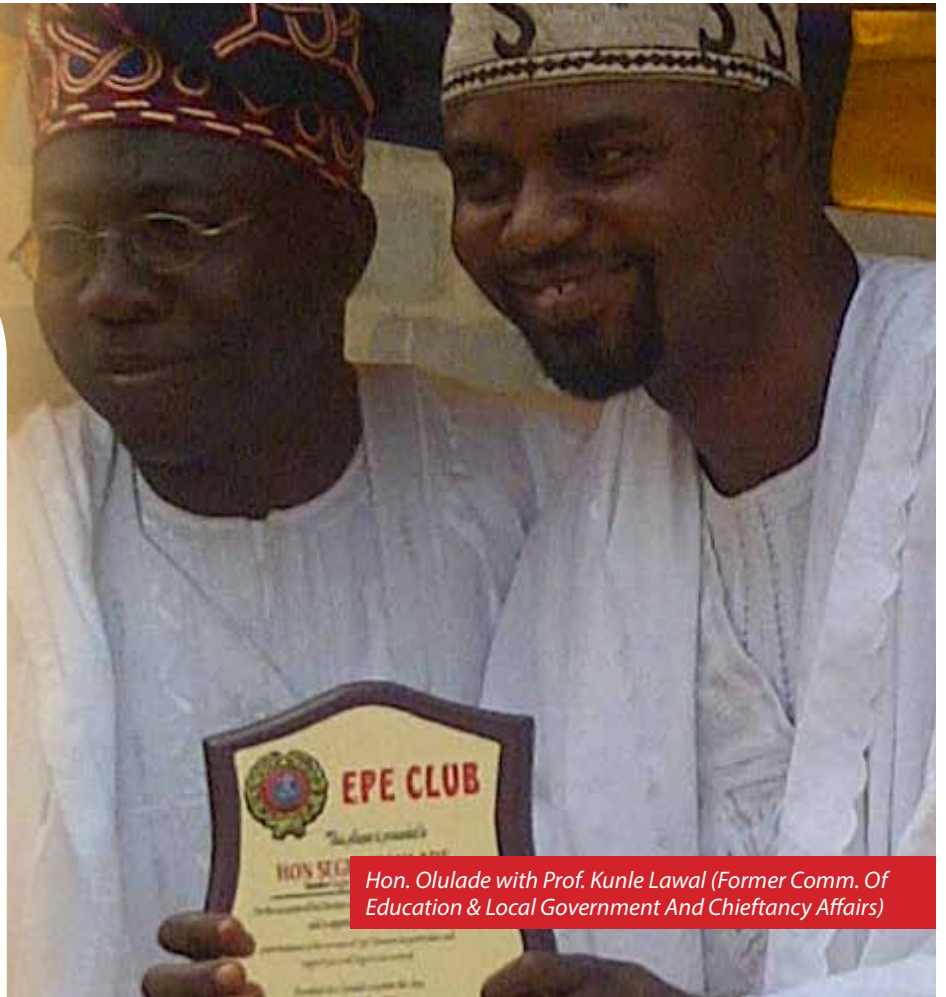
Hon. Olulade commissioning one of the Borehole with Generator at Eredo.



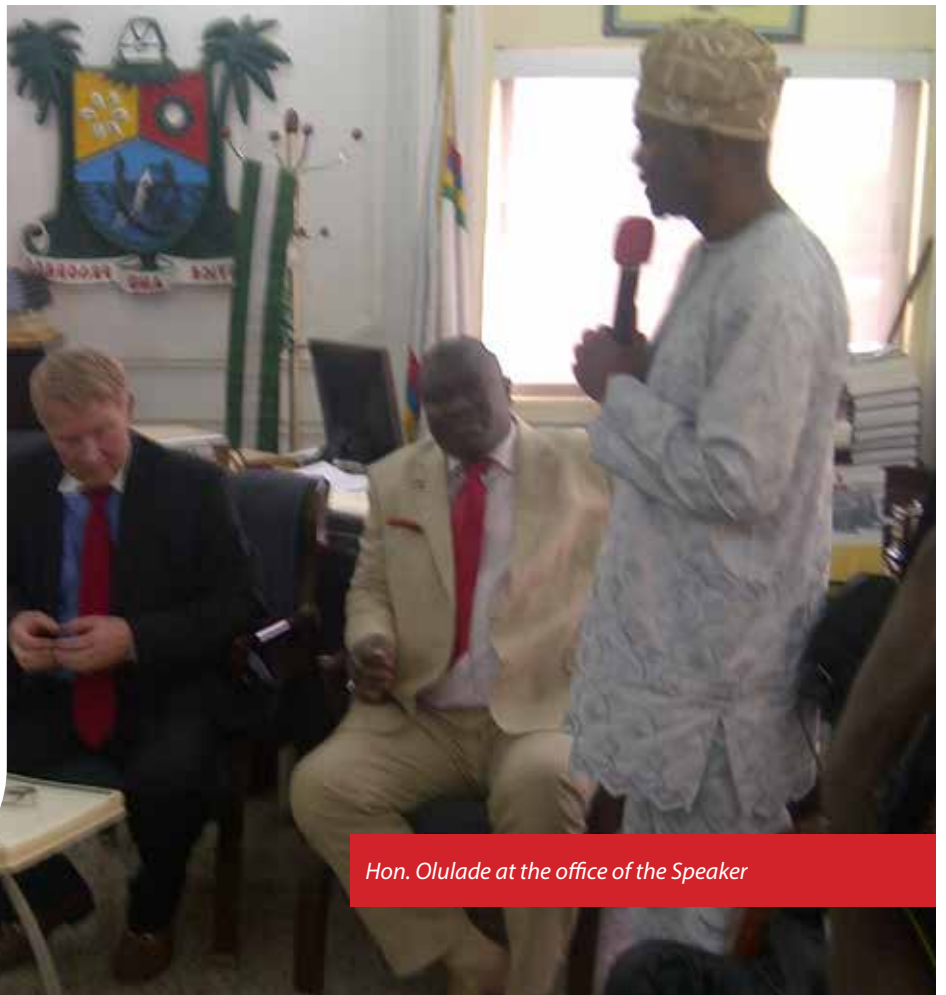
Hon. Olulade taken his oath of office on Inauguration



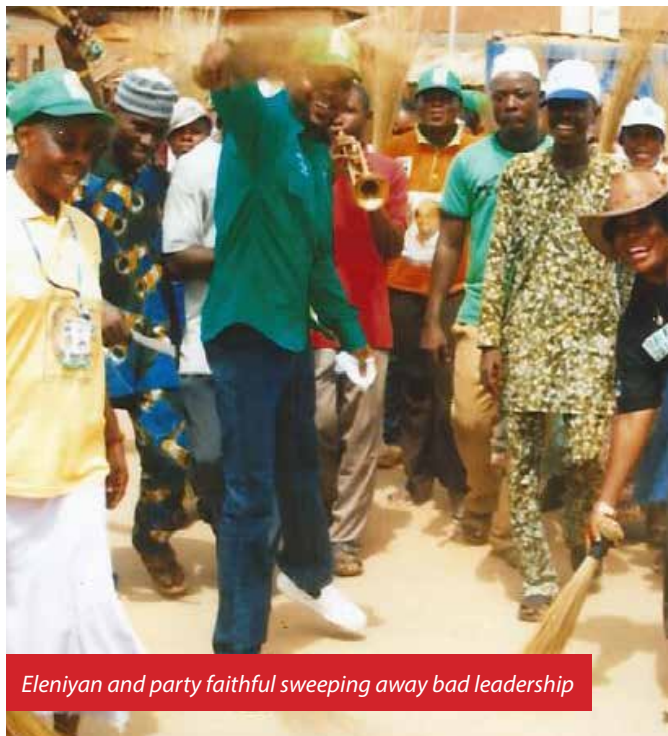
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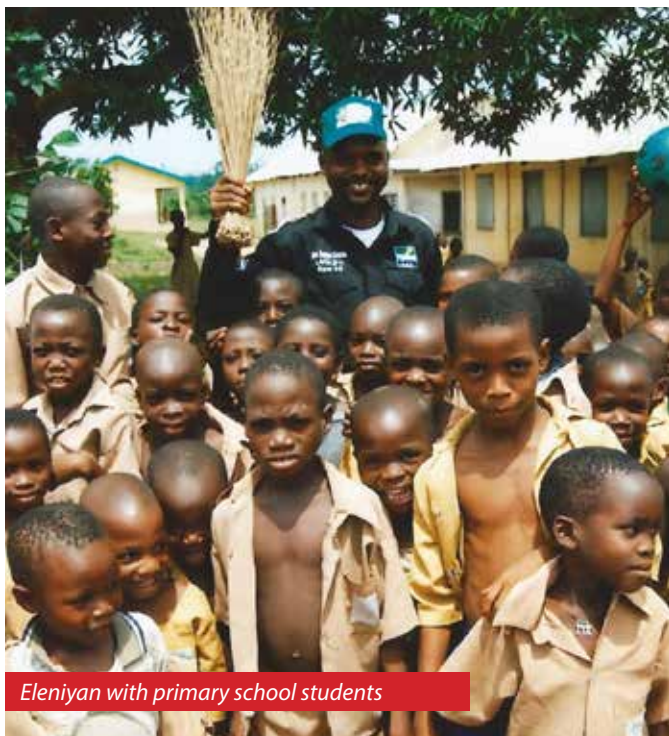
Hon. Olulade with Prof. Kunle Lawal (Former Comm. Of Education & Local Government And Chieftancy Affairs)



Hon. Olulade at the office of the Speaker



Eleniyan and party faithful sweeping away bad leadership



Eleniyan with primary school students



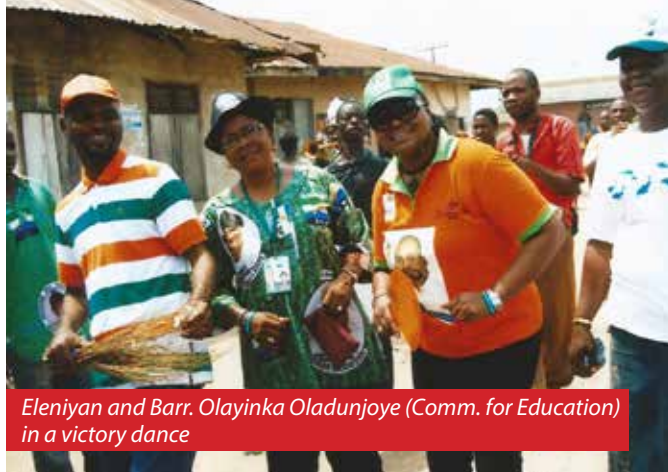
Eleniyan addressing the constituents



Eleniyan with some youth



Eleniyan on a door to door campaign



Eleniyan and Barr. Olayinka Oladunjoye (Comm. for Education) in a victory dance



Eleniyan in a Broom Revolution



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HON. SEGUN OLULADE

CONSTITUENTS' ASSESSMENTS THE LAST FIFTEEN

Practically, Honorable Olulade is a visionary young leader who is very hard working. Unlike many politicians, he is accessible. We cherish him because this shows that he is a learned person; a man who has respect for the elders. He is an intelligent person, who gives accurate answers and solutions to any discussed issue, thus makes you understand what he is saying. He analyses issues during discussion in a very discrete manner. Oh, what a great achiever that has been able to touch virtually every area of Epe constituency II, morally, physically and even materially. I am glad to say that he has been preparing himself for a long time. So level headed and very patient. Of course, this is paying well for him now. No wonder he has been pursuing what he believes in for a long time. As soon as he assumed his current position, his disposition and carriage portray him as someone who is well prepared for the task at hand. He is a honest gentle man with a passion to transform his constituency and make it a better place for the people.

- Kabiyesi, Abowa of
Agbowa- Ikosi, HRM Oba
Dr. Joseph Akinlolu Bolaji
Odumeru, JP

Hon. Segun Olulade is a man of the people and has not disappointed those who voted him into office. Despite the fact that he is a first-timer at the Lagos State House of Assembly, he has made impact in virtually all matters concerning his people unlike some of our past representatives at the State Assembly.

Back home, he is always with us, sharing in our problems and seeing to the development of our area.

So far, he has intervened in so many areas by bringing succour to the battered, helping the sick through monetary assistance and putting smiles on the faces of the less-privileged. His continuous distribution of material gifts to Orphanages within Epe constituency II is worth applauding.

- Mrs. Olufunke Modupe Ogun JP, Women
Leader ACN, Ikosi / Ejirin LCDA

Honourable Segun Olulade has been representing us very well. In the last one year he bought 100 forms at a thousand naira each to enlist some youth in the training organized by Peace Initiative. He came to the rescue of some notable politicians who were seriously ill. His support for the community development council during distress periods won't go unnoticed. Conscious of the need to hear people's views on the challenges facing them, he set up a committee to go round communities and villages in the constituency to make enquiries about their problems and comes up with ways of solving them. He enlightens youth on how to be useful to themselves and the community at large. The deployment of Rapid Response Squad (RRS) operatives (through his intervention) in the constituency has further reduced the rate of criminal activities.

- Mr. Adebisi Samson Ajijedidun,
CDC Chairman, Ikosi/Ejirin LCDA

Hon. Olulade has really performed credibly in the area of education. In terms of social amenities, he sank boreholes and also provides necessary supports to the women especially in meeting their needs during social activities and in regularly ensuring that he carries the traditional institutions along in all his programmes.

- HRM Oba (Builder) Ganiu Aderibigbe Asumo, Ijamade I,
the Alayandelu of Odo Ayandelu Kingdom

In the past distribution of books to students was not common, our representatives only thought about themselves. Hon. Olulade and his colleagues in the House of Assembly are doing wonderful things in their constituencies.

I never expected that Hon. Olulade would perform as much as we are witnessing. Today I implore you not to forget those that stood by you before, during and after the election. I pray that God would strengthen you to achieve more success.

-Alhaji Akanni Seriki
(BAMU) Lagos ACN Deputy
Chairman (Lagos- East)

Its highly commendable that Hon Olulade could use his statutory income to empower people through the distribution of Notebooks and the sinking of boreholes in all the wards in his constituency.

I admonish all other Political Office holders to emulate the wonderful deeds of Hon. Olulade and Hon. Tobun, they have started sending the signal of good governance around in this area.

I congratulate Hon. Olulade for this wonderful legacy of selfless service which the future leaders can learn from. It is also a starting point for our community.

-Dr Leke Pitan
Fmr Commissioner For Health
And Education

AS OF HON. SEGUN OLULADE IN MONTHS IN OFFICE

Hon. Olulade has done quite well since elected as our representative in the Lagos State House of Assembly. We once had real difficulty in the area of portable water. It was a nightmare. But all thanks to him who has sank 11 borehole projects around here. Not only that, he has ensured the supply of exercise books to secondary school pupils across the length and breadth of Ikosi/Ejirin and Eredo LCDAs. Now parents are relieved that their children and wards will not have any problems in school.

Before now, the two major roads around Igbonla and Yewa were in deplorable states and many elected politicians before him only promised but did nothing until the coming of our hardworking son in the person of Hon. Olulade. I can boldly say he is a man of his words. Whatever he says, he does.

Another wonderful thing is the quarterly feedback programme which brings to our knowledge what Government is doing to facilitate better living conditions for the electorates and in soliciting support from the people in respect of these developments. This is the first of its kind around here. In other words, such has never happened before and I thank God for a man like him who is working tirelessly to see to the improvements in the living conditions of people in his constituency. And I believe before his tenure expires, we'll experience more developmental changes.

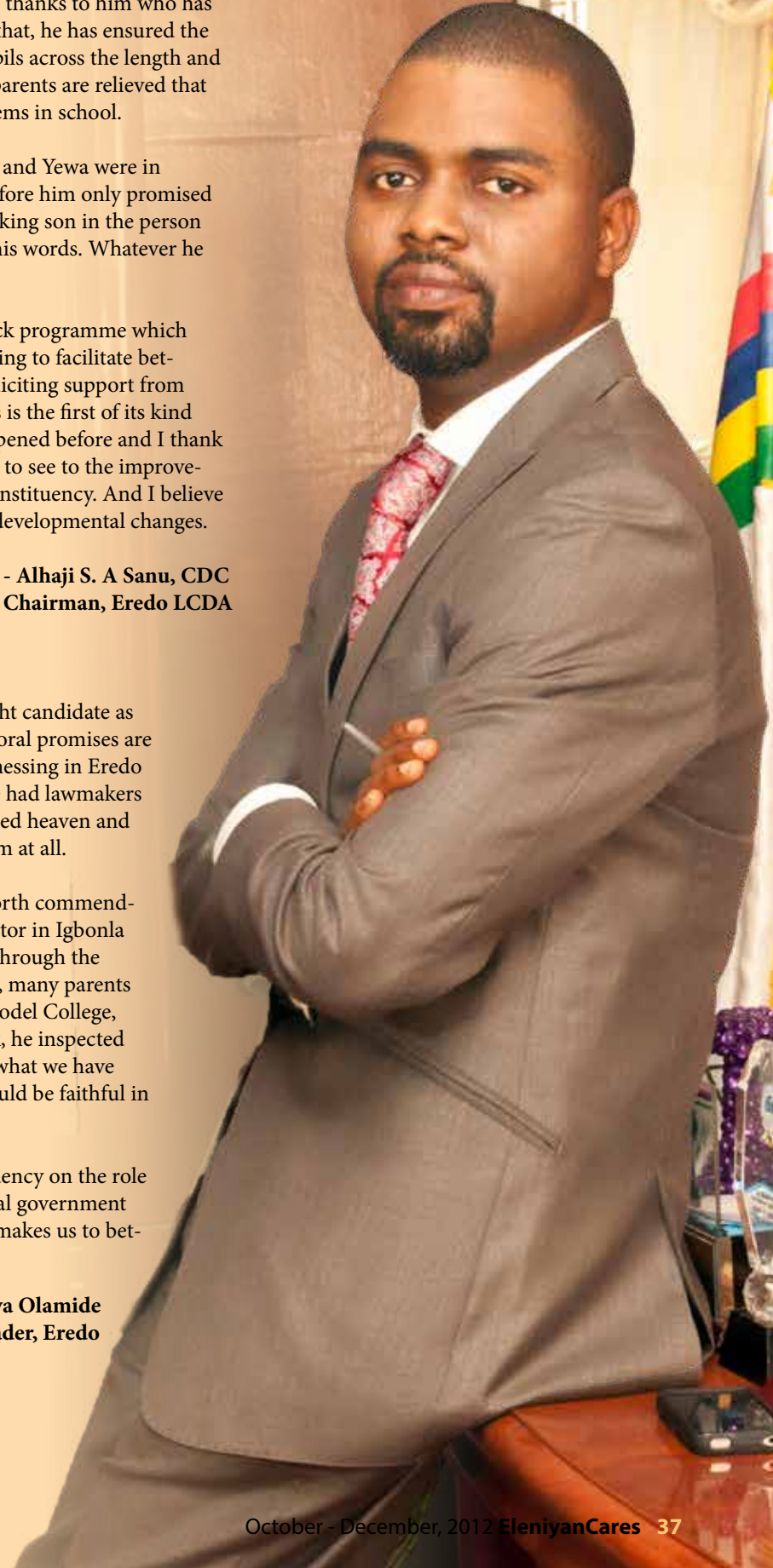
**- Alhaji S. A Sanu, CDC
Chairman, Eredo LCDA**

I thank God for giving us the grace to elect the right candidate as our representative in the State Assembly. His electoral promises are being fulfilled with the transformation we are witnessing in Eredo LCDA which is beyond our expectations. We have had lawmakers representing Epe constituency 11 and they promised heaven and earth, and at the end of the day, they didn't perform at all.

His intervention in the area of infrastructure is worth commending. He brought back sanity into the education sector in Igbonla with the new road he facilitated the construction through the intervention of the State Government. Before now, many parents were withdrawing their wards from Lagos State Model College, Igbonla due to the bad road. Just few months back, he inspected the road and promised it would be tarred. This is what we have been expecting from our representatives, they should be faithful in fulfilling their electoral promises.

He has also enlightened the people of this constituency on the role of legislators and the operational guidelines of local government councils. This is an eye-opener for all of us and it makes us to better appreciate what good governance is all about.

**- Mr. Sangosanya Olamide
- Acn Youth Leader, Eredo
Lcda.**



CONSTITUENTS' ASSESSMENTS OF HON. SEGUN OLU- LADE IN THE LAST FIFTEEN MONTHS IN OFFICE

Honorable Olulade has been part of us since 1999 when he was the BATCO Group Youth Leader in the old Epe Local Government. I believe his good attributes and positive contributions to youth development were part of the factors that helped him get to his present position. In the past fifteen months, he has tried in his own capacity to represent us well, which has led to his appointment as the Chairman of the House Committee on Information, Strategy, Security and Publicity. In fact, he is the voice of the House. What some of his predecessors could not do in 4years, he achieved it in 365days coupled with the various assistance he offered our youths in securing jobs into the State Government Ministries/Parastatals. I am sure if he is given another opportunity, he would perform even better.

- Mr. Yusuf Sulaimon Adekunle, Youth
Leader, ACN, Ikosi/Ejirin LCDA

To start with, I will like to tell you about the character and good virtues of Hon. Segun Olulade whom I've known for several years now, even before he contested in the 2007 elections. He's very active, loyal, good natured and respectful. As an activist right from his school days, we knew he would be a great asset to our community in the future. With these qualities and attributes, the sky is not just the limit.

In summary, he is a son and I thank God today that though he was persuaded to step down for another person in 2007 which he did because of his respect for party leaders, but his dream to represent us in the State Assembly has now become a reality. I quite believe this is just a measure of what he has in the offing. He is a man of great potentials who has done effectively in protecting the interests of our people, given that this area has been marginalized for long. What he has been able to do within sixteen months in office could not be achieved by some people who have been there for several years. The singular fact that he has been spending his personal money to execute projects is also mind-blowing.

There's no area where his developmental stride has not been felt. In fact, Epe constituency II is larger than Epe constituency I which has only 8 wards. But, Olulade is taking care of 11 wards with 15 Obas. He distributed 6 transformers to communities in Epe constituency II even before his election into the State Assembly.

- Elder Sangosaya Lateef Adeyemi JP,
LGA Chairman, Ikosi/Ejirin LCDA

We give thanks to God Almighty for someone like Hon. Olulade. People rejoice when someone chosen to represent them is performing very well. We are so elated because Hon. Olulade has started fulfilling some of the electoral promises he made during his campaign, part of which was the distribution of exercise books to all public junior and senior secondary schools in Epe constituency II. This is a very lofty programme to which many people may not commit themselves. He also sank boreholes in each of the eleven wards and also intervened in so many other areas. We also thank the State Government for giving him the necessary support. So far, he has been taking very good care of party members. I advise him to consider a good empowerment program for women in Epe constituency II.

- Alhaja Abidat Kasali, Woman Leader,
ACN, Eredo LCDA.

We appreciate God for the sense of good judgment that he gave us in choosing the right person to represent us. Hon. Olulade has done quite a lot of things that his predecessors could not do. Few months after his assumption of office, he invited some of us (party leaders) to be part of the team that visited motherless babies' homes during his last birthday where he generously supported them with food items and gifts. He has also worked tirelessly in ensuring that Lagos State Government provides relief materials to victims of the Majidun flood disaster who were adequately taken care of at the relief camp in Agbowo. His cordial relationship with peers and party leaders is exceptional. His prompt responses when called upon to intervene in community development issues are quite amazing. May God continue to strengthen him.

- Alhaji Hassan Muideen
LGA Chairman, ACN,
Eredo LCDA

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Lagos State House of Assembly

INTERVIEW

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LAGOS lawmaker bags outstanding personality award

By Akimwunmi King
Lagos State House of Assembly

LAGOS State House of Assembly Chairman, Committee on Information, Strategy and Security, Segun Olulade, has been given the award of 'The Outstanding Personality of the Year 2011/2012' by The National Association of Care and Voluntary Service Providers in conjunction with Beautiful Angels orphanage.

Politicians

Hon. Segun Olulade is a member of the Lagos State House of Assembly representing Epe Constituency 2. In his interview with the Lagos State House of Assembly, he spoke about his constituency, the future of Lagos, and his role as a lawmaker.

Business+Economy

LAHA Condemns MTN Advert Pro

LAGOS State House of Assembly has condemned the advertisement for MTN mobile phone services, stating that it is a waste of money and does not benefit the state.

GHANA SHOULD ADHERE TO ECOWAS PRINCIPLES - Olulade

LAGOS State House of Assembly member, Segun Olulade, has called for Ghana to adhere to the principles of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).

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Pharmaceuticals

Pharmaceutical products and services offered by Melmoya.

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Yoruba leaders' call for regional autonomy not aimed at secession'

Yoruba leaders have called for regional autonomy, stating that it is not aimed at secession.

INTERVIEW WITH
MRS **OLUBUNMI SALAKO**
CHAIRPERSON, ACN, IRELAND CHAPTER



Q: How is ACN Ireland faring?

Ans; We are doing great, we started with less than 50 members, way back 2006, when it actually started in Lagos State, and to the glory of God, we are over 200 members now, and we are the only household name in political party in Ireland, PDP does not have a say over there.

Q: How do you intend to use the ACN Ireland chapter to impact positively on what is going on at home, most especially within the ACN controlled states in South West and those places where ACN is having strong footing?.

Ans; Thank you very much, having lived abroad for 13 years, I have seen a lot of things that need to be brought to Nigeria, because, I don't believe in living outright without learning one thing or the other. One of the things we have done as a party is to work on a project in education and we brought out YDI project, that is Youth Development Initiative, and is all about helping students who are writing their WAEC exams to go online and revise with past WAEC questions, that is one project we are working on in Ireland and we have actually advised the headquarters on health issues, because I have worked closely with professionals who are members of the party back there in Ireland.

On my own part, I worked as a public officer in Ireland, I worked in schools and there is a project that I have been working on for the past ten years, which I have actually brought down here, it's about improving the literacy teaching skills of the teachers in Nigeria, we have used it severally in some schools in Ireland and we have seen the potentials, so I thought that is what we really need now in Nigeria, to improve the standard of education

of our children here most especially at the primary school level, because we all know the importance of literacy.

Literacy is the bedrock of quality education, if we have

that that means we are getting somewhere. I have worked under the umbrella of J. F Statistics, we trained 100 teachers in July and the training was a great success, it

was a free training, which was sponsored by 3 individuals in Nigeria. And that is part of our arrangement with Hon Hon Olulade that we would like to come his constituency and give the training to the teachers there, because it's something that all teachers must have access too.

He is a great model that I think a lot of youth should emulate

Q: Ma, do you intend to come back to Nigeria, may be sometimes in future to aspire for one political post or the other.

Ans; For now, I will say am in the process of moving finally to Nigeria, I came back in June, and I have made up my mind that I want to stay, because there is no place like home, and I have acquired so much knowledge there and I think it's time for me to give back to my country as well, and if given the opportunity, I hope to do more, because I see myself as somebody that is so parked with ideas and it's like am bursting and I needed someone to pack it up, so am ready to do that if given the opportunity, but vying for a political appointment, that I cannot say now, because am not a Lagosian and if I have to do that, I think I have to go back to my root.

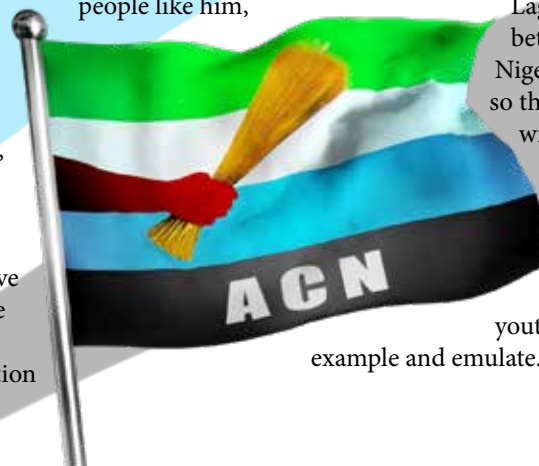
Let me also add this about Hon. Olulade, I met Hon. Olulade in the United Kingdom early this year at a conference held by the U.K chapter of the ACN. He spoke at the event and I was really inspired by the way he encouraged the people. It's not easy for somebody who came from almost nothing to be something and I was really encouraged, he is a great model that I think a lot of youth should emulate. He has never forgotten where he came from and that is why he has been doing so much to his constituency, impacting lives of people and doing the job the way it supposed to be done. If we have a lot of people like him,

Lagos will be better for it and Nigeria as well, so there is nobody without hope, with his story.

That is the message I want to send to the

youth, to look at his

example and emulate. Thanks. ■



EMERGENCY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Distress Call	767, 112
Ambulance Service [LASAMBUS/ LASEMS]	08022887777, 08022883678, 08022887788, 01-7413744, 7930490, 7639930
Distressed / Collapsed Building [LASPPDA]	01-5931947, 4933658, 4931940, 7630854
Emergency Management [LASEMA]	08060907333, 08023127654, 01-6574706, 6574714
Environmental Monitoring	08033183477, 08043705057, 08023036632
Flooding/ Blocked Drainage [EFAG]	08056145481, 08023298197, 08096019599, 08056145484, 08055988566
Health Facilities Regulation [HEFAMA]	08033229049, 08023149120
Radio Lagos/ Eko FM (News Alert)	01-7267611
Lagos Television (News Alert)	01-4967281
Open Corpse SEHMU	08034279776, 08033602259, 08023356540, 08030789190
Office of Public Defender (Public Complaints)	01-8975571, 7926928
Citizen Medication Centre	08023128837, 07055003863
Rapid Response Squard [RRS]	08056250710, 08033482380, 08023127350
Traffic Control [LASTMA]	08075005411, 08023111742, 08077551000
Nigerian Police	08033011052, 08056250710, 08033183477
Fake Drugs/ Narcotics [Task force]	08033213799, 08034975296
NDLEA	803347868
[NAFDAC]	01-4528031, 01-4731018
BRT	8023146096
LAGBUS	08033036816
Potholes/ Collapsed Road (PWC)	07060907493
Broken Pipe/ Water leakage	08034068265
Cutting of Roads (LASIMRA)	08033060452
Environmental/ Noise Pollution (LASEPA)	07027951351
Signage/ Outdoor Advertising	01-89965092
Security Trust Fund	08028328204
Fire Safety Service	08033234973, 08023321770
Tax Issues	08033033121/ 01- 49790304
Vehicle Registration/ Drivers License (MVAA)	08029293099
Land issues	09034030263
Refuse issues	5577(Toll Free). 08023128090

FUNCTIONS OF LEGISLATORS

- They are members of the Legislature (An arm of Government) and are elected to make good laws, receive and settle conflicts, set priorities, legitimize them, adopt existing rules in the society to new conditions by constantly reviewing and revising societal norms and ethics.
- They serve as the channel for checks and balances in the Government structure.
- They belong to one of the numerous complex social institutions instrumental to the establishment and maintenance of legal order, thereby complementing the other arms of Government and stakeholders in order to ensure a sane and fair society.
- There are 3 important and basic functions of legislators as spelt out in the Constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria namely: The Power to Legislate, to Control over public fund and generally Supervise in ensuring that the executive is accountable to the people in respect of duties given.
- Legislators are empowered to protect the interests and aspirations of their constituents.
- They scrutinize and approve Government budgets.
- They canvas the Executive to develop their constituencies in the areas of need.
- They are the link between the grassroots people and the Government at all levels.
- They perform oversight functions on all Ministries, Departments, Local Governments and Agencies of Government.
- They sponsor bills and policy proposals to the House to effect changes and growth in the society.
- They mobilize their constituents to support Government policies and programmes.
- They are the elected symbols of the people's wishes and dreams; they are the people's eyes, ears and voices at the Local, State and Federal levels.

PAST HONOURABLE MEMBERS OF THE LAGOS STATE HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY FROM EPE CONSTITUENCY 11

1979 – 1983	Hon. Jimoh Adams
1983—1983	Hon. Dr. Ogunbgesan
1991--1993	Hon. T.T Tunwashe
1999--2003	Hon. W.A. Odeyemi
2003--2007	Rt. Hon Jokotola Pelumi
2007--2011	Hon. Shakiru Adebajo





FUNCTIONS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT / LCDA

Epe CONSTITUENCY 2
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The functions of Local Government Councils in Nigeria could be found in the 4th Schedule of the Federal Government of Nigeria Constitution. To fulfil these functions they must deliver the following services to which you have a right as resident.

1. Provide Information and Access to Local Government Services

They must have a reception area that is staffed with people who are knowledgeable about the work of the Council and can refer members of the public appropriately, depending on enquiries and requests made.

They must have detailed information about the services delivered by the particular Council and where it can be obtained

The premises must be well sign posted so visitors can find their way easily. It is imperative there are no language barriers and that the visually impaired and others who have disabilities have

easy and appropriate access to information and services

2. Registration of Births

Several councils have abdicated this responsibility to the National Population Commission, yet it is one of the very primary functions. Those in Diaspora understand how important this service is and it should be accompanied with issuance of birth certificates. If we do not know our population or how fast we are growing we cannot plan or allocate resources effectively. Leaving this as a duty of the National Population Commission means we can be under represented at the Federal Level and many may even have no record of existence.

3. Marriage Registry

Nigerians understand its importance. And even when people choose to marry in a religious or traditional institution, the marriages must still be registered with the Local Council which then post bans as required by the

law with the issuance of marriage licenses and certificates For civil, the Council must take steps to provide decent premises where the marriage ceremonies can take place, even if this is provided at a fee.

4. Registration of Death

The law requires a death be registered either in the LGA where took place or alternatively in the council of origin. For this reason, the Local Council must maintain a registry and provide information on what steps to follow.

5. Cemetery Services

It is obligatory they maintain public cemeteries with facilities for conducting simple burial ceremonies. Progressive ones should also facilitate the services of undertakers to ease the burden of family members and friends

6. Primary Health Care Services

Essentially there has to be a Primary Health Care Coordi-

nator, usually a senior nurse (all the ones in Lagos State are medical doctors) who has responsibility for delivering primary health care within the LGA. These facilities in most other countries have grown to be full-fledged hospitals which often serve as secondary referral centres for community nursing. In Nigeria, the ones established by Prof. Olikoye Ransome Kuti (former Minister Of Health) became decrepit almost as soon as he retired.

The law in Nigeria provides for members of the community to sit on the governing councils of these health facilities and we can call the PHC coordinator to account about the quality and range of health care services available in the LGA. How many of us know the name of our Local Council Chairman not mention the name of the PHC Coordinator. Just so we know, services provided through the Primary Health Care Centres are:

- Diagnoses and treatment of minor ailments ➡

- and injuries
- Referral to a secondary health care facility
- Drug dispensary and sale at government regulated prices
- a full range of antenatal, delivery [excluding the delivery of first pregnancies] and postnatal services, circumcision of male babies and immunization
- Child welfare clinics with advisory services on exclusive breastfeeding and weighing of children under five years of age on any day of the week.
- Counselling on family planning including support to determine an appropriate method compatible with personal health history and treatment of minor complications which arise from the use of prescribed guide
- Adolescent Reproductive Health Services
- Health education and health promotion seminars concerning prevailing health problems in the communities

7. Local Government Education Authorities

They are meant to supervise education at the grassroots (this puts primary education, vocational and the provision of libraries solidly within their purview) with Departments for Adult and Non-formal Education. To ensure a level of control, Secretaries of LGEAs are appointed by Council Chairmen and ratified by members who are also elected and whose functions are similar to those of State assemblies with responsibilities for making by laws. In practice, they work under the supervision of the Ministry of Education and in collaboration with relevant Boards, Agencies and Departments to ensure compliance of schools with educational standards and procedures set

by the Government. LGEAs in many states have become autonomous of the Local Government Councils. They should monitor and report on

- The state of school buildings and facilities
- Levels of enrolment in schools
- Staffing, including number and qualification of teachers
- Education improvement programmes undertaken within the LGA by government, individuals, civil society and donor organisations
- Private providers of education and continue education centres within each LGA ensure compliance with government policy guidelines

They should also support inspection of schools, administration of examinations and registration of teachers with the State Teacher Registration Council. They have so far failed abysmally and have been accountable to no one, not even State Universal Basic Education Boards which simply meet to award contracts funded with World Bank IDA Loans to each other with the connivance of the Universal Basic Education Commission (Federal).

8. Establishment of Homes

for Destitute and other Socially Needy

They have the responsibility for establishing homes for the destitute and other socially needy people. Many Councils do this in partnership with relevant civil society organisations and with Federal or State agencies.

9. Public Conveniences
Each must provide public toilets and bathhouses. There is room for private sector participation in this function as entrepreneurs can obtain licences to operate public conveniences. It is compulsory that they make land available for this purpose.

10. Slaughter Houses

There must be an abattoirs and slaughter houses within a council that are maintained in good sanitary conditions in cooperation with butcher's associations. The department for veterinary services of the state issues licenses to intending butchers through them while their officials inspect all animals intended for slaughter to make sure they are fit for consumption.

11. Markets

There is an establishment and operation of markets in partnership with traders associations. Also with the issuance of street trading and hawkers

licenses and must ensure they do not impede traffic flow or constitute nuisances

12. Registration and Issuance of Licences

Issuance of licenses for motor, mechanised vehicles, bicycles, trucks, radio, television, pet, small trader and other mechanised vehicles, licenses for bicycles and trucks, radio and to operate community based organisations and NGOs
13. Refuse Collection and Maintaining Clean Streets
Responsibility for the removal of corpses, refuse collection, street cleaning, animal carcasses and patching of potholes on our roads even though most states has established waste management agencies.

14. Road Construction and Naming of Streets

Maintenance of roads, construct or open up new roads to create access to new settlements. They also have responsibility for naming streets and providing street maps

15. Assessment of Privately owned Buildings for Tenement Rates

They maintain a register of all buildings for the purpose of determining and collection of tenement rates thus building permits are not violated





16. Regulation of Outdoor Advertising
The Local Government Council has responsibility for regulating outdoor advertising and providing guidelines to advertisers

17. Revenue Collection

Many of the functions and services result in the generation of revenue. Such revenue is used for funding social services delivered through the Council and for development projects for communal benefit. The Chairman is accountable for the use of this revenue and for the Federal allocation

18. Publication of Fees

Every Council is required to publish fees

charged for services delivered. Where arrangements have been made to collect revenue through agents who must also publish fees and abide by the regulations and directives of the Council

Most of the functions that are meant to be carried out have been taken over by States, often for inefficiency and inadequate staffing that disconnects them from local communities. Yet the Council retain staffs on payroll ostensibly to enable delivery of these very functions. A good number of staffs only come in to work on payday for pick up of unearned salaries with a misplaced sense of proprietorship. Unashamed rent

seekers aids elected Council officials, who ignorantly refuse to be accountable to their communities thus defraud constituents. Painfully, ignorance of the functions of their offices, the staffs are civil servants hired through the Local Government Service Commission (the inconsistency of this function being the responsibility of a State organ ensures that the authority of the LGC Chairman is undermined and lacking control over her/his staff, it hinders performance management) and posted from one Local Government Council to another in a rotation of ineptitude and redundancy. Elected and employed officials, receive

salaries and perquisites for doing absolutely nothing except think up new ways in bringing misery into the lives of Nigerians, while we fold our arms in resignation to fate. Yet there are talented, skilled and competent men and women in communities of Local Government Areas who are able to take their place as Chairmen and Councillors. They are reluctant because politics is seen as dirty and violent undertaking. Can your average goon ends up as a Local Government Council Official – Chairman or Councillor - relate to these services much less come up with strategies for implementation and improvement?

Politics is everybody's business, whether we choose to serve as elected public officials or as community activists demanding our rights and representing the interests of the vulnerable. The first step however, is to know. Once we know what government at the grassroots is all about then we can begin to call elected officials to account as it is our right and responsibility and may gradually begin to see how else we can contribute to improve our own living standards by demanding progressive improvement in the quality of services delivered by local government councils. ■

LCDA CORNER



HONORABLE ADELAJA OMOLAJA SABIU

CHAIRMAN OF EREDO LCDA

Hon. Adelaja Omolaja Sabiu Was born on 27th may, 1960, in Lagos state. After attaining his West African School Certificate O/level in Pobuna Secondary Grammar School Poka, he received a national diploma and higher national

diploma in Business Administration at Lagos State Polytechnic, later he got his master degree on the same course in Ladoke Akintola University Ogbomosho. He has work with Lagos State Government under Land Use and Allocation Committee and was on the board of Internal Revenue. He loves a good book and likes dancing. ■



HONORABLE (PRINCE) ADETOLA GANIU OLUSEGUN

CHAIRMAN OF IKOSI/EJIRIN LCDA

Honourable (Prince) Adetola Ganiu Olusegun popularly known as segunthree was born in Lagos on the 14th February, 1970 to the royal family of Adetola. He is a descendant of Oluwo which have been long time changed to Adetola. His father is Late Prince Pa Adedeji Saula Adetola and Alhaja Adetola.

In 2007, Honourable (Prince) Adetola Ganiu Olusegun was Elected the executive Chairman of Ikosi/Ejirin Local Council Development Area. Also, in October 2011, he was re-elected for the same position. He is married to Mrs. Abolanle Omoyeni Adetola and blessed with amiable children.

He attended Saint Peters Anglican Primary School, Idowa, Ogun State, Ibeju/Ilado Comprehensive High School, Ibejufin, Ogun State and Federal College of Education Kastina, Kastina State respectively where he bagged National Certificate of Education. He later further in his education by bagging Ordinary National Diploma in Real Estate Management from the Institute of Real Estate Management and an Associate member from the same institution.

Hon. (Prince) Adetola Ganiu Olusegun is the managing director Segunthree and Co. Former Vice Chairman, the Nucleus Group (NGO), presently the Chief Whip Nigeria Institute of Real Estate Agent (Maryland Branch), member the Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN) and member Lagos State Public Service Club. He has attended several workshops and training. He has equally been awarded severally. ■



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Member	Hon. William Drew (Ward Q1)
Member	Hon. Tokunbo Abbas (Ward E2)

GOLDEN STARS OF SELFLESS SERVICE



Engr. Disu was born in Epe, Lagos State on the 19th of September, 1956. He attended Baptist Primary School, Ereko and Ijebu Muslim College both in Ijebu-Ode where he graduated with flying colours in 1975. In pursuit of more advanced knowledge

and quality professional exposure, Engr. Disu gained admission to Delgado College, New Orleans, Louisiana State, USA where he read Civil/Structural Engineering between 1978 and 1980.

As an astute public servant, he has served Lagos State meritoriously in the last 32 years. Between 1980 and now, Engr. Disu has worked in different stations and project fields including Local Government Council Offices in Epe, Ibeju-Lekki, Ikeja, Ifako-Ijaiye and Somolu. Below are some of the projects supervised by Engr. Disu at the Lagos State Ministry of Works and Infrastructure from 2006:

Construction of Olorunsogo market, Oshodi Mosafejo market, corner shops along Ijaiye road as well as the maintenance of failed sections of the following roads; Aka-Kemberi, Iju-Ajuwon, Opebi Link (turning section), Jonathan Coker (inward & outward Fagba junction), Ozumba Mbadwe/Ahmadu Bello (Bonny camp) round about, Maroko-Epe (Okegun area), Agbowal-Ikosi, Ketu-Ejinrin, Poka-Aranga, Epe-Ijebu-Ode and Epe-Maroko/Epe-Itoikin T-junction.

Engr. Ajibade Bade-Adebowale was born in Epe, Lagos State on 25th November, 1960. He attended Lagos Island Local Government Primary School, Okesuna, Lagos State. For his secondary education, Engr. Bade-Adebowale proceeded to the famous Adeola Odutola College, Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State. After a stint at Baptist Academy, Lagos, he attended the prestigious University of Benin, Edo State where he graduated and earned a Bachelor degree in Civil Engineering in March, 1986. In his quest for more knowledge, Bade-Adebowale enrolled

at the Lagos State University, Ojo, Lagos and later obtained a Masters in Business Administration (MBA) degree in 2001. Engr. Bade-Adebowale started working in Epe, Lagos in February, 1987 as a site Engineer with Leabub Nig. Limited before he was engaged in the service of Lagos State Government. From August 1990 to May 2006, he served as Council Engineer in several Local Government Councils such as Epe, Badagry, Ojo, Mushin, Ibeju-Lekki and Surulere Local Governments. In 2006, Engr. Bade-Adebowale transferred his service to the Lagos State Civil Service and was seconded to the Office of Drainage Services at the Lagos State Ministry of the Environment. Presently, he is the Director of the Drainage Maintenance and Operation Directorate/ Emergency Flood Abatement (EFAD). It is to the credit of Engr. Bade-Adebowale that he facilitated the changing of the GANG to a full-fledged department known referred to as EFAD and presently DMO/EFAD. He also championed a mass education/enlightenment on the danger of Abuse of drains, by collaborating with the Nigerian Institution of Civil Engineers (NICE) as a Radio Public Enlightenment Programme. Engr. Bade-Adebowale is a Fellow of many professional bodies, among whom are the Nigerian Society of Engineers (NSE), Institute of Professional Recruitment Consultant (PRC) and the Nigerian Institution of Civil Engineers (NICE).



REASONS FOR NOMINATING THEM

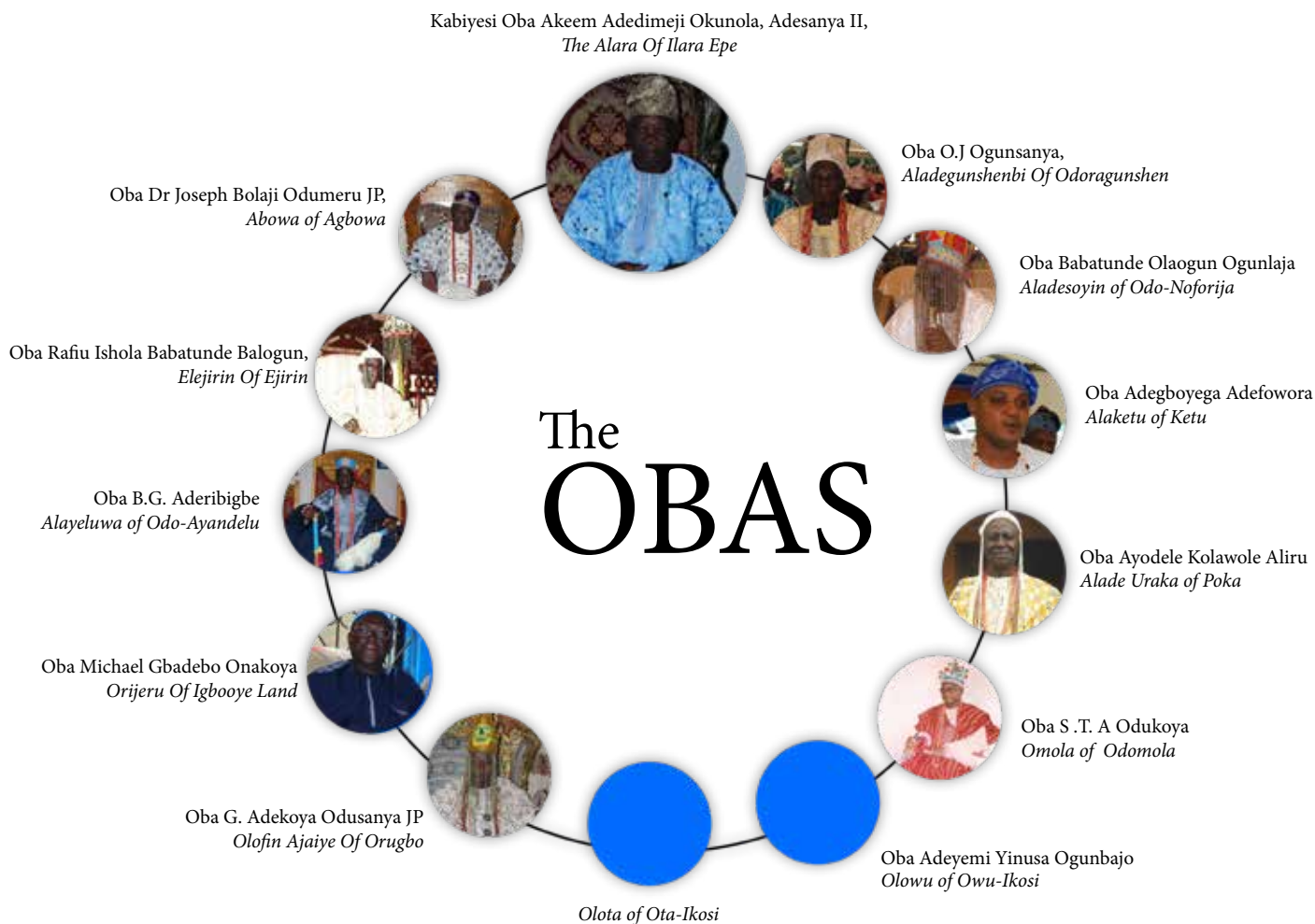
Engr. Omotayo Disu and Engr. Bade-Adebowale have been outstanding in their contributions to the growth and development of Epe Constituency II, especially in the selfless deployment of their vast experience and skills into the construction and rehabilitation of roads as well as the within the constituency.

Their nomination as Golden Stars of Selfless Service for this maiden edition was not borne out of the fact that they are natives of Epe Constituency II, but essentially because they are patriotic and pro-active civil servants who have, on several occasions,

joined hands with other stakeholders in given back to the community through fixing of roads where applicable.

Human passion and commitment to service cannot in any way be quantified and we in Eleniyan cares are proud to be associated with these great sons of our noble Epe as a Sub-Urban.

We therefore enjoin other natives of Epe in all areas of their callings to emulate these two great icons and render humanitarian services worthy of emulation to the growth of this Constituency.



DIARY OF SOME
MARKETS
IN EPE CONSTITUENCY II

NAME OF MARKET	MARKET DAYS
Mowowale Market, Agbowa-Ikosi	Every Wednesday
Ita-Agbowa Market	Daily Market
Itokin Market	Every Sunday
Ejinrin Market	Every 9 days
Odomola Market	Daily Market
Mojoda Market	Every 5 days
Obatedo Market in Agbowa-Ikosi	Proposed Daily Market
Pobo Market	Daily Market
Noforija Market	Daily Market
Odoragunshin Market	Daily Market
Ibonwon Market	Daily Market

SOME OF THE
TRADITIONAL FESTIVALS
IN EPE CONSTITUENCY II

AGBOWA-IKOSI	Agbo Remireke, Eebi, Igodo, Oro and Eleyin Festivals
Odo-Ayandelu	Eebi, Oro and Agemo Festivals
Ejirin, Ketu, and Sekungba	Eebi, Okoshi, Alapoyo, Kilajolu, Oro, Okoshi and Ojude Oba Festivals
Ota- Ikosi	Igodo, Oro and Agbo Festivals
Ilara	Kilajolu and Oro Festivals
Ibonwon	Agemo and Oro Festivals
Odoragunshi	Eebi, Kilajola and Oro Festivals

SPORTS & LEISURE

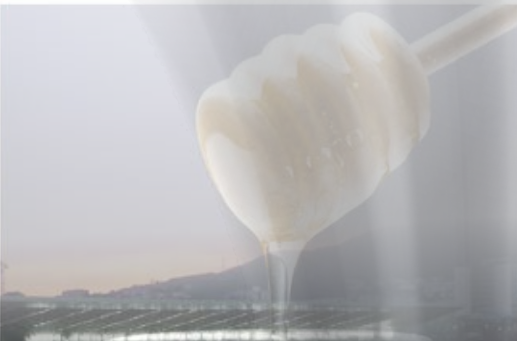
Sports On An Empty Stomach

EXPERT WARNS AGAINST SPORTS ON EMPTY STOMACH. Those who wake up to early morning sports should drink a large glass of lukewarm water about 20 minutes before starting to prepare their bodies for the effective morning sweat, an expert said. Prof. Ingo Froboese of the Centre for Health, Germany Sport University in Cologne also said a banana helps the body as it does not strain it much and equally supplies energy. Early morning activity can be effective in losing weight but only if carbohydrates are present. "Many believe early morning sports goes right at the local fat deposits because the sugar reserves are used



overnight and the replenishment is not there,"

"Fats are only burnt in the presence of carbohydrates. In addition, untrained beginners cannot immediately burn off their fats as burning process has to build up." That is why it is important to have enough carbohydrates in your body before you run. Not only could the energy supply be too low but the inner organs could also become irritated through the unusual strain, which is only intensified with the lack of nourishment. Dizziness and perception disorders are also possible. That mainly happens when the fluid reserves are empty. According to research, it is best to plan two to two-and-a-half hours for the morning sports and subsequent rest and breakfast. ■



PUBLISHER'S NOTE

I WILL LIKE TO START BY EMPHASIZING THAT THIS MAGAZINE IS ENVISIONED TO SERVE AS A RESOURCE HANDBOOK FOR EVERYONE COMING ACROSS IT. Its major objective is to celebrate the good people of Epe Constituency II in Lagos State, whom I currently represent as a legislator in the State Assembly. Invariably, it is meant to promote family values and showcase our rich culture and customs, our enviable traditional institutions and their custodians (the Obas), our diverse communities, pressure groups, the vast aquatic splendor, the large expanse of land resources and other treasures of great economic and tourist values to Lagos State and Nigeria as a whole. My vision is to further help in drawing more global attention to my constituency, which evolves as a resource basket, a fallow but fertile land waiting to be tapped by all and sundry.

As you're inspired to identify with this magazine, it means you are identifying with the good people of Epe constituency II. To get in touch with us, please kindly visit our website: www.eleniyancares.com

Firstly, My sacrifice of gratitude goes to God whose I am and whom I serve, also I am extremely indebted to my sweetheart, soul mate and wife, Engr. (Mrs) Mosunmola Olulade for her unflinching love, support, understanding and prayers. The journey wouldn't have been this smooth without her advice and belief. I love you.

In the same vein, I am extremely grateful to the Actualizer himself - His Excellency, The Executive Governor of Lagos State, Mr Babatunde Raji Fashola (SAN) for his constant support and the entire members of his transformation team for ensuring Government's presence in Epe Constituency II.

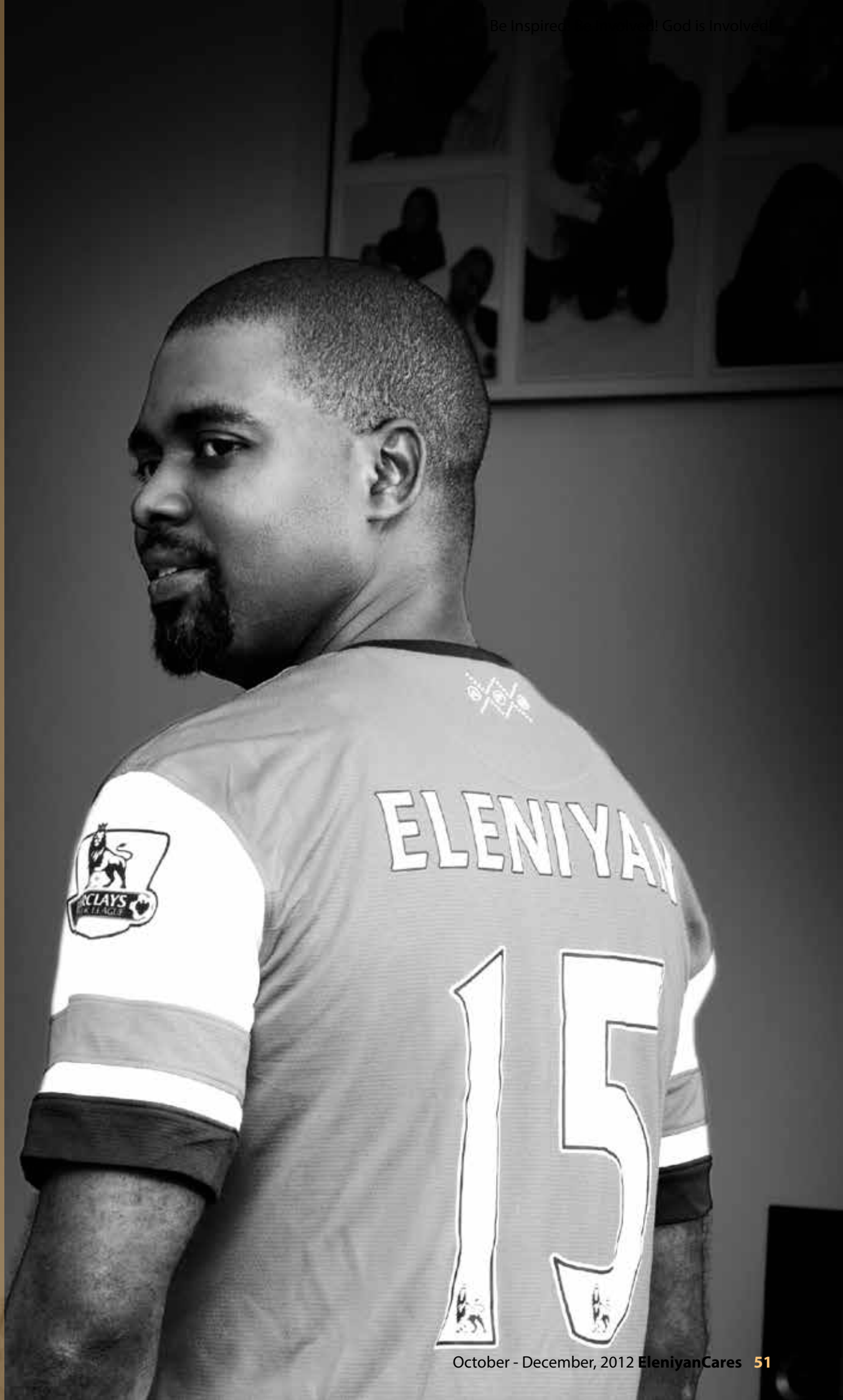


I also extend my unreserved appreciation to Our Great Leader- Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, the Jagaban of Borgu and the leading Leader of the entire Yoruba race, for giving me the opportunity to serve and represent my people. Equally, to the leadership of my great party, Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN) in Lagos State led by Chief Henry Oladele Ajomale, Pa Sunmola and most especially, our number One leader in the entire ACN - Epe division, Alhaji (Chief) Shakiru Seriki (aka Bamu), Elder Lateef Adeyemi Sangosanya JP (LGA Chairman, Ikosi/ Ejirin LCDA) and Alhaji Hassan Muyideen (LGA Chairman, Eredo LCDA), I say thank you all.

I appreciate all my distinguished colleagues at the Lagos State House of Assembly led by my amiable leader, my mentor and a great icon of exemplary and resourceful leadership, Rt. Hon. Sabit Adeyemi Ikuforiji, other principal officers as well as my predecessors from Epe Constituency II at the hallowed chamber of the Lagos House of Assembly for their goodwill and high team spirit. I am indeed very grateful to my teeming friends, admirers, comrades, staff and political associates whose deeds and words of encouragement will remain an inestimable source of inspiration to me. I will also like to express my gratitude to my very loving parents, Chief Sufian and Late (Chief) Mrs Olulade and the entire Olulade/ Adejuwon family of Ejirin for bringing me up in the way of the Lord and for instilling in me life values that have continued to sustain me all through my earlier years till date.

I say together, we shall take Lagos State and our country to lofty and greater heights.

Hon. Segun Olulade



EPE CONSTITUENCY 2



Water Front



Mowowale Market



The First Post Office In Nigeria (Ejinrin)

