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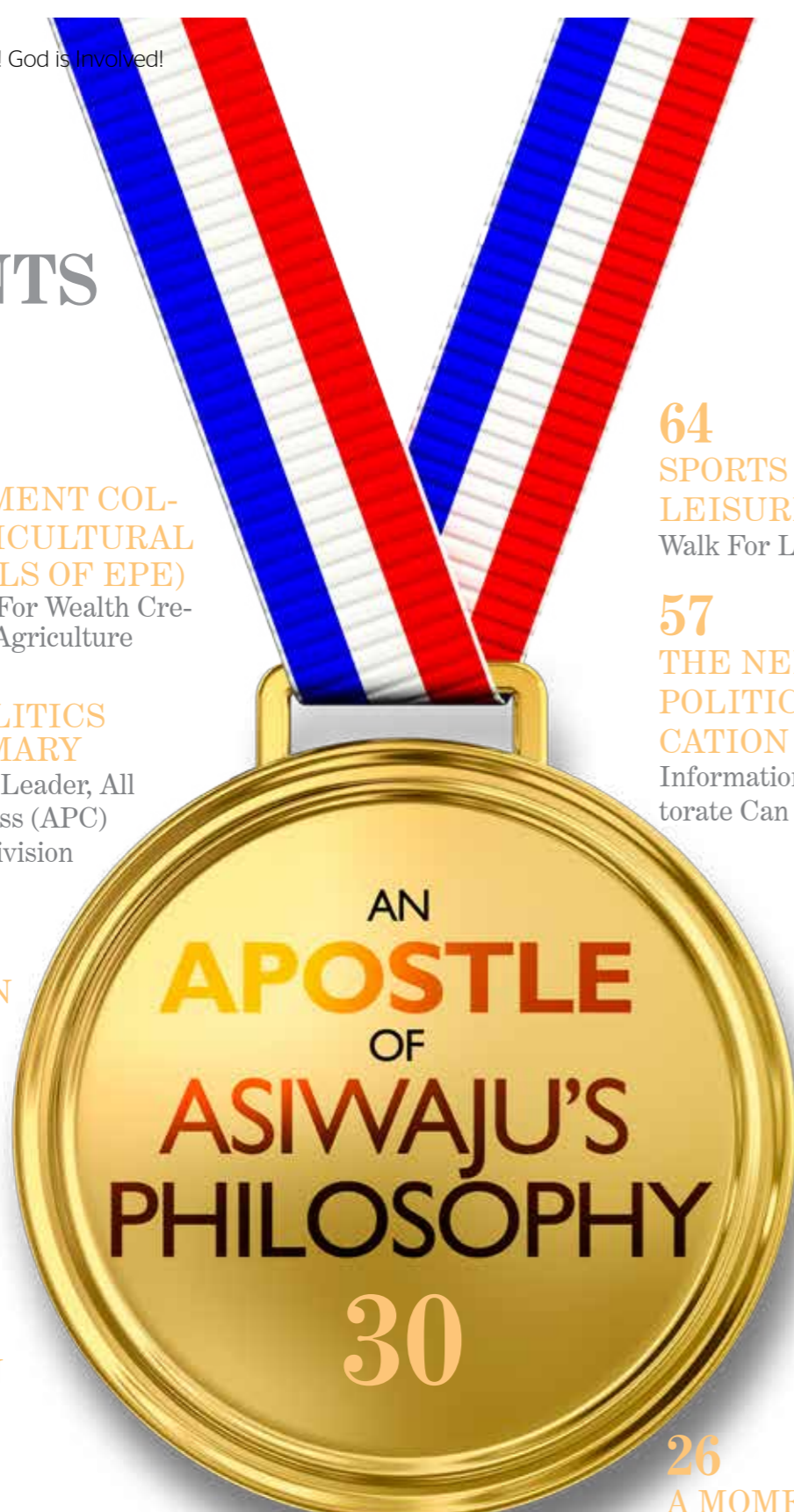
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From the EDITOR'S DESK

It is the belief in some quarters that if a person is meeting a family member, a friend, an acquaintance, as a matter of fact any person(s) for the first time in a New Year; he or she is obliged to wish such person(s) a Happy New Year, even when the year has already gone half way!

Happy New Year!!!

I am excited to introduce the second edition of your treasured EleniyanCares Magazine. In our maiden edition we featured the inspiring story of "the Rising Profile of Hon. Segun Olulade", the man behind the EleniyanCares brand; his activities and accomplishments as the Lawmaker representing Epe Constituency II at the Lagos State House of Assembly.

A thought-provoking feature x-raying education in Nigeria, the challenges and ways forward was constructively laid out by Shittu A.I, as Mosunmola Olulade (Wife of Hon. Olulade) bore her mind on unplanned pregnancy. We could not ignore the inspiring story of the selfless work of Mrs. Boluwajoko of the Home of God Orphanage Agbowo, as she impacts lives profoundly, making a positive difference in the lives of the children in her care thus contributing her own quota to the uplift of humanity.

This edition is no doubt an improvement on our maiden edition

in our quest to bring to our treasured readers the activities and ground breaking achievements of our golden boy and the pride of Epe Constituency II Hon. Segun Olulade a.k.a Eleniyan, The Mayegun of Ketu Kingdom. In this edition we unravel the secret behind Hon. Olulade's unalloyed loyalty to Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu in our piece: "How I became an Apostle of Asiwaju's Philosophy". We feature a special story on the pillar of stability in Lagos, a silent achiever, the gentleman responsible for steering the most vibrant House of Assembly in Nigeria," A Reliable Cornerstone: Rt. Hon. Sabit Adeyemi Ikuforiji". Join us as we were caught up in a brief moment of history at the palace of His Royal Majesty Kabiyesi Oba Akeem Okunola Adesanya II, Alara of Ilara on a courtesy visit to his majesty. Kabiyesi captivated us with the story of his ascent to the throne of his fore-fathers. Alhaji Shakiru Akanni Seriki Bamu, the Apase of Epe, also took us down memory lane divulging how and when he began his illustrious political career in a tete-a-tete at his country home.

This edition is truly packed with interesting stories, we promise you will find something exciting and informative therein.

Enjoy reading!

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We hear you...

A few **thoughts from our readers**
Keep the comments coming!

I enjoyed reading the cover story of your maiden edition tagged "Olulade, a rising profile in social transformation" what I found particularly inspiring and encouraging in the story was his doggedness and his determination to succeed academically in spite of his disadvantaged background. It is remarkable how he was able to go back to school and succeed after 8 years of being a bus Conductor, a messenger, a gardener and a lorry clerk. I am inspired and encouraged by his story!

Femi Opedare



Thank you for featuring Mrs. Grace Boluwajoko, founder Home of God Orphanage Agbowa-ikosi in your maiden edition. Your story on her was refreshing and touching. It is high time people acknowledge her good works.

I want to thank her for the difference she is making in the lives of the children in her care. May God continue to favour her.

Abike Adesanya.

Thank you for your initiative, it is commendable to have a medium where we can track the activities of our representatives at the Lagos State House of Assembly. I also like the efforts you are putting into projecting the positives in our constituency.

Kudos to you guys!

Tunde.



I found Mrs. Olulade's take on unplanned pregnancy and desertion of pregnant women or girl on point and timely. The instances of these ills have been on the rise in our society, and it is a great relief to know that there are laws protecting the female folks.

I enjoin anyone whose rights have been trampled upon to take advantage of the law.

Jumoke.

Each time I read things like this from our leaders, I get inspired with the hope that our tomorrow will be safe. Keep your vision aflame, DO NOT COMPROMISE YOUR STANDARD FOR THE KING'S PORTION. The LORD will be with you

Felix Joseph Osaeghemede

Since your arrival into the political landscape of EPE division, the mindset of the youths has been rebuilt, transformed and improved through your leadership, wisdom, charisma, knowledge and sincerity.

Others can only try, but they cannot be as great as Eleniyan. This I know.

MOHAMMED GANIYU SHITTU

Whenever, I think about people making positive impact in governance and public policy, two names spring up from my brain, (I literally mean my brain!). Segun Olulade is one of them.

The reality of being a leader is not complete until the resultant effect of our leadership is felt in the populace and this is what Segun has stood for over time through his community feedback projects and also his involving the young people in this process.

Well done on that Sir

Leo Owolabi Ibrahim

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DEVELOPMENT COLUMN Agricultural Potentials Of EPE

EPE! What comes to your mind when you hear the word? For some it is the faraway place that people speak about but hardly visit. Others happen to know that some prominent citizens of Lagos state hail from there, but that ends the story. Yet there is treasure in the land.

Epe is one of the local government areas of Lagos state in the Federal Republic of Nigeria, located on the north side of the Lekki Lagoon. It is a traditional settlement of the Ijebu people and was established in the mid-18th century as the chief port for Ijebu-Ode. As a port it was used for the movement of such goods as slaves, cloth and agricultural produce. Historically, Nigeria has had an agrarian based economy. This in turn resulted in

the massive exportation of agricultural products to other nation states of the world earning substantial foreign exchange for the country. The great promise that attended the mention of Nigeria was undeniably evident and awe inspiring. But, in the 1970's a discovery was made. It was initially touted as a great blessing to the nation but it slowly metamorphosed into a seemingly all consuming force called Crude oil. The resource was indeed a blessing at first, but dependence on it consumed the nation's agricultural drive and the easy, seemingly unending Oil money captured the attention of the high and low in the Land.

Truth be told, Crude oil was not to blame for the neglect that other sectors of the Nigerian economy suffered after its discovery. After all, it had no way to control its use, not to mention the fact that a number of

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other countries endowed with the resource have indeed thrived and prospered greatly. The real problem lay in the apparent short-sightedness of the leadership in the nation at the time of its discovery and in the years that followed. Once upon a time, Nigeria was the world leader in cocoa exportation. Exporting at least 300,000 tonnes of the product annually. Sadly, today due to factors such as obsolete varieties and overage trees this figure has reportedly dwindled to a stagnant 180,000 tonnes annually. The same goes for other products such as Groundnut and Palm oil. One hilarious truth amongst many others is the fact that Nigeria was once the biggest producer of poultry in Africa!

In spite of all the statistics and information about the obvious retrogression in the agricultural sector of the Nigerian economy, there is still much hope. Nigeria has always been blessed with good arable land, hence the saying, "Anything grows in Nigeria". There are large expanses of virgin land just waiting to be used for farming and according to statistics, about 70 percent of the Nigerian workforce is involved in agricultural pursuits so the labour required to successfully engage in large scale farming is not inadequate. All that is required is well thought out planning and major investment in machinery, training and enabling technology, as most of the techniques widely used at the present are not viable for anything beyond subsistence farming.

Epe is today known to be a collecting point for the export of fish cassava, maize, coconuts, cocoa, palm produce, rubber amongst other important agricultural products to more populated areas of Lagos. Although fishing is the major occupation of the people of Epe, some of the above mentioned items which pass through its borders en route Lagos mainland could easily be cultivated in Epe. Two Notable investment opportunities in Epe are the production of Cassava and

Yam. Many citizens are unaware that Nigeria is the world's largest producer of cassava while Thailand and Indonesia are the world's largest exporters. Although this data is worrisome, even more alarming is the fact that Nigeria's production levels are almost double those of the aforementioned countries! The reason for the nation's low exportation output is simple, nearly 90% of cassava production in Nigeria is by small scale farmers and mainly for domestic food supply. Also, in spite of the large production numbers that the country has had, production yields are still quite low and there is room for massive growth. If all the farmers presently involved in cassava farming increased their harvest quantity by just 30% with this increase being well processed and preserved, it would become a literal goldmine. Cassava, apart from being useful for providing a cheap source of food (e.g. garri), can be used to produce ethanol which has been identified as a valid bio fuel. Cassava starch is also an important component in the food processing and pharmaceutical industries. Worthy of note is the present drive to reduce dependence on importation of wheat for bread production by encouraging the production of bread made from cassava flour.

The Federal Government of Nigeria in its bid to help drive investment in the agriculture sector has ensured that importation of agricultural machinery and equipment attracts zero duty. This in turn means that cassava flour producing equipment is cheaper and easier to procure. According to reports from the Ministry of Agriculture, Nigeria has secured a contract with the People's Republic of China to supply 3.2 Million tonnes of dry cassava chips which could provide as much as \$800 million for Nigerian farmers and processors. Indeed the future is bright for cassava farming.

Other opportunities such as fish farming, which could easily be used to reduce dependence on importation of fish, poultry rearing, water-

melon and yam cultivation, as well as the very profitable yet relatively untapped food processing business sectors. Processed food and crops have the added advantage of having a longer shelf life as well as having their market value multiplied greatly.

Yes, there is great potential for explosive growth and prosperity in Epe's agricultural sector. Though this fact is evident, some factors that will further enhance the viability of this opportunity must be mentioned.

Use of Technology: Years ago, the only way of knowing how to do things in the best possible way was to read the books you could get your hands on, watch the local television news and hope that the information you received was accurate. Today things are very different. Information about international prices, trends, policies and even access to prospective customers is available via the internet. In addition to this there are constant improvements to farming techniques being made worldwide. An example is the continual development of disease resistant seeds and improved storage methods to prolong the shelf life of harvested crops thereby ensuring less waste and more profitable harvests.

Proper planning: Just as it is sounds foolish for a man to enter a car and drive to a destination he doesn't know and expect to get there without being given directions or knowing if he has enough fuel for the journey, it is even more foolish for an individual to start any business endeavour without having clearly defined goals and adequate planning. Just as the direction-less driver will never get to his destination (except by a rare chance of good fortune), a person or organization without a good knowledge of how much will be spent on an agricultural endeavour, a step by step plan of what must be done to

achieve harvest or production goals will fail or at most just remain at a very low level of profitability.

Collaboration: The western world has learnt that the best way to multiply wealth is to get someone else to help. Sadly in Africa we have just begun to see the light. The deception that no one can do it better than me and no one can be trusted has been the source of stagnation of many business ventures. For the purposes of getting access to loans, protection from fraudulent marketers and presenting a more reliable and trustworthy face for foreign investors to deal with, it is advisable that any individual(s) investing in agriculture get to join any credible associations available and identify with forums of like-minded individuals. There is no need to re-invent the wheel. Someone out there may have passed through the same path you are on. Just look out for the right group of people to run with.

Drive to succeed: A desire for a better family life, better Epe and better Nigeria is achievable with the right attitude. In spite of challenges that occur in the implementation of policies and endeavours, The goals for a more prosperous and self sufficient future has to burn in the hearts of the people that decide to make them work. The key is to know that a more prosperous life and success is very possible if it is truly wanted.

Epe is full of treasure. This land with coconut fringed coastlines is waiting for the ones who will take her to the next level and show the world the beauty and wealth within her. It is the place to be for the next agriculture boom and will not disappoint those who believe in her potentials ■

Julian Wale Akinsuyi



Do not use seed from previous watermelon fruit as such will produce crop with low yield, reduced sweetness, and disease susceptibility.

4. PLANTING

Plant 2 seeds of watermelon per hill at the depth of 3 cm; space at 100 cm apart on the row and 175 cm between the rows. Watermelon vines require considerable space. Two crops can be planted in a year. Plant the first crop with the first or second rain, which occur mostly around February or early March (at this time moisture is not so much; as the plant establishes, the moisture increases into the growing season). The crop sown at this time will hit the market between May and June, when the supply from the northern part of the country must have diminished completely.

Plant the second crop in September (at this time, the moisture is reduced as the season is gradually folding out). The crop planted at this time will hit the market around December, a time when there will not be supply from the north as most commercial production are done with irrigation in the off season. Planting in the north is done between by October or November as the crops depend on irrigation.

5. WEED CONTROL

Apply pre-emergence herbicide prior to or within 12 hours of planting. Shallow mechanical cultivation or hoe weeding are needed to control weeds before the vines start trailing. Pruning roots and vines with cultivating equipment slows melon development and reduces yield. Several brands of pre-emergence herbicides are available to control germinating broadleaf weeds and grasses in seeded watermelons if used properly. Herbicides are economical when used appropriately.

6. PEST AND DISEASE CONTROL

Insects: Treat fields previously in sod or fields with heavy infestations of weeds in the previous year with a soil applied insecticide at planting to control soil insect pests including cutworms.

Seedling plants are extremely susceptible to feeding damage from adult striped and spotted cucumber beetles; you may need to treat plants with a foliar applied insecticide to prevent complete defoliation.

Diseases: Many of the fungal, bacterial, and nematode pathogens survive in old crop debris and in soil. Rotate fields with non-cucurbit crops for at least three years to reduce pathogen levels.

7. PESTICIDE APPLICATION

With the onset of fruit there is need for regular (weekly) application of insecticide to control fruit damaging insect

Apply insecticide only when necessary using results of field surveys. For control of diseases, fungicides are most effective when applied before disease begins to increase. The potential for very rapid increase is greatest shortly before harvest when the canopy is most dense or anytime during rainy periods. Select insecticides and fungicides based on proven effectiveness. Make applications using ground equipment (knapsack sprayer) in a minimum spray volume of 150 mm/15 litres of water. Aerial applications should be made in a minimum of 5 gallons per acre.

Remove diseased and damaged fruits from the field to prevent the spread of pathogens to healthy fruits. Fruit must not lie on wet or damp surface.

8. HARVESTING

Watermelons reach harvest maturity 75-95 days after planting. Indications of ripeness include a change in the colour of the ground spot from white to light yellow; a change of tendrils colour near the fruit from green to brown and dry; thumping the fruit, a metallic ringing sound indicates immaturity and a more muffled or dull sound indicates maturity or over maturity. Thumping is a reliable method to detect over maturity in round-shaped melons. The best method is to cut a few melons in various parts of the field. Harvesting and marketing green or overripe melons lessens the demand by the consuming public. Sugar content does not increase after harvest; however, red colour will continue to develop after a slightly immature melon is picked.

Cut melons from the vine rather than pulling, twisting, or breaking off to reduce chances of stem decay. Leave a long stem on the fruit.

Do not place melons with bottom sides turned up as the ground spot is easily sun scalded. Haul melons from the field in straw or paper-padded vehicles. Do not allow field hands to ride on top of the load. After harvest, load melons directly into trucks for shipment to markets.

9. STORAGE

Watermelons are not adapted to long storage; but will keep for 2 to 3 weeks at low temperature (11°C to 15°C). Relative humidity should be 85% to 90%; higher humidity may promote stem-end rot. At higher temperatures, watermelons are subject to decay. Watermelons should not be exposed to direct sunlight. Avoid heaping in storage.

Holding watermelons for up to a week at room temperature can im-

prove flavour and colour. However, after several weeks at room temperature, they may develop poor flavour and texture. Watermelons are sensitive to ethylene; do not store or transport them with products that emit ethylene, such as ripe pears, tomatoes, and bananas.

10. MARKETING

Watermelons usually are sold by weight at harvest time. Many are sold through temporary or permanent roadside stands or at farmers' markets.

An important consideration in successful marketing is to have adequate facilities for transportation of the crop to the market outlets. Although earliness usually results in higher prices, quality and maturity should be of prime importance in marketing watermelons. Synchronizing the local harvest time with time of short fall in supply from the northern part of Nigeria where large scale production is carried out with irrigation is a good way to sell at higher price.

11. CHALLENGES TO WATERMELON PRODUCTION

- Blossom-end rot is a deterioration of the blossom end of the fruit. The usual order of development is softening, slight shrivelling, browning, blackening with extensive shrivelling, and sometimes secondary decaying. Poor calcium nutrition and moisture stress cause blossom-end rot.
- Bursting may result from an uneven growth rate, which is particularly associated with heavy rainfall or irrigation when fruits are maturing. The percentage of burst fruits is usually low, and types with round fruit are more susceptible.
- White heart is white streaks or bands of undesirable flesh in the heart (centre) of the fruit. This is caused by excessive moisture (and probably too much nitrogen) during fruit maturation.
- Rind necrosis is an internal disorder of the watermelon rind. Symptoms are brown, corky or mealy textured spots in the rind. Bacterial infection has been reported to be a cause, although similar bacteria are found in healthy melons. Drought stress also is reported to predispose melons to rind necrosis. ■

Culled from: Growing watermelon commercially in Nigeria: an illustrated guide

1. SITE SELECTION

The site for watermelon must have enough sunlight. Remove all shade plants; the soil must be fertile with good organic matter content. Watermelon grows best on soils with a sandy loamy texture. A flat landscape is preferable while steep slopes should be avoided. Choose a well drained site; avoid clayey, damp, and water-logged soil

2. LAND PREPARATION

Clear the land of all vegetation covers and plant debris. Spray a systemic herbicide (Glyphosate) to control noxious weeds such as spear grass, etc. Prune trees; remove other shrubs that could impose shade. Plant residue need not be burned as they could be used as mulch material. Conservation tillage is best for watermelon especially when the soil is of sandy loamy texture class. But in cases where the soil texture is clayey, a little ploughing and harrowing may be necessary to facilitate deeper rooting and moisture penetration.

3. ACQUIRING SEED FOR PLANTING

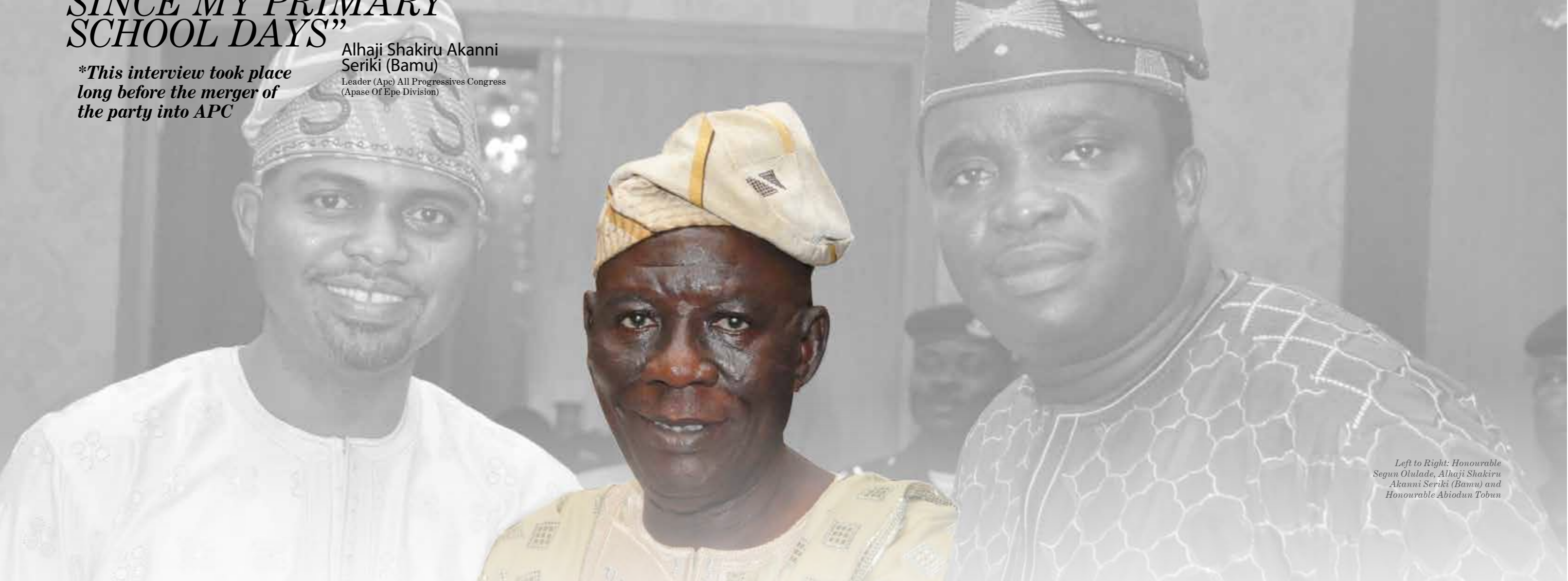
Selecting the best watermelon variety is the most important decision made by a producer. Planting a variety that is not suited for the available market and the particular production situation leads to lower profits or possibly crop failure. In addition to market acceptability, a variety must have acceptable yield, be adapted to the production area, and have the highest level of needed pest resistance.

Buy hybrid watermelon seed from the seed store. This guarantees good taste good fruit sizes, and disease resistance that conform to varietal specification.

“I STARTED POLITICS SINCE MY PRIMARY SCHOOL DAYS”

Alhaji Shakiru Akanni Seriki (Bamu)
 Leader (Apc) All Progressives Congress
 (Apase Of Epe Division)

**This interview took place long before the merger of the party into APC*



Left to Right: Honourable Segun Olulade, Alhaji Shakiru Akanni Seriki (Bamu) and Honourable Abiodun Tobun

Que: Good Morning sir, can you please tell us more about yourself?

Ans: I started politics since my primary school days which was in 1955 at an old age of 15 years. At that time, as an old boy in the school, I was made the polling agent during the elections of Action Group (AG) at that period, and that was the first election to be held in the country. Since then, I picked an interest in politics and till date, I have always been involved in politics. I have been a two-time councillor in Epe during the administration of the former Governor of Lagos State, His Excellency Lateef Jakande. Subsequently, during the days of the Unity Party of Nigeria (UPN) and the Social Democratic Party (SDP), I was an officer at the state and divisional levels.

Thereafter, there was a military interregnum, at this time I was the deputy chairman of UNCP and later became the state chairman of UNCP in Lagos State. When democracy set in 1991, I became the Vice President of Alliance for Democracy (AD). The party was later divided

into: Action Congress (AC) and Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN). All through these, I have been the vice Chairman of the party till date.

I have also earned many appointments as part of my present status as a vice chairman of the party. Presently, I am one of the (15) members of Governor Advisory Council, I was also appointed as member of the chieftaincy committee to oversee the affairs of any matter relating to chieftaincy disputes in Lagos State with a 5 year tenure.

Que: The PDP are trying hard to ensure that they capture Lagos State and the entire South-West in the next (2015) elections. Are you sure ACN will still be in charge sir?

Ans: Thank you, there is no certainty on anything, it's only God that ordains. The most important thing is good governance, though there might be a few problems, but as attested to by majority, Lagos State remains the best state in the whole federation in terms of everything. In Ogun State, when you look at the development going on there, you will be marvel, this is also true in all the states where ACN is holding

sway, especially in the area of security of lives and property, because without security, there cannot be any development. At least we can all see it in the area of education, road construction, health, the judiciary and so many other aspects of our daily living and that is how it has been in all states controlled by ACN, this is particularly evident in Osun State. So, if PDP is bragging, they cannot do more than that, the only thing that can give the electorate is rigging, which I strongly believe the masses will revolt against. It will be difficult to rig an election where you are not popular. We are only concerned about bringing development to our people. They (PDP) boasted of winning 32 states in Nigeria recently. The implication of what they are saying is that they (PDP) will lose 32 states in the coming elections because Nigerians know who their enemies are with their experiences in the last 14 years of democracy in Nigeria.

Que: As a party leader, how do you monitor public office holders in your area to ensure that they are performing up to expectation?

Ans: Thank you. When you have a lot of people in a group, everybody cannot be the same. You will have some that will be very good and you will also have some that will be just on the average side, In fact, some of them may even bite the fingers that fed them, but by and large, they are all trying their best to ensure that our people benefit from the dividends of democracy. **Take for example, the speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Adeyemi Ikuforiji. He is always there to listen to me any time I have an issue to discuss, with full respect, no matter what I say to him, at instances where others might take offence. Also take a look at Hon. Abiodun Tobun. May God continue to be with him. He is a very loyal member of the party and he's always looking for ways of bringing succour to his constituents. He is very determined and committed.**

Hon. Segun Olulade is also another great representative we have at the Lagos State House of Assembly, he has been doing wonders and his efforts have been commendable so far. So you see, when it's time for elections, we would be proud to



present them for re-election and that is the essence of good representation. This is what is obtainable in Lagos State because the leadership of the party did not just put people in office, but chose candidates based on merit and qualification. Epe is large on its own as a community with array of challenges militating against the development of the area, part of which is lack of industry, the only source of revenue to the people of the area is the meagre allocation coming to the local governments and the elected officials and that is why it looks as if they are not doing much, but they are trying their best.

Que: Sir, there has been some promotion that it is the turn of Lagos East Senatorial District to present the next

Governor of Lagos State, how prepared is your district to do this?

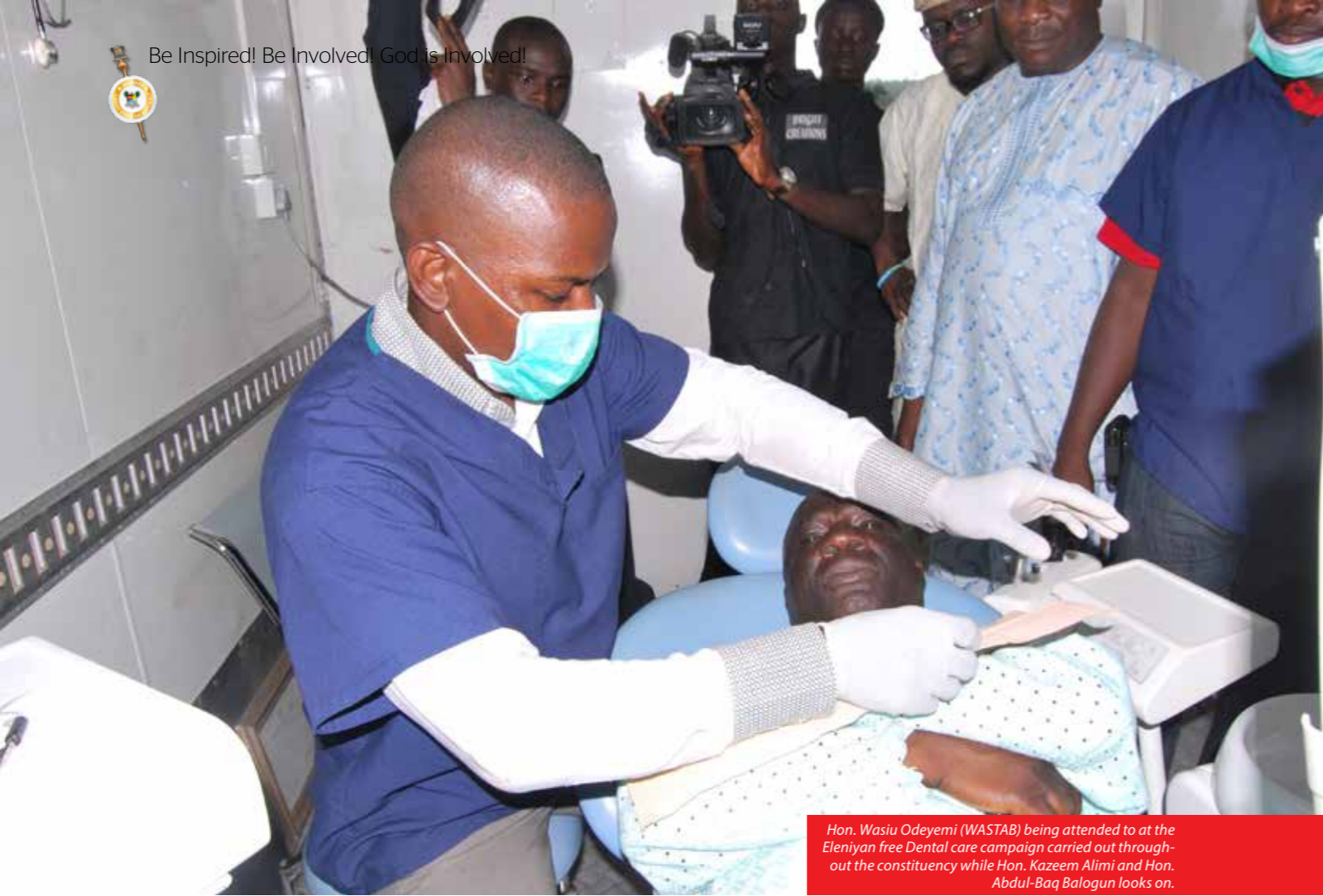
Ans: The way we all view issues differs, for instance, during the 2007 general elections, we had lot of people who came out in the name of contesting for governorship ticket of the party then, at the end of the day, they all accepted the verdict of the leader of the party and Governor Fashola emerged. To me, I believe the leadership of the party should be considerate enough to allow us put forward a candidate from our region this time. In their own wisdom, they can also choose from amongst us, but we are going to be prayerful for the best to happen in 2015, for the region and the entire state. ■

Left to Right:
Alaketu of Ketu HRH.
Oba Adegboye-ga Adefowora (JP), HRH.
Oba A.K Aliru (The Huraka of Poka) and Alhaji Seriki (Bamu)

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Hon. Wasiu Odeyemi (WASTAB) being attended to at the Eleniy free Dental care campaign carried out throughout the constituency while Hon. Kazeem Alimi and Hon. Abdul-Baq Balogun looks on.



Hon. Ajibayo Adeyeye (Majority Leader, LSHA) presenting cash to one of the beneficiaries of Hon. Olulade's Empowerment



Rt. Hon. Ikuforiji (Speaker, LSHA) launching the first edition of EleniyCares magazine, closely assisted by Hon. Olulade.



Rt. Hon. Ikuforiji and Hon. Olulade greeting the constituency Obas on their arrival to the program

SPECIAL CONSTITUENCY PROGRAM 2012

Chairman, Lagos State House of Assembly Committee on Information, Publicity, Security and Strategy, Olusegun Olulade, has pleaded with members of his Epe Constituency 2 to support his vision of making the constituency the envy of the state.

owns in the constituency just as he launched free dental services in the 11 wards that make up the constituency and a bi-annual magazine, Eleniy Cares, which would focus on his activities as a lawmaker in the state.

He also launched the constituency website: www.eleniyancares.com. While thanking the constituents for believing in him enough to give him their mandate, he promised never to engage in activities that would betray their trust or bring the social contract between himself and the people of Epe Constituency 2 into disrepute.

"It is imperative that I continue to keep you updated with new de-

Olulade, who said this as part of a town hall meeting he organised in the constituency recently, further listed some of his achievements in the last one year. The lawmaker also used the event to give out various amounts of money to the physically challenged, the less privileged, the aged as well as wid-

velopments as they unfold so that there will not be any room for misrepresentation of issues and unnecessary misunderstanding between my constituents and I now and in the future," he said.

"In my bid to complement the efforts of the Lagos State Government in the area of health care delivery, our leaders shall be helping to flag off a free dental care treatment programme today for the benefit of all my constituents. Also, my commitment to the alleviation of poverty amongst our people, especially the socially less advantaged, has prompted me to set aside part of my statutory income to give out social welfare packages to some senior citizens and widows within our constituency at this occasion.

"I assure you all that before 2015, all of my constituents will be able to bear testimony to the impact of our novel, people-driven and development-oriented programmes," he added.

The lawmaker was also commended by some leaders of the Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN) in the area among who was Chief Shakiru Seriki and Pa Sunmola (Lagos ACN, Deputy Chairman).

Speaking at the event, the speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly used the opportunity to appeal to

the people of the division to stop the policy of not returning their representatives after serving a single term as this is one of the reasons for the backwardness of the division.

"I assure you all that before 2015, every of my constituents would be able to bear testimonies to the impacts of our novel people-driven and development-oriented programmes,"

ever, they urged Olulade to continue fighting for their interests. According to them, Epe lacks development and the best way to bring development is for their representatives to fight for them. Other eminent lawmakers that attended the event were Hon. Olumuyiwa Jimoh (Apapa 2 Constituency), Hon. Rotimi Olowo (Shomolu Constituency 1), Hon. Bisi Yusuf (Alimosho 1), Hon. Bashiru Oloto (Mainland 1), Hon. Adebimpe Akinsola (Ikroodu II), and Hon. Abdul-Baq Ladi Balogun (Ajegunle II). Also, other dignitaries at the occasion includes but not limited to Mr. Lateef Ibirogba (Commissioner of Information), Mr. Ogun... (PS. LTV), Chief Akintola, Hon. Wasuu Odeyemi (Comm. IV, Civil Service Comm.). ■

Constituency Obas at the Constituency Programme, from the left: HRM. Oba B.G Aderibigbe (The Alayandelu of Odo-Ayandelu), HRM. Oba. O.J Ogunsanya (the Ladegunshebi of Odo-rangunshin), HRH. Oba G. Adekoya Odusanya (JP) (The Olofin Ajaiye of Orugbo Ido), HRM. Oba Babatunde O. Ogunlaja JP. (The Aladeshonyin of Odo- Noforijo), HRH. Oba M.G Onakoya (The Orijeru of Igboye) HRH. Oba A.K Aliru (The Hura-ka of Poka), HRM Oba R.I Balogun - Ejalonibu 2nd (The Elejinrin of Ejinrin), HRM. (Late) Oba J.A.B Odumeru (The Abowa of Agbowo Ikosi) and their Oloris.



SEGUN, A Man Of Destiny

Segun is a man whose destiny fulfillment is a combination of God's purpose and self determination. A child who from his primary school days was the Head Boy of RCM primary school Ejinrin later graduated to Social Prefect and Health and Sanitation prefect respectively at Lofi Ogunmade Comprehensive College Ejinrin. Further leadership traits in him was exposed in his participation in student unionism while at Lagos State University, as a member of LASU student union electoral committee. Little wonder when the Association of Waste Managers of Nigeria (AWAM) was relaunched in 2007, he became the undisputed General Secretary till the time of his election as a member of Lagos State House of Assembly in 2011.

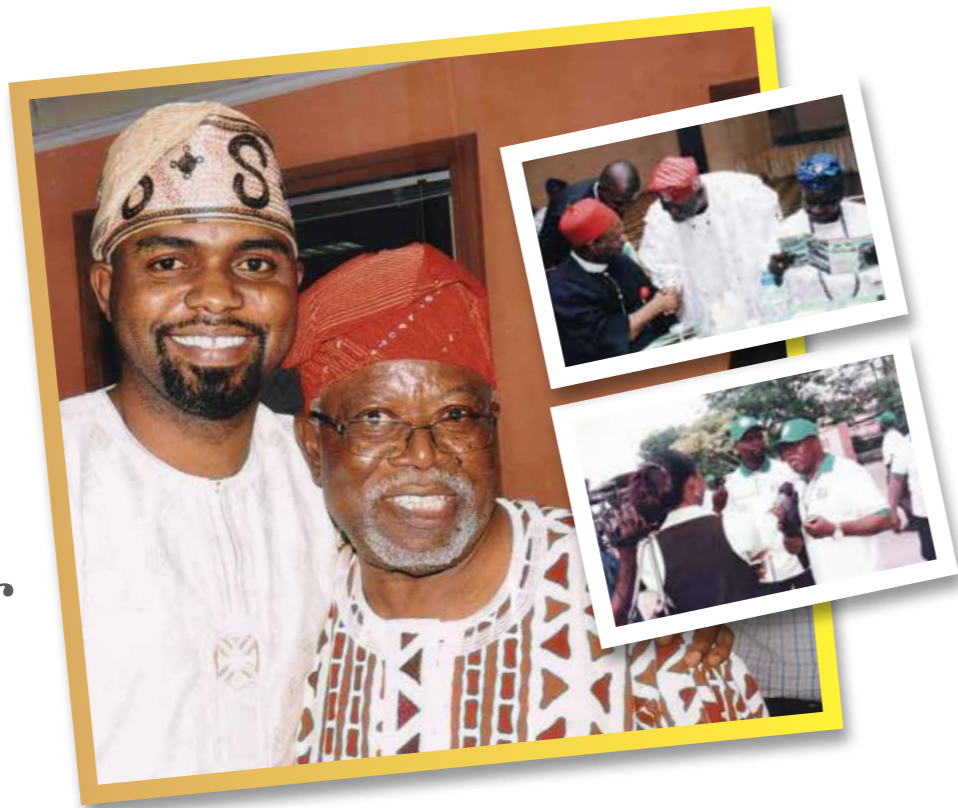
As the President of the AWAM (2007 – 2012), Segun worked closely with me, as a faithful General Secretary and as a son in who I was well pleased. People, especially members of the executive of the Association wondered and became curious about our closeness which goes beyond Association matters. He is very close to every member of my family. The simple reason is his respect, loyalty, obedience and readiness to learn from elderly experience. I was a student union leader as well in the 1970's with the likes of Chief Ebenezer Babatope, Chief Olabode George and Chief Jubril Martins Kuye. While I decided to go to the corporate world, they opted to revert to politics. Without doubt, Segun would have combined the new generation political strategies with my old methodology approach to association's issues, to get him to where he is today. He will certainly go places because he knows how to relate to and learn from elders.

His activities in the last two years in the Lagos State House of Assembly bear testimony to a well groomed, people representative from his early days in primary school to his years of service as General Secretary of AWAM. His unique information dissemination strategy through regular sms messages to his constituency, his empowerment programme and regular consultation with the

Royal fathers, opinion leaders and the grassroots are testimonies of true servanthood of a leader

Segun belongs to a new generation of leadership cut out for the service of the people. No doubt the Ejinrin people will be proud of him as I am proud of him as a worthy secretary general of AWAM and a son whose youthful sagacity contributed much to bringing AWAM to national limelight within a space of four years. I have no doubt that Ejinrin people are experiencing such well deserved renaissance and will continue to do so under the continued servanthood of Segun, at the Lagos State House of Assembly and even at the National Assembly eventually, God willing. ■

Adegboyega Adepitan
Former AWAM National President.



GOLDEN STARS OF SELFLESS SERVICE

Professor John Oladapo OBAFUNWA

John Oladapo Obafunwa studied at the College of Medicine of the University of Lagos and obtained the M.B.B.S. degree in March 1980. He had his postgraduate training in Anatomic Pathology in the Department of Morbid Anatomy, Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH) from April 1982 to May 1987 and obtained the Fellowship of the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria (FMCPATH.). He subsequently took up an appointment as Lecturer I/Consultant Histopathologist at the Faculty of Health Sciences, University of Jos and, Jos University Teaching Hospital from January 1988 to April 1990. While at Jos he was Pathologist to the Plateau State Health Management Board, and handled the Coroner's autopsies. In 1989, he was elected a Fellow of the West African College of Physicians, Faculty of Laboratory Medicine (FWACP).

In 1991, he proceeded to the United Kingdom to commence training in Forensic Medicine at the Forensic Medicine Unit of the Department of Pathology, University of Edinburgh. He passed the Final Diploma in Medical Jurisprudence (DMJ Path.) examination of the Society of Apothecaries, London, in July 1991. He later passed the final examination in Forensic Pathology of the Royal College of Pathologists, UK (with an A in his Case Book) in December 1992, qualifying with the (MRCPath.) degree.

He worked as Pathologist to the Cayman Islands Government/Director of Laboratory Services from 1993 to 1999. He was in 1998 elected a Fellow of the Faculty of Pathology, Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (FFPath, RCP). He later worked in Bermuda from September 1999 to July 2002 where he performed the same role as in the Cayman Islands. In 2001 he was awarded the Fellowship of the Royal College of Pathologists (FRCPath.) in the subspecialty of Forensic Pathology. Through Distance Learning, he obtained the Certificate in Law of the University of Kent at Canterbury, UK, in July 2002. In August 2002 he took up appointment as Consultant Histopathologist in South Tyneside Healthcare Trust, Northeast England while simultaneously studying for the law degree at the University of Northumbria, at Newcastle. In July 2004, he was awarded the LL.B degree. He returned to Nigeria in November 2004 to take up appointment as a Professor of Forensic Pathology at the Lagos State University College of Medicine (LASUCOM).

He was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Legal Medicine (FCLM) in 2005, and in December 2006 he was one of the Founding Members of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians of London (MFFLM). In 2007, he was elected a Fellow of the International College of Surgeons, Nigeria Chapter (FICS) and in 2009 he was elevated to the Fellowship of the Faculty of Forensic and Legal Medicine of the Royal College of Physicians of London (FFFLM).

While at LASUCOM, he contributed to the development of the Department of Pathology and Forensic Medicine in addition to developing same within the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital, where he is a Consultant Pathologist. He was elected the Provost of LASUCOM in March 2006 for a term of 2 years and re-elected for another 2 years which ended in February 2010. In November 2011 he was appointed the Vice-Chancellor of Lagos State University for a 4-year term.

During the course of his career he authored and co-authored a number of scientific articles in local, regional and international Journals. In addition, he submitted various Dissertations/Case Books in part-fulfillment for the award of various degrees. He also contributed chapters to textbooks on Forensic Medicine, and Trauma.

He is a member of various professional bodies including the Forensic Science Society, British Association of Forensic Medicine, British Academy of Forensic Sciences, American Academy of Forensic Sciences, Royal Society of Medicine (UK), American College of Forensic Examiners, College of American Pathologists and the International Academy of Legal Medicine. ■



The Mosunmola Olulade's Views

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Child sexual abuse can be described as any form of sexual exploitation of children under the age of 18 by a perpetrator whether that individual is an adult, teen, or another child. Perpetrators of child sexual abuse may do so for their own sexual gratification or that of others (e.g. child pornography) or to dominate, control or humiliate the child victim. Such abuse can occur without any physical contact; a perpetrator who exposes his/her genitals, forces a child to view pornography, instigates sexual contact with

Mosunmola Olulade
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others or photographs/videotapes a child in an explicitly sexual manner is committing child sexual abuse.

Unfortunately, child sexual abuse is also a significantly under-reported crime that is difficult to prove and prosecute. Most perpetrators of child molestation, incest and child rape are never identified and caught.

The President of Nigeria Goodluck Jonathan signed a bill on January 13th 2014 that criminalises same-sex relationships, arguing that the new law is in line with the country's religious and cultural beliefs. Under the previous rule sodomy was already an offence, but the new law paves the way for a crackdown on same-sex relationships. It prescribes prison sentences of up to 14 years and bans same-sex marriage, intimate relationships with a member of the same sex, and gay organisations.

A particularly prohibitive aspect of the law is a ban on all gatherings of homosexuals. "A person or group of persons who support(s) the registration, operation and sustenance of gay clubs, societies, organisations, processions or meetings in Nigeria commits an offence," It says, "and is liable on conviction to a term of ten years' imprisonment".

In the light of these, one question needs to be answered. What will be the future of the Nigerian child who is introduced to same sex orientation early in life through sexual abuse? Will he/she end up in jail as a result of a habit he/she innocently picked up as a child?

As a parent I think it is high time we take child sexual abuse seriously because majority of African people who had homosexuality orientation were abused as children. This abuse could come from domestic help, neighbors, schools, even from family members.

10 Facts Parents Need To Know About Child Sexual Abuse

1. Cases of child sexual abuse reported each year fall far short of the actual number. Abuse frequently goes unreported because child victims are afraid to tell anyone what happened and the legal procedure for validating an episode is difficult.
2. An estimated 25% of girls and 16% of boys experience sexual abuse before they

are 18 years old. Statistics for boys may be falsely low because of reporting techniques.

3. Of all victims of sexual assaults reported to law enforcement agencies, 67% were under age 18, 34% were under age 12 and 14% were under age 6. Of all offenders who victimized children under age 6, 40% were under age 18 (Bureau of Justice Statistics, 2000.)

4. Despite what children are taught about "stranger danger," most child victims are abused by someone they know and trust. When the abuser is not a family member, the victim is more often a boy than a girl. The results of a three-state study of reported rape survivors under age 12 revealed the following about offenders:
 •96% were known to their victims
 •50% were acquaintances or friends
 •20% were fathers
 •16% were relatives
 •4% were strangers

(Advocates for Youth, 1995)

5. Often, a parent's connection (or lack thereof) to his/her child puts that child at greater risk of being sexually abused. The following characteristics are indicators of increased risk:
 •Parental inadequacy
 •Parental unavailability
 •Parent-child conflict
 •Poor parent-child relationship

(David Finkelhor. "Current Information on the Scope and Nature of Child Sexual Abuse." The Future of Children, 1994)

6. Children are most vulnerable to sexual abuse between the ages of 7 and 13. (Finkelhor, 1994)

7. Child sexual abuse involves coercion and occasionally violence. Perpetrators offer attention and gifts, manipulate or threaten the child, behave aggressively or use a combination of these tactics. In one study of child victims, half were subjected to physical force such as being held down, struck, or violently shaken. (Judith Becker, "Offenders: Characteristics and Treatment." The Future of Children, 1994.)

8. Girls are the victims of incest and/or intra-family sexual abuse much more frequently than boys. Between 33-50% of perpetrators who sexually abused girls are family members, while only 10-20%

of those who sexually abused boys are intra-family perpetrators. Intra-family abuse continues over a longer period of time than sexual abuse outside the family, and some forms such as parent-child abuse have more serious and lasting consequences. (Finkelhor, 1994.)

9. Behavioral changes are often the first signs of sexual abuse. These can include nervous or aggressive behavior toward adults, early and age-inappropriate sexual provocativeness, alcohol consumption and the use of other drugs. Boys are more likely than girls to act out or behave in aggressive and antisocial ways. (Finkelhor, 1994.)

10. The consequences of child sexual abuse are wide-ranging and varied. They can include:
 •Chronic depression
 •Low self-esteem
 •Sexual dysfunction
 •Multiple personalities

According to the American Medical Association, 20% of all victims develop serious long-term psychological problems. They may take the form of:
 •dissociative responses and other signs of post-traumatic stress syndrome
 •Chronic states of arousal
 •Nightmares
 •Flashbacks
 •Venereal disease
 •Anxiety over sex
 •Fear of exposing the body during medical exams

Finally, as parents, let us guard our wards from these menaces ravaging our society; we owe our children the responsibilities of protecting them against these abuses which are obviously alien to our cultural and religious beliefs. It is obvious that those already in the said habit may be luring kids and teenagers for their own personal gains knowing fully well they can't go public with their desires because they are against acceptable societal norms and ethics. ■



Curbing The High Rate Of Infant And Maternal Mortality

I FIND IT DEPRESSING THAT IN THIS AGE OF MODERN SCIENCE AND ENHANCED MEDICAL KNOWLEDGE TO HEAR OR READ ABOUT LOSS OF PRECIOUS LIVES DURING CHILDBIRTH. Recently, a friend recounted such unfortunate deaths that occurred in a neighborhood in the Gbaga, Ijede area of Lagos. As I listened I could not help but feel disheartened to the point where I have been constantly reminded of the story in my thoughts. I was miserable for days as I am not one who has the stomach for such unpleasant stories.

It was a story of two pregnant women living in the same compound, the first to give birth had opted for a traditional birth attendant called (Alagbo) in Yoruba. In the process of delivery, she

lost the baby pointlessly, the baby was under stress and could not breathe, while the traditional birth attendant lacked oxygen needed to stabilize the baby. After hours of struggle to get the baby out, the mother was already at the point of death and unconscious when as a last resort she was rushed to a nearby hospital. Fortunately, she was revived. The other pregnant woman allegedly checked herself into an unskilled nursing home with a history of deaths of pregnant women. As reported, in the process of giving birth she ruptured her womb and bled to death before she could be taken to a hospital.

I am stunned at these instances and left with questions as to how

this could be allowed to happen in this age. How ignorant and thoughtless could some expecting mother be? These thoughts burned in my heart for days, and as I prepared to write this column I decided to research the rate of infant and maternal mortality in Nigeria, what I found was alarming and thought provoking. There are actually several stories of women that have died during childbirth and the figure has been increasing daily.

According to UNICEF, every day, Nigeria loses about 2,300 under-five year olds and 145 women of childbearing age which makes the country the second largest contributor to the under-five and maternal mortality rate in the world. In another report, the country manager, Save the Children International, Susan Grant said "Nigeria has one of the highest numbers of maternal and newborn deaths and each year 40,000 women die during pregnancy and childbirth and over 259,000 babies die in their first month of life. I must stress here that this figures are the ones reported, I am almost certain that the numbers of unreported cases if added to this may be staggering.

These statistics are alarming and call for a state of emergency on this matter. Research has shown that approximately 50% of maternal deaths in Nigeria are due to the primitive procedures of traditional birth attendants and unqualified health workers coupled with their sheer ignorance of how to deal with medical emergencies and the lack of basic mandatory equipment necessary for safe childbirth. It is shocking to

note that in this modern age the number of our women who seek the help of traditional birth assistance to assist them in delivery of their babies is still quite high. There are some false beliefs by some women that the traditional birth attendants possess some mystical powers which they employ to conjure wombs open so babies can have smooth delivery in the event that the mother is having difficulties during childbirth. This has many times lead to dire consequences and has cost quite a number of expecting mothers their lives and that of their babies. Lagos State for example has witnessed the proliferation of Primary Healthcare centres spread across the 20 Local governments and 37 Local government development areas in the state offering the state's inhabitants subsidized ante-natal care and delivery for pregnant women since the administration of Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu till date, but for reasons that are rarely logical some expecting mothers still hide under the umbrella of saving costs to patronize hazardous traditional birth attendant homes.

It is not uncommon to hear that some expecting mothers attend ante-natal clinics, but opt to do things their own way when they are due for delivery, even when a hospital is just a stone's throw away from their homes. There are also others who don't attend these ante-natal clinics at all, taking for granted that there are some tests that are necessary for them to undergo during gestation period, which an individual who by practice does not visit clinics regularly may miss out on thereby increasing the possibility having medical emergencies at the time of childbirth which may lead to death.

I have heard of situations where some women who out of blind self-confidence and the justification that they had given birth to several children in the past and therefore view child bearing as a walk in the park deciding to give birth at home. This is suicidal according to experts. Some woman rupture their wombs in the process and bleed to death. Vaginal delivery after caesarian operation is another practice experts warn against, it is advisable for someone who has undergone caesarian operation to seek the help of the obstetricians if she desires vaginal delivery and the onus is on the doctor to decide whether to allow it or not. Unfortunately, according to some Medical practitioners, after telling some women that they will have to undergo Caesarean section again, they abscond to other places where they attempt to deliver through the vagina which may lead to womb rupture and eventually death of the expecting mothers.

All these grave instances of deaths of expectant mothers mentioned are preventable and to a larger extent can be attributed to one major factor: Ignorance on the part of the expecting mothers. A large number of them, especially in the rural areas don't have enough information at their disposal to make informed decisions concerning their health and to know that it is safer to have a qualified health worker assist them in childbirth in a hospital. Expectant mothers must therefore be wise and desist from all these dangerous practices I have underscored above and endeavor to learn from mistakes that have been made.

The safe place to deliver a child is in a government or certified private hospital and clinic under the supervision of qualified health workers, there are no substituted to this, attempting to do it on your own, patronizing Traditional birth assistant, quacks or uncertified personnel could well spell doom for such expectant mothers. The government without doubt has a great role to play in curbing the high rate of infant and maternal mortality in our society, but I am of the view that we should not leave it in the hands of the government alone. Collectively we all have a role to play. If peradventure you know anyone indulging in such life threatening practices outlined above, you might well be saving a life by counseling such persons to desist. ■

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Hon. Segun Olulade
in House Chairman for information
Lagos State House of Assembly
Alausa, Ikeja,
Lagos.

Sir,

LETTER OF APPRECIATION CUM REQUEST FOR PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION

The above Community, Baale and Chiefs sincerely wish to appreciate the executive Governor of Lagos State Mr. Babatunde Raji Fashola(SAN), the Permanent Secretaries, Directors and Staff of Ministry of Physical Planning and Environment for the housing project sited in our community, Ado-Ikosi.

We also want to appeal to your authority to please pay compensations to those whose property and source of living were destroyed on the project site.

Thanking you in anticipation of your usual co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

A.S. Adu.
BAALE ADO-IKOSI

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Honourable Segun Olulade,
Epe Constituency II
Epe.

**LETTER OF APPRECIATION
PROVISION OF TRANSFORMER FOR THE HOSPITAL**

On behalf of hospital Governing board members, Hospital Management Staff and the entire staff of General Hospital, Agbowa.

We hereby write to express our warmest appreciation for the provision of separate transformer for the hospital. This new transformer has enhance regular electricity supply to the hospital which has contributed to the smooth running of the hospital services.

We thank you once again and pray that Almighty God reward you abundantly.

G.A. Agbabiaka
Chief G.A. Agbabiaka (JP)
Acting Chairman

22/06/2012

HON OLULADE
Lagos State House of Assembly,
Alausa, Ikeja,
Lagos State.

Sir,

THANK U MESSAGE

The Baale of Ado Ikosi and the entire members of Ado-Ikosi Community sincerely wish to express our Profound gratitude for the provision of borehole and its subsequent commissioning of same at Ado Community on the 19th June, 2012. This gesture depicts the dividend of democracy, and indeed a demonstration of a good caring leadership. We therefore gratefully extend this appreciation to everyone who has contributed to the successful completion of the project.

Similarly, we also wish to remind you of the construction of our road from general hospital Junction, Agbowa to Ikosi Beach. Though the project is already started, but the pace of its construction is not encouraging and therefore we humbly demand a serious inspection of the project in order to correct some area where necessary amendments are required. Of course, this you will observe during your tour of the area during commissioning of the borehole project.

In addition, as you know that human wants are unlimited, innumerable and insatiable, therefore the community youth suffers a lot on secondary Education, Particularly those at Ikosi Beach, Ado-Ikosi and our other neighbours at the nearby riverside area, the few secondary schools that

Baale Chief Idris Adesanya

serves as feeders to our primary schools are now congested. On this issue we had written several letters to the ministry of Education in this respect. We are, therefore, using this medium to solicit for your assistance in that regard.

Pricelessly, we kindly seek your indulgence to help us appeal to the appropriate authority, persuade and convince them to please establish a government secondary school in Ado. We shall be prepared to provide the piece of land for the project if our request is approved.

We shall therefore continue to render our utmost supports for you at all times because you are our mentor on development.

Thank you.

Yours Sincerely,

A.S. Adu.
CHIEF ADESINA ADESANYA
Baale of Ado-Ikosi.



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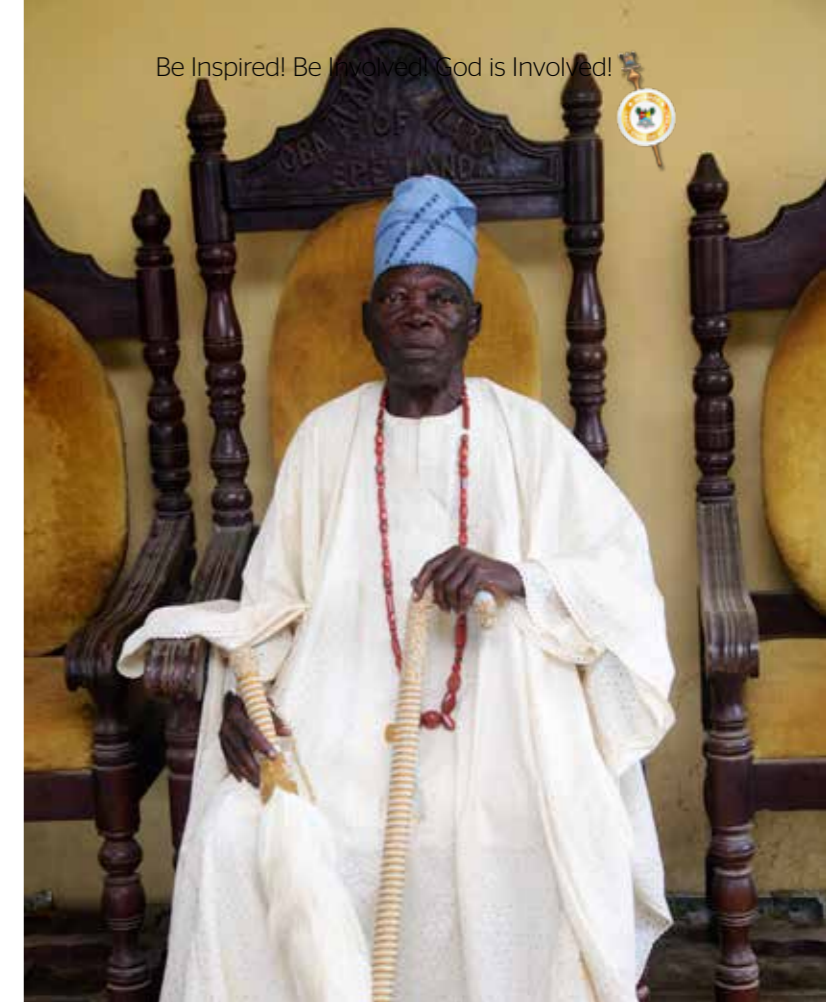
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A MOMENT IN HISTORY!

His ROYAL MAJESTY
Kabiyesi Oba Akeem Okunola Adesanya II
ALARA OF ILARA



His Royal Majesty, Kabiyesi Alayeluwa Oba Akeem Okunola Adesanya, The Alara of Ilara town in Epe is perhaps the most humble and respectful traditional ruler in the entire south-west, those who have come in contact with this revered Oba among whom are past Heads of states, Governors, Heads of Parastatals, and ordinary men and women can attest to his humility and simplicity in spite of his enviable position as the permanent Vice Chairman of the Council of Obas and Chiefs in Lagos State; second only to the Oba of Lagos, His Royal Majesty Kabiyesi Oba Riliwan Akiolu.

Kabiyesi Alara of Ilara is endowed with a very simple disposition but yet gracious and majestic in his aura, it is not surprising then that not so much is known in the social circles about Kabiyesi, a descendant of the Oduduwa clan and a custodian of the very sacred traditional crown, Kabiyesi Alara of Ilara is a true definition of a perfect gentleman. October this year will mark the fifty-fourth anniversary of his coronation as Kabiyesi Alara and he has seen indeed his town Ilara rise from being a relatively unknown town to what it is today under his reign.

Kabiyesi's childhood story and that of his ascent to the sacred throne of Oba in which he described as divine, is one that is truly captivating and inspiring. Born into the royal family of Oba Adesowon; a migrant royal who migrated with his family and slaves from Ile-ife centuries ago during the slave trade era, he was reported to have settled down temporarily in Ibeju Lekki, Ise Abigi waterside before proceeding to





Epe, and later Ilara in fourteen century. Following the demise of Oba Adesowon, Oba Bakare Onamade became the Oba of Ilara; he reigned up until the 10th of October, 1960 when he passed to the great beyond.

After the passing on of Oba Bakare Onamade, the king makers gathered as is customary in the company of an Ifa priest to select a new king, for three months they consulted with the oracle that revealed to the king makers that the one who was to be the next Oba should come from the Adesowon royal family who at that period had relocated back to Abigi waterside. The king makers heed to the instruction of the Ifa Priest and sent a delegation to invite the descendants of Oba Adesowon from Abigi.

On their arrival, different names of the male descendants of Oba Adesowon who had come from far and near were put forward and all were rejected by Ifa. When there were no more names to put forward and the Ifa priest asked if there were no other male descen-

dants of Oba Adesowon anywhere having been told by the Ifa that the heir apparent is a descendant of Oba Adesowon that a family member remembered the then young Akeem Okunola Adesanya.

His royal majesty Kabiyesi Oba Akeem Okunola Adesanya was crowned Oba of Ilara at the young age of sixteen. Lagos was still just a colony province in the old Western Region of Nigeria when he was crowned king.

At EleniyansCares Magazine we wish His Royal Majesty Kabiyesi Long life and excellent health.

Ki Ade pe ni ori

Ki bata pe ni ese

Ki irukere ma po si ■

1 Oba Alara 1800-1869. 2 General I.B Babangida (Touring Lagos State) with Oba Alara. 3 Brig. Marwa with Oba Alara. 4 Oba Alara and his Children from Abiki. 5 Oba Alara and Oba Akran of Badagary. 6 Alhaji Yaya Abubakar CPR ETSU Nupe with Oba Alara.



How I became an APOSTLE OF ASIWAJU'S PHILOSOPHY

My first encounter with Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu was in 1998, even though sixteen years have passed since that day, the memory and honour of that fateful day still lingers and stays fresh in my heart. At the time, I was a student of economics at the Lagos State University (LASU) and it was the dawn of a new political era. The sudden demise of General Sanni Abacha saw General Abdul Salam Abubakar ascend the exalted office of Commander-in-Chief of the Federal Republic of Nigeria.

I had been keenly involved in politics as a student leader. I was a member of the student electoral committee of LASU and was part of the student movement that agitated for the ratification of the late Chief Bashorun M.K.O. Abiola's mandate. Prior to General Abdul Salam Abubakar's sudden ascent to power there had been outcries and agitation from the public, student unions, international community and organised civil societies with NADECO at the vanguard demanding the installment of Chief Bashorun M.K.O. Abiola winner of the General Ibrahim Babangida annulled June 12, 1993 presidential election, an election widely acclaimed to be the most free and fair election ever held in the country.

It was on the 8th day of June, 1998 that the news broke of the sudden death of General Sanni Abacha. I remember that his death was greeted with wild jubilation and dancing on the streets of Lagos and other parts of the country. In my own opinion, the fanfare that greeted the news of his demise was not because the man had died, but rather the triumph of good over evil; going by the heinous acts the man committed while alive. I joined the euphoria of the moment; it was a feeling of ecstasy. My hopes as well as

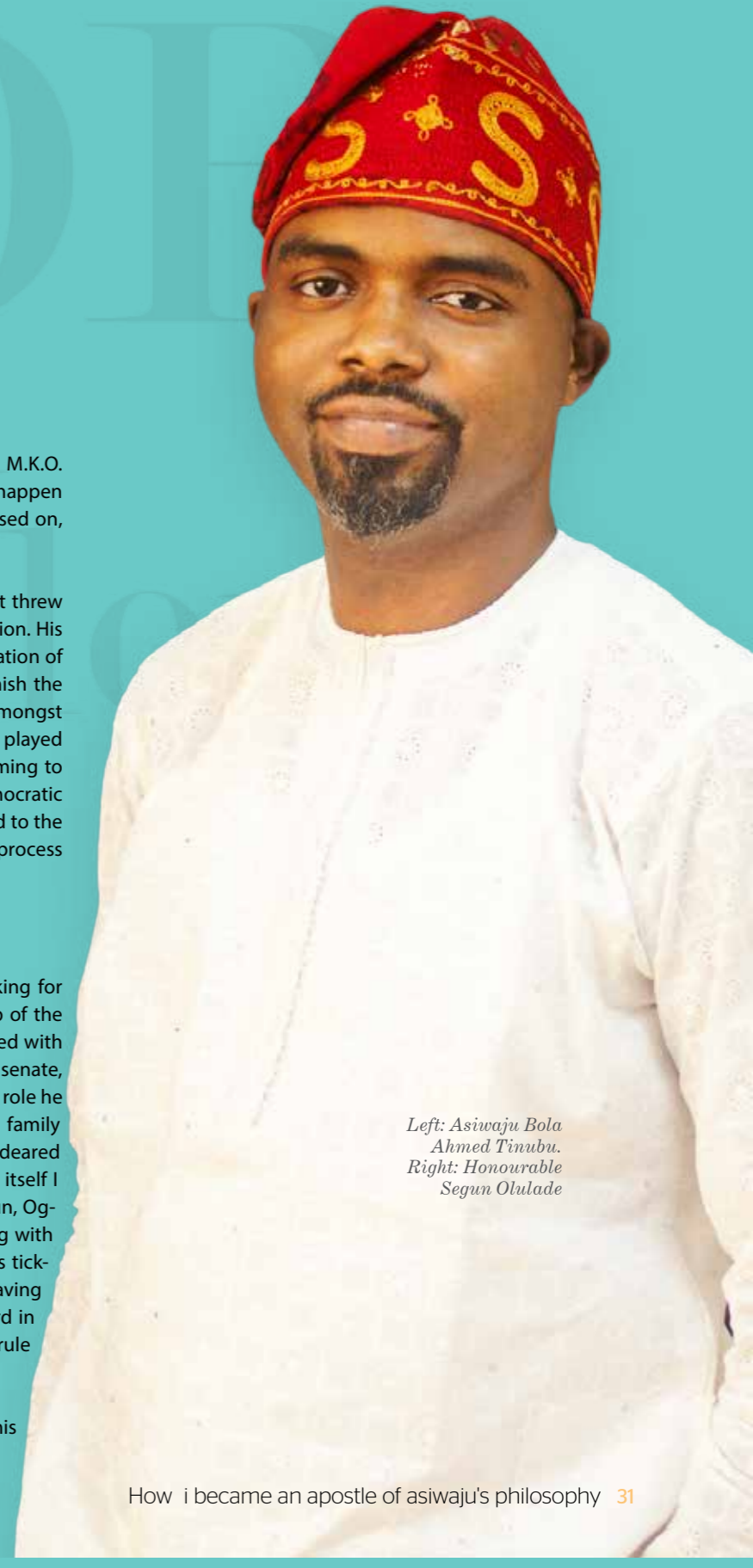
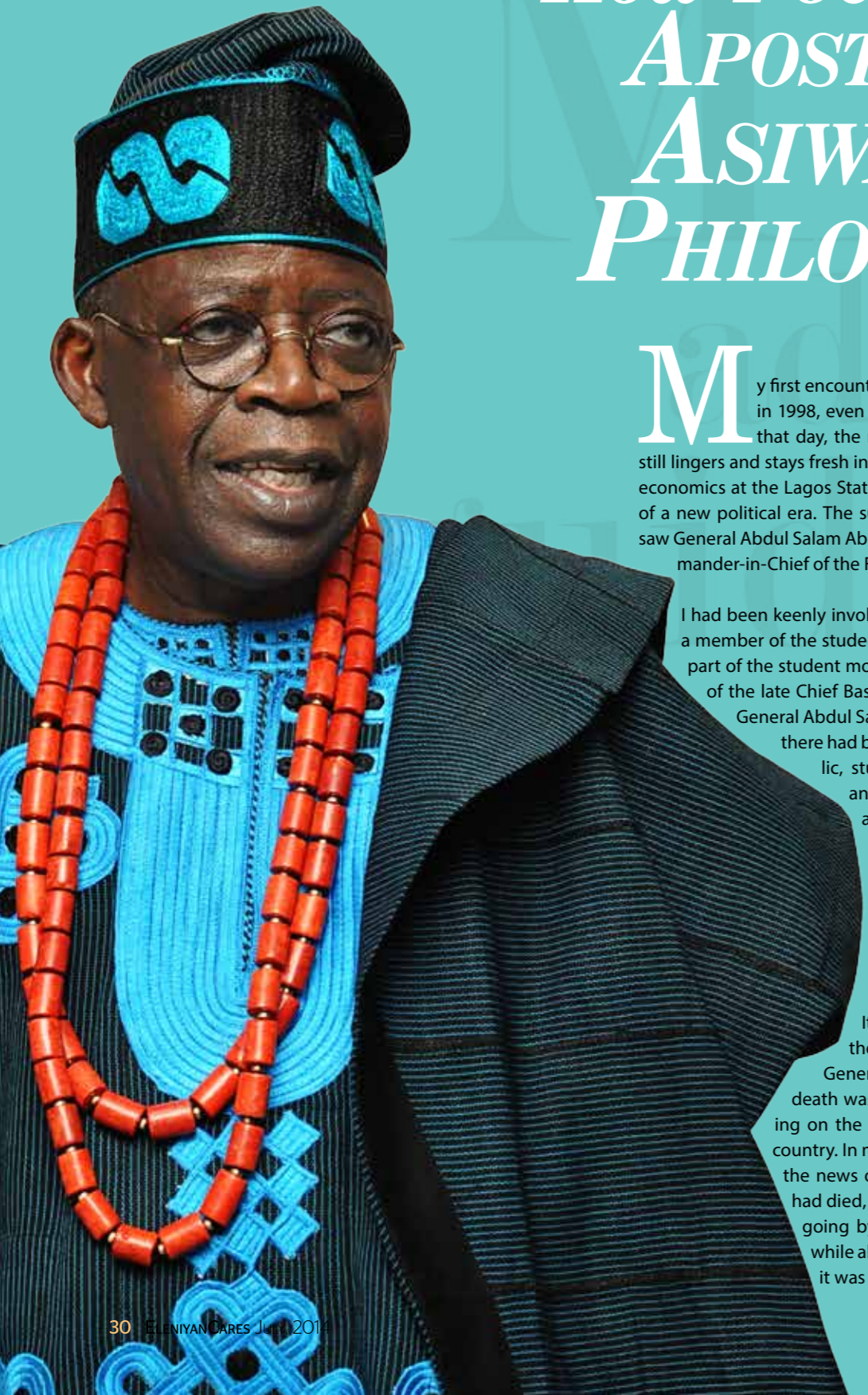
others were that with the demise of General Abacha, Chief M.K.O. Abiola would be sworn in as President. This however did not happen because approximately one month after General Abacha passed on, Chief M.K.O. Abiola died under questionable circumstances.

The news of Chief M.K.O's death was sudden and shocking; it threw the country into a period of national grief, despair and confusion. His death was a monumental loss to the struggle for the actualization of the June 12 mandate. Even at that, his demise did not diminish the agitation for democratic change from the pro democrats amongst whom Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu was an arrowhead and played a pivotal role. With the death of General Abacha and the coming to power of General Abdul Salam Abubakar, the agitation for democratic governance was sustained. The military eventually succumbed to the pressure mounted by the pro democratic movement and the process for democratic change was initiated.

My memorable encounter with Asiwaju

Before I met Asiwaju, I had developed an admiration and liking for him as a senator representing Lagos West under the flagship of the Social Democratic Party (SDP). His intrinsic intelligence, coupled with his pedigree and articulate presentation on the floor of the senate, his constructive comments on national issues and the colossal role he played alongside others at the risk of his life and that of his family in the quest for democratic governance in our country had endeared me to him. So when the opportunity to meet him presented itself I was delighted. The hardworking Governor of the State of Osun, Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola a.k.a Omoluwabi facilitated my meeting with Asiwaju who was seeking our party, Alliance for Democracy's ticket for the governorship election of Lagos State at the time having distinguishing himself as a senator and being at the vanguard in the agitation for democratic governance under the draconic rule of General Abacha.

I joined his campaign train having listened to him outline his



Left: Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu.
Right: Honourable Segun Olulade



Hon. Olulade in his Office
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stirring vision and aspiration for Lagos. I can proudly say that I was amongst the first people in BATCO (Bola Ahmed Tinubu Campaign Organisation). As part of BATCO, we took his campaign to the nooks and crannies of Lagos and our hard work paid off. Asiwaju not only won the nomination to fly our party's flag in the election, he went on to win the governorship elections for two consecutive terms against the will of the powers that be and became the 3rd and 4th Executive Governor of Lagos State. I remember with nostalgia leading a handful of students from various tertiary institutions on a courtesy visit to him at Alausa to further show our unalloyed support for his new administration.

Asiwaju excelled tremendously as Governor. He showed how the government must be a potent instrument for growth and development. His achievements are enviable and have never been a subject for debate but rather have provided inspiration to our generation and generations of Nigerians yet unborn. The evidence of his impact in all MDAs while in office is compelling and visible for all to see without prejudice. Is it his admirable financial intellectual capacity to raise the state internally generated revenue from the N600 million monthly he inherited to billions of Naira that is funding the rapid infrastructural development we are witnessing today, is it his ingenious insight and tenacity to create new MDAs and 37 additional Local Council Development Areas to further spread the tentacles of government and thus bring democratic gains closer to the people in spite of the odds that were against him at the time, or is it his giant strides in the education sector, with the building of the

millennium schools, his healthcare delivery policy that saw the proliferation of primary healthcare centres across the state, both in the urban and rural areas, his free eye glasses and eye surgeries, his free heart surgeries, his free limb-deformity, corrective surgeries, his free ambulance and emergency services etc.?

Asiwaju's achievements as Governor are enviable and too numerous to list out, but for record purposes and history lessons; for human memory is short, it is important that we his apostles continue to highlight and celebrate his achievements. Aside the obvious landmarks we can see such as the numerous infrastructural developments credited to his administration and those he initiated during his reign as Governor, his impact was mostly felt in the intangible areas such as the creation of jobs and services. For example, it was his government that computerised the civil service and introduced capacity building programmes in the state civil service. His administration

also created the Office of the Public Defender to provide free legal service to the less privileged, LASAMBUS, LASTMA, and the initiation of the first Independent Power Project (IPP) in Nigeria. The project if was not frustrated was designed to produce 375 MW and 450 MW serially to illuminate all of Lagos State, but for the bureaucracy and ill faith politics of the Federal Government which was bent on frustrating his government at the time, the project would had been successful. Asiwaju's greatest achievement as Governor for me is his vision to lay a progressive foundation, set the agenda and road-map for today and probably the future governance in our state, handing out equal opportunities to everyone affiliated to him irrespective of age, gender,



Honourable Segun Olulade as a student on a courtesy visit to Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu in 1999

tribe and religion.

Asiwaju's Philosophies.

Asiwaju's philosophies are easy to spot as they are reflected and are embedded in his words, thoughts and actions. His rousing contributions in the struggle for democratic governance, his dogged commitment to democratic values and beliefs i.e. his advocacy for true federalism, democracy, the rule of law and his dedication to the principles of good governance stand out. His deep compassion for the poor and the downtrodden explains his unending spirit of philanthropy and his pursuit for social equality, justice and equitable resource allocation.

Asiwaju sees future at the present

One of the characteristics of great leaders of all time is the ability to see beyond others coupled with the tenacity and wisdom to actualise their visions. Asiwaju has the capacity to see beyond the immediate, he saw through his lens many issues in the past that are just visible to us today. Long ago before the discourse on constitutional reforms, electoral reforms, state police, sovereign national conference and true fiscal federalism came to the front burner, Asiwaju was the first to raise national consciousness and questions to those issues.

Asiwaju's decision making prowess

Asiwaju's wisdom for decision making is immeasurable. He has taken various decisions in the past that were thought to be unpopular at the time only for people to see the relevance of such decision down the road. The emergence of the current governor of Lagos State, His Excellency Babatunde Raji Fashola is a reference point, at a time when there were about 13 other qualified lieutenants jostling to occupy the seat he waved emotions aside and took a decision which was regarded by many as unpopular. The unpopular decision would later prove Asiwaju's unmatched talent at decision making.

The decision to engage ACN our defunct party in a merger with selected political parties was equally criticised by some party members and faithful. Today the merger decision is now being widely celebrated by not only the progressives but Nigerians in different quarters.

Asiwaju's Pedigree.

There is no Nigerian alive or that has passed to the great beyond that has been celebrated or showered with eulogising words in the manner Asiwaju has been extolled in appreciation. A look at some words and phrases that Asiwaju has been described with will tell one how great he is and how he is a blessing to our generation: a consummate politician, a consistent democrat, a tested and trusted leader, a towering progressive arrowhead, a seasoned administrator, a shrewd investor, a financial surgeon, a great or-

ganiser, a powerful mobiliser, a master strategist, a man of vision and foresight, a courageous fighter, a defender of the oppressed, an apostle of the rule of law, a foremost philanthropist, a people's politician, a humanist, a firebrand, a maestro, a model, a legend, a tower, a pillar, an enigma, a man with an impeccable desire for service, a man with an unending spirit of generosity, an uncommon philanthropist, a great thinker, an agent of change, a vanguard of transformation, an advocate of true federalism, and a beacon of hope, need I say more?

Asiwaju has been conferred with numerous international awards, honours from reputable tertiary institutions and traditional titles like no other, titles such as the Asiwaju of Lagos, the Jagaban Borgu of Borgu Kingdom, the Aare Ago of Egbaland, the Agba-Akin of Ijesha Land, the Aare of Ile-Oluji Ondo, the Aare Atayese of Ilawa Ekiti, the Ezeobaludikegwu of Oko Anambra, etc.

What Asiwaju means to me

There are many sides to what Asiwaju means to many people. To me he is a man with an impeccable desire for service, a man whose life is tailored towards ensuring every man lives for what they adore strongly, a motivating force, a man who sees and brings out the best in others, a man that has an unending spirit of gener-

osity, a leader of leaders.

My gratitude to Asiwaju

I am full of praise and grateful to Asiwaju for his sacrifices and leadership, what some people fail to reckon with or are quick to forget is the possibility that without his like we would probably still be living in the shackles of the military repression and the exploitive governance of the PDP in many if not all the states in the country. I am bold to say without Asiwaju's leadership, perseverance, vision and tenacity when many politicians compromised and were overpowered in the third republic, not much will have changed in our polity today. So it comes with no surprise the mass exodus of progressives all over the country to align with his vision and school of thought.

I am indeed thankful to Asiwaju who for the today myself and other contemporary progressive politicians are thriving in, he gave his yesterday. ■



"The hardworking Governor of the State of Osun, Ogbeni Rauf Aregbesola a.k.a Omoluwabi facilitated my meeting with Asiwaju"



ACHIEVEMENTS

S/N	CONSTITUENCY PROGRAMME	DATE
1.	Education He distributed Notebooks (5 each) to all Students in 31 Public Junior & Senior Secondary Schools.	June 19, 2012 – June 20, 2012
2.	He facilitated the provision of an E-Library in the Constituency situated in Pobuna Senior Secondary School, Poka.	Completion Stage
3.	New Roads 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 are currently undergoing construction by the Lagos State Ministry of Works.	Completion Stage
4.	Rural Electrification He has helped in the provision of Transformers to Agbowo, Ejinrin, Ajebo, Agbowo General Hospital, Egansanyindo, Iraye, Odo-Iragunshin, Noforija, Odo-Egiri, communities etc	June 19, 2012 – Till date
5.	Rural Infrastructure He complimented the State Government's efforts in the area of provision of portable water by providing boreholes in all the Eleven (11) Wards of the Constituency.	May 2012
6.	Lands/Housing 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 (On-going Project). First of its kind in Africa.	January 2012 – till date
7.	Security Influenced the posting of RRS Squads to border areas of Ikosi-Ejinrin/Eredo LCDAs, which had drastically reduced the menace of armed robbery attacks that was prevalent in the area before his assumption of office.	March 2012
8.	Health/Publicity He sponsored a mass sensitization campaign to enlighten his constituents against the menace of Lassa fever.	Sept.07, 2012
9.	He organised a Summit where he presented his Report Card and received feedback from the constituents.	Sept.07, 2012
10.	Social Works He empowered the Elderly and Widows with cash donations.	Sept.07, 2012 – Till date
11.	Publicity Launched a World class Magazine tagged 'Eleniyancares' for the Constituency	Sept.07, 2012 – Oct. 06, 2012
12.	Publicity Launched 'Eleniyancares' Website www.eleniyancares.com in order to create awareness of viable economic opportunities in the constituency.	July 20, 2012
13.	Health Free Dental Care for almost a Thousand (1,000) People in the constituency.	Sept.07, 2012 – Oct. 06, 2012
14.	Social Works He also donated Cash, Food Items amongst others to Motherless Babies Homes in the constituency.	On-going
15.	Tertiary Education: He has contributed positively to Youth Empowerment through his assistance to Students in Higher Institutions.	On-going
16.	Employment Opportunities Facilitating temporary and permanent employment for youths in the Constituency through State MDAs, Local Governments Interventions and through private sector employment.	On-going
17.	Rural Roads His endless intervention also led to major maintenance works on the following Roads: Agbowo-Ikosi Road, Lateef Jakande Road Owu-Ikosi, Lagos - Itoikin - Epe Road (Agbowo to Itoikin axis, Itoikin to Ketu axis, Ketu to Epe axis) - Ketu Roundabout to Ejinrin, Araga - Poka Road, Epe Mojoda - Ijebu-Ode Road, Jagunmolu/Aladeshoyin Road (Poka/Noforija), Epe - Iraye - Odomola Road, Itun - Oloja Road Poka, Adebowale Road Odomola, Feko Road Ibonwon/Odorangushin, Sir Michael Otedola Avenue Odorangushin and Owokoniran Road.	Completed
18.	The following Roads have been started: Obalende/Palace Road Ejinrin, Alaketu Road Ketu, Town Hall Road Poka, Eluku Rd. in Agbowo and Ibonwon Road, Odomola. This maintenance works is all by Lagos State Public Works Corporation.	On-going
19.	Publicity Sensitization on the New Traffic law by distributing CD's, pamphlets, and also meetings with Stakeholders at the constituency.	On-going
20.	Education Employed and paid Temporary Teachers in some Primary Schools in his Constituency.	Sept.07, 2012
21.	He donated Wheelchairs and Aids to the Physically Challenged in his Constituency.	On-going
22.	Education/Sport He sponsored Sporting Activities among Youths and in Primary/Secondary Schools in the Constituency.	Sept.07, 2012 – Till date
23.	He sponsored 1 Team each from the 11 Wards in the Constituency for the MTN Five-a-Side Street Soccer Tournament.	On-going
24.	Education/Sport In conjunction with Epe Football Federation organised the first ever Junior Secondary Schools Football Tournament. Along with Search & Groom (A FIFA Partner). The Finalists' Schools had the opportunity of showcasing their talents to the World, pictorially, at the 2014 World Cup in Brazil.	July – August 2013

- He is highly rated as though he has been in the Assembly for many years due to his matured contributions 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.

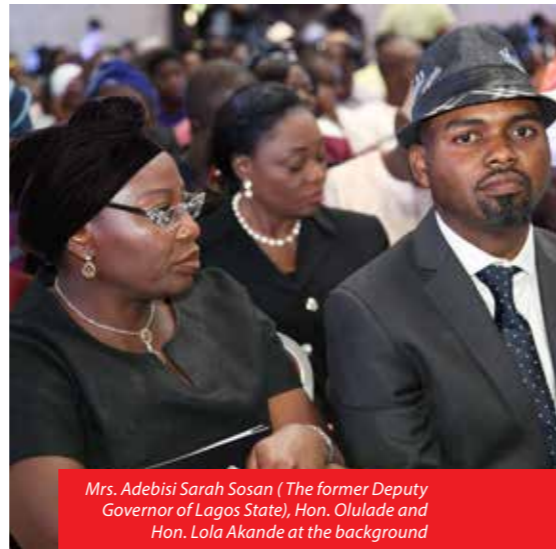
- He facilitated a dynamic Public Communication Process in the Lagos State House of Assembly within a short time as the Chairman, House Committee on Information, Strategy, Security and Publicity in conjunction with the House leadership and his colleagues in the Committee
- He has contributed immensely 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.



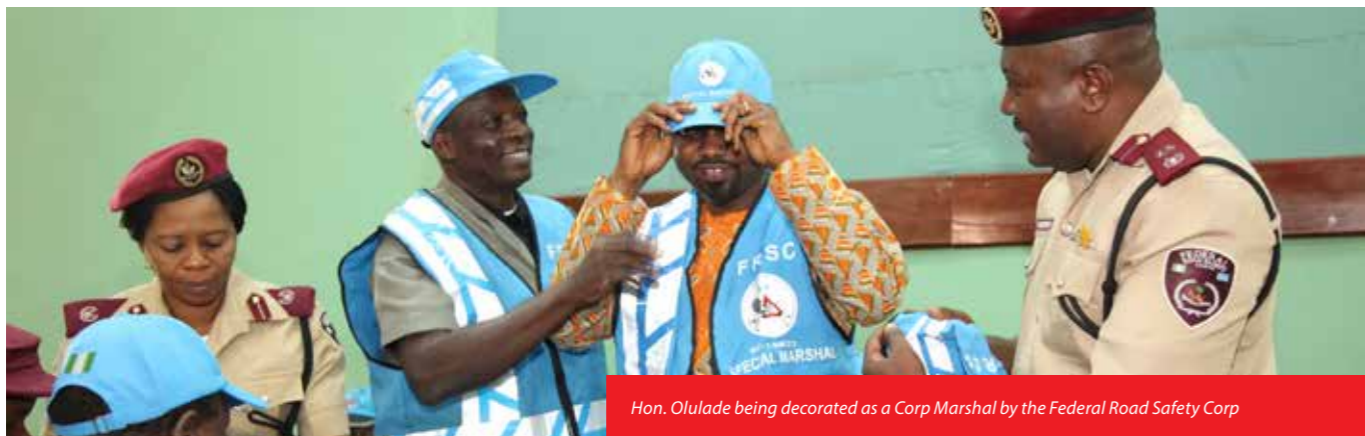
Hon. Olulade contributing on the floor of the house on a regular basis.



Hon. Segun and Engr. (Mrs.) Mosunmola Olulade during the APC Registration Exercise



Mrs. Adebisi Sarah Sosan (The former Deputy Governor of Lagos State), Hon. Olulade and Hon. Lola Akande at the background



Hon. Olulade being decorated as a Corp Marshal by the Federal Road Safety Corp



HRM Oba R. I. Babatunde Balogun the Elejinrin of Ejinrin and Olori Fatimot Balogun.



HRM Oba R. I. Babatunde Balogun the Elejinrin of Ejinrin and Hon. Olulade at the Ojude Oba in Ejinrin.



Hon. Olulade and Oba B.G Aderibigbe (The Alayandelu of Odo-Ayandelu), distributing free exercise books to students



"I am thankful to Hon. Segun Olulade aka Eleniyan for his generosity and kindness of which I am a beneficiary. I am one of the over 200 Eleniyan students who he has one time or the other helped pay our school fees, thus helping us stay in school. May God in his infinite mercy continue to provide for him."

Monsuru Aleku
Student, LASU(400 level Economics Edu.)

Hon. Olulade distributing free exercise books to students



“Daddy, you are indeed a father, because you help orphans when they have nothing. I will never forget the good thing you did for me, you had not set eyes on me before, yet you still rescued me and my siblings from starvation. You don't deserve this post you are looking for, what you deserve is to rule this country, with you it will be better. You are a father, how I wish somebody like you can be an Igbo man, because things will be better. God will bless you for the concern you have shown to me, my prayer day and night is that God will lift you higher than what you expect. The prayers my siblings and I prayed for you will be with you, you won't die young. Thank you, God bless you”

Ifeoma Obi

“Little things matter. Hon Segun Olulade is an esteemed, vibrant, amiable, cultured and intelligent House of Assembly member. I cannot do without saying and preaching how he personally intervened in the health status of my little daughter **Oyindamola Roqeebah** financially, morally and spiritually. I cannot but mention that he gave me a cheque of N200 thousand and an additional N100 thousand to carry out the entire test, scans etc. I don't know him from anywhere and I am not from Epe, yet he extended his hands to me when I needed it most. I see the Love of his fellow man in him. Very hardworking, he is God sent to his people. He really cares about his people. Truly Eleniyan Cares... God is Involved!!!”

Asiwaju Babatunde Ahmed

Hon. Olulade with students (boarders) of Govt. College Ketu who met him on their walk out day.



From left: Chief Ganiyu Olayemi (Former Chairman Eredo), Alhaji Ganiyu Akintola (Former Chairman Ikosi-Ejirin), Hon. Omolaja Adelaja (Chairman Eredo LCDA), Hon. Segun Olulade, Rt. Hon. Jokotola Pelumi (Former Speaker, LSHA), and Hon. Sakiru Adebajo(John Bull)



“What I admire about Hon. Segun Olulade is the way he carries his constituency along in his programmes. His regular constituency feedback meetings to keep us informed of happenings, and his activities at LSHA is commendable, we appreciate him”

Osho M.A

Dr. Leke Pitan, Alhaja Folake Olaide, Rt. Hon. Jokotola Pelumi (former Speaker LSHA), Hon. Shade Ajayi, Hon. Adeniyi (Bobo), Chief Dehinsilu, Alhaji Ifesanya, Councillor Oresanwo(Leader, Eredo LCDA).



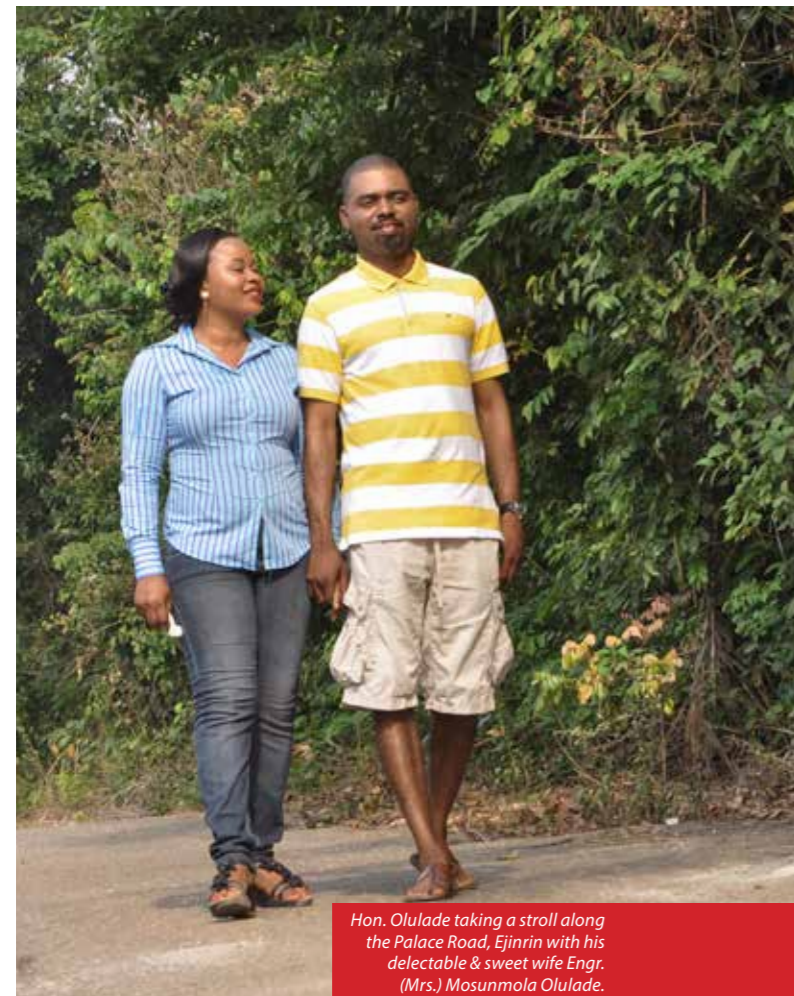
A cross section of leaders and youth leaders from Agbowo-Ikosi and Eredo with Hon. Olulade at the Eleniyan mid-term report.



Hon. Olulade being decorated by the Rotary Club.



Hon. Olulade, Asiwaju Ahmed Tinubu and Rt. Hon. Ikuforiji



Hon. Olulade taking a stroll along the Palace Road, Ejirin with his delectable & sweet wife Engr. (Mrs.) Mosunmola Olulade.



Hon. Olulade receiving merit Award from students representative council (SRC Yabatech 2012/2013)



Hon. Olulade receiving Excellence Recognition Award 2013 on behalf of Lagos State Assembly as the most outstanding state house of assembly in the country.



Senator Anthony Adefuye presenting Award to Hon. Olulade (YOVIFPMAN Patron) at the Yoruba Video Film Producer & Marketers Association Of Nigeria (YOVIFPMAN) 2013 Special Convention



Welcoming the Governor, His Excellency B.R. Fashola to Epe on the graduating ceremony of Agric-Yes Araga in Epe 2



Hon. Olulade and his darling wife; Engr. (Mrs.) Mosunmola Olulade displaying their Certificate and Award after being decorated



Hon Olulade celebrating the arrival of a new born baby with the baby's Parents, also with him are Mrs. Sidikat Adekoya (Ex-Vice Chairman, Ibeju Lekki) and Mrs. Modupe Olufunke Ogun. Woman Leader General (APC, Ikosi-Ejinrin LCDA).



Hon. Olulade at one of his feedback forums with the members of his constituency at Eredo with Hon. Omolaja Adelaja (Chairman, Eredo LCDA).



Hon. Olulade with Mr. Tunji Bello (The Commissioner for Environment) at a Government occasion



Hon. Olulade with the progressive youth of APC in Eredo.



Lagos State House of Assembly Public Hearing on a Bill for a Law to establish the Lagos State Emergency Command and Control Centre, regulate the making of telephone calls to the centre and provide for other connected matters

From left: Mr. Arthur Worrey (LSSTF) Dr. Aderemi Desalu MN (PS, Special Duties), Mrs. Oluranti Odotola (PS, Information & Strategy), Hon. Balogun (LAHA, Chief Whip) while Hon. Olulade reads his welcome speech



Dr. Aderemi Desalu MN (PS, Special Duties)



Mrs. Oluranti Odotola (PS, Information & Strategy)



From left: Mrs. Oluranti Odotola (PS, Information & Strategy), Hon. Balogun (LSHA, Chief Whip), Hon. Olulade, Hon. Kolawole T.M (Deputy Speaker), Barr. (Mrs.) Funke Oluwole, Hon. Sultan Adeniji Adele, and Hon. Jimoh Olumuyiwa

Odo-Onosa/Odo-Ayandelu Shagamu Rd, Agbowa Housing Scheme



CONSTRUCTION OF:
 1 BEDROOM BLOCK OF FLATS
 2 BEDROOM BLOCK OF FLATS
 3 BEDROOM TERRACE HOUSES

Project Description

Location

ODO-ONOSA / ODO-AYANDELU SHAGAMU ROAD, AGBOWA

Supervising

LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT
 MINISTRY OF PHYSICAL PLANNING & URBAN DEVELOPMENT
 BLOCK 14, THE SECRETARIAT ALAKA, IBEJA

Project

HOUSING SCHEME



*Relocation
Of Oko-Baba
Sawmillers*



*Inspection Of Resettlement
Centre For Flood Victims
Agbowa*



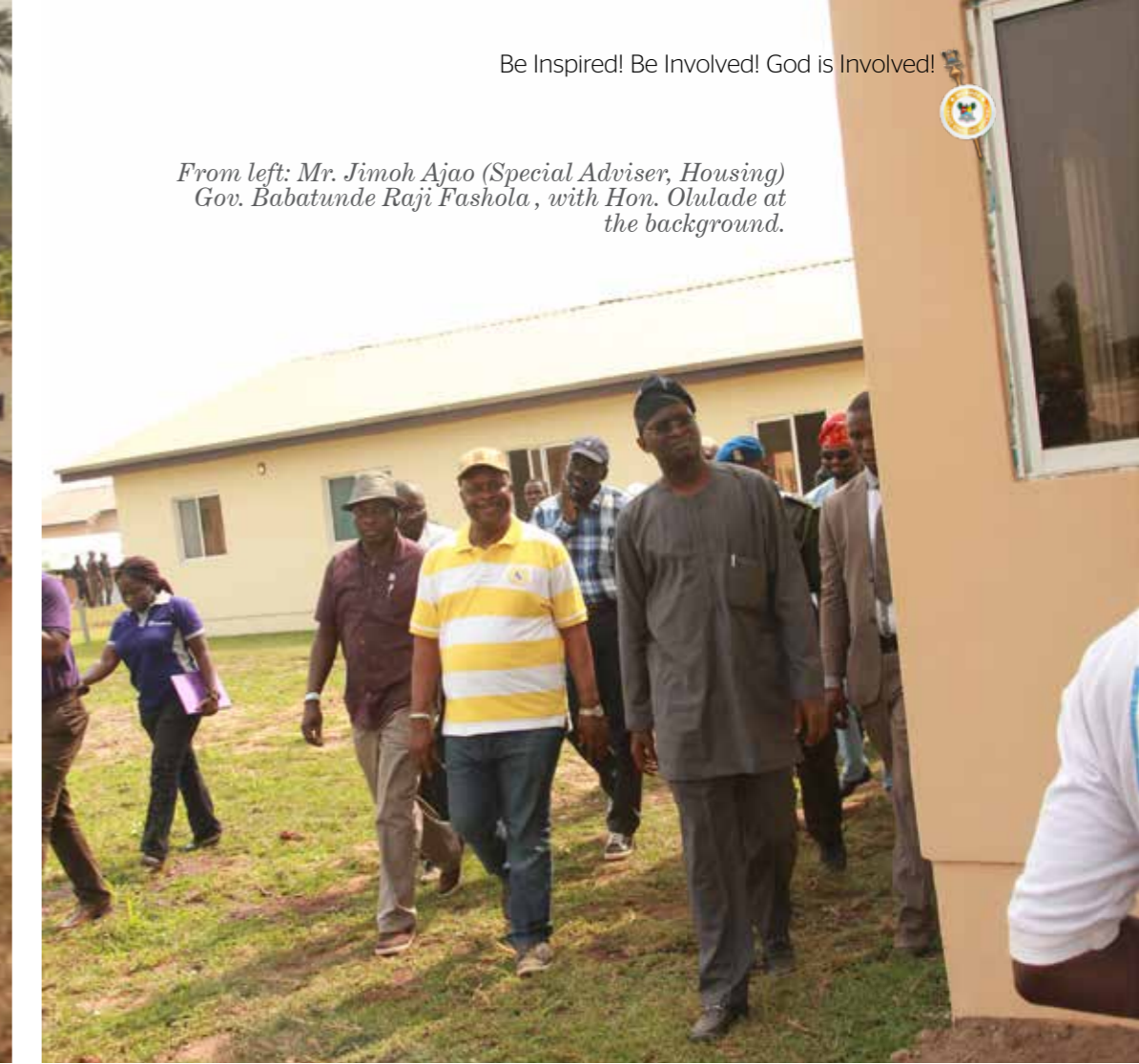
*Reconstruction going on the new
site at Agbowo Ikosi*



*Top: Mr. Hakeem Ogunbambi (PS, Environmental
Services) explaining the status of the project to the
Governor and others*

*Below from left: Engr. Ganiyu Johnson (Special Ad-
viser Works & Infrastructure) Gov. Babatunde Raji
Fashola, Mr. Tunji Bello (Comm. of works & infra-
structure) and Hon. Olulade at the inspection.*





From left: Mr. Jimoh Ajao (Special Adviser, Housing) Gov. Babatunde Raji Fashola, with Hon. Olulade at the background.



Inspection Of Housing Site (Choice Estate, Private/Public Partnership) Agbowa.



Sekungba micro water scheme

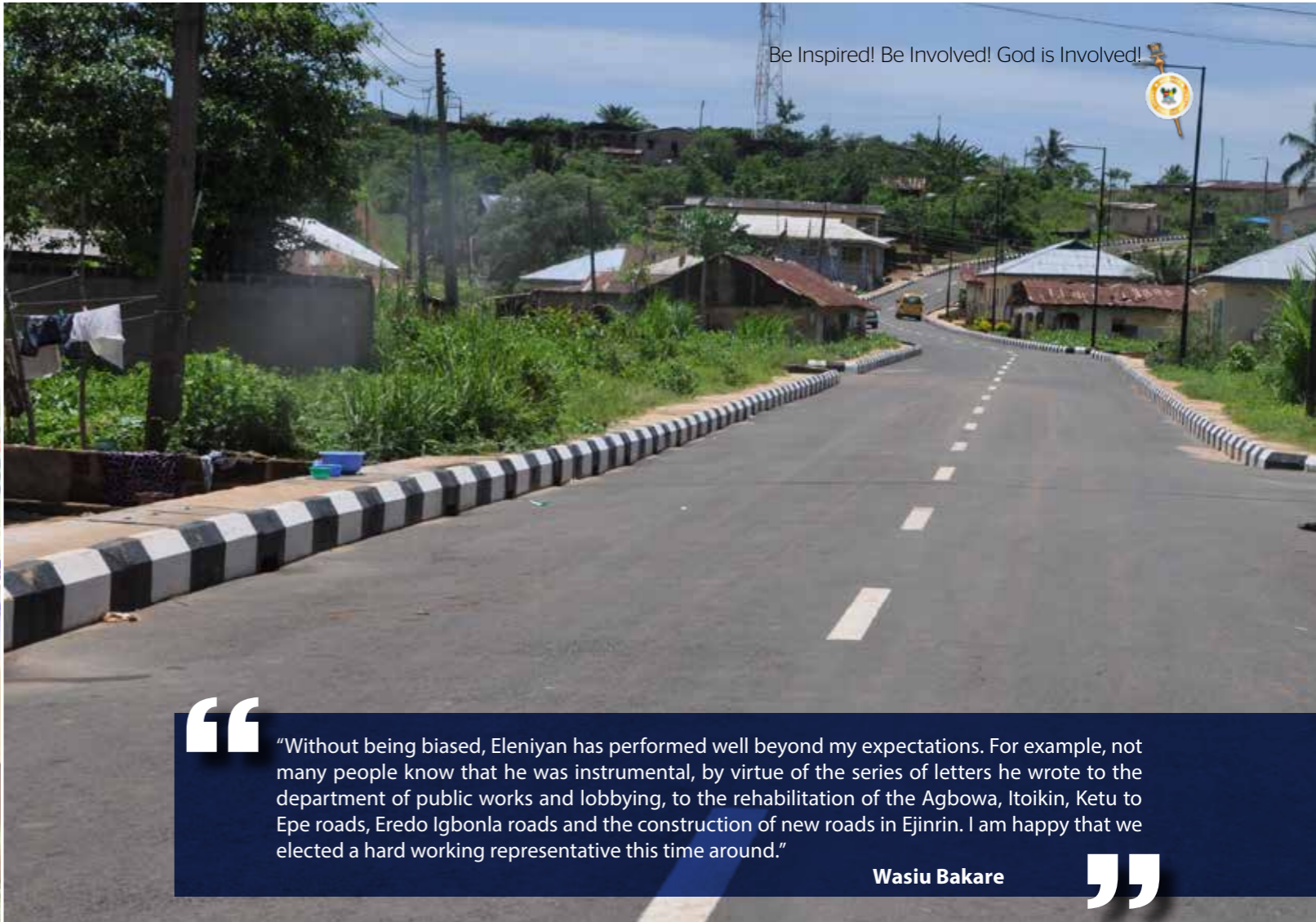


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I thank and appreciate Hon. Segun Olulade for using his position as our vibrant representative at the Lagos state house of assembly to influence the completion of the Ejinrin and Sekungba water projects that had been abandoned on for years. Today we are enjoying portable water supply in our communities, thanks to Eleniyans and the ministry of rural development.

Ibrahim Ahmed

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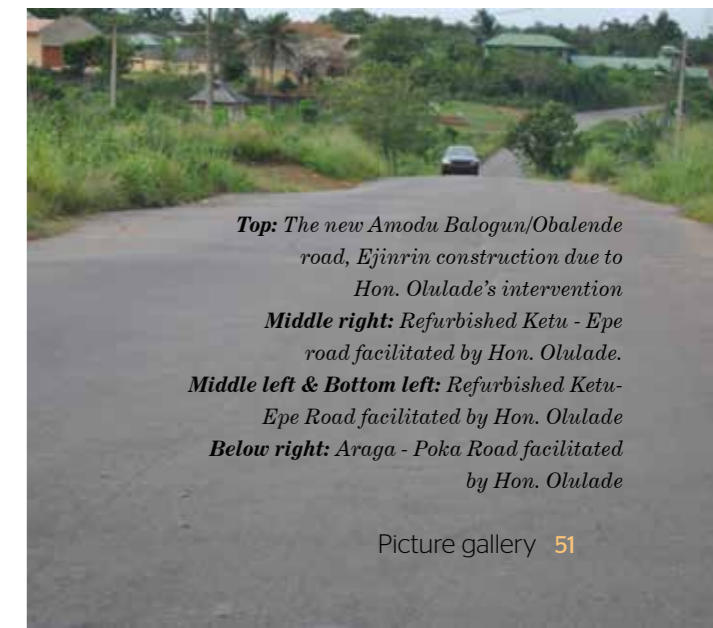
“Without being biased, Eleniyans has performed well beyond my expectations. For example, not many people know that he was instrumental, by virtue of the series of letters he wrote to the department of public works and lobbying, to the rehabilitation of the Agbowo, Itoikin, Ketu to Epe roads, Eredo Igbonla roads and the construction of new roads in Ejinrin. I am happy that we elected a hard working representative this time around.”

Wasiu Bakare

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Right: Hon. Olulade arriving with the Comm. of Rural Development, Hon. Cornelius Ojelabi to the newly constructed Ejinrin water project



*Top: The new Amodu Balogun/Obalende road, Ejinrin construction due to Hon. Olulade's intervention
Middle right: Refurbished Ketu - Epe road facilitated by Hon. Olulade.
Middle left & Bottom left: Refurbished Ketu - Epe Road facilitated by Hon. Olulade
Below right: Araga - Poka Road facilitated by Hon. Olulade*



LIST OF AWARDS

AWARDS	CONFERRER	YEAR
Honourary Georgia Citizen	Secretary of State, State of Georgia, United States of America.	2013
Award of Recognition – for being A Pillar of support and vibrant stakeholder in Adult and Non-formal Education delivery in Lagos State	Lagos State Government	2013
Yoruba Language & Culture Ambassador – for his immense positive contribution to the upliftment of Yoruba Language & Culture.	Yoruba Languages & Ethnic Initiatives “SQ YORUBA”	2012
“Community Service Award for Excellence”	Community Development Committee Ikosi-Ejinrin LCDA 2012 CDC Awards	2012
Merit Award	Eredo Development Association	2011
Outstanding Lawmaker of the Year 2012 – for his outstanding and meritorious contribution in the Lagos State House of Assembly.	Public Service Excellence Award – Grassroots Achievers Award	2013
Award of Excellence – in recognition of his contribution to the development of Primary Education in Lagos State and Nigeria.	Association of Primary School Head Teachers of Nigeria (AOPSHON) Lagos State Wing	2013
Distinguished Award of Most Security friendly Legislator of the Year 2012.	Crime Reporters Association of Nigeria (CRAN)	2012
The Man of the Year 2012: Honourary Merit Award – due to his positive contribution to the progress and development of Epe Division & Lagos State as a whole.	G. B. A. Communications.	2013
Legislative Excellence Award – in recognition of your Outstanding Track Record in the Lagos State House of Assembly, Community Services And Nation Building.	Public Notice Weekly Magazine.	2012
Idalola – fun Imoriri Igbelaruge Yin lori Ede ati Asa Yoruba ni Ipinle Eko ati Naijiria lapapo.	Egbe Akomolede Ati Asa Yoruba Naijiria (Eka Ipinle Eko)	2013
Recognition Award – for Humanitarian Service to the Community.	Rotary International - Rotary Club of Gbagada-South District 9110, Nigeria	2013
The Most Promising Lawmaker of the Year 2012	Movietainment Achievement & Corporate Awards 2012 – The Movietainment Magazine Ventures.	2013
Professional Award: Full Members (Hon’s) – MIMCN.	Governing Council of The Certified Marketing Communications Institute of Nigeria (CMCIN)	2013
GOOD LEADERSHIP Award – in recognition of your contributions to the Service and Development of Humanity.	Sunshine Sister’s Club, Ejinrin.	2012
The Outstanding Honourable of the Year 2011/2012.	National Union of Lagos State Students (NULASS) Ibadan Chapter	2013
ICON OF EPE – for your contribution especially on the welfare of Students and enormous effort in the development of your constituency.	Federation of Epe Division Students Association (FEDSA AWARD 2012)	2012
Pillars of Support Award – in recognition of your outstanding financial, spiritual and immense contribution to the Service of God in the Lagos State House of Assembly Chapel.	Lagos State House of Assembly Christian Fellowship	2012
Personality Award – in recognition for your outstanding contribution towards the health sector and sickle cell disorder.	Nike Opalemo Sickle cell Foundation	2012
Exemplary leadership, Politics	Super Hero Entertainment & Entrepreneur	2014
The Award for Excellence	Memoirs of Achievers – Links Publication.	2013
The Satellite Magazine Excellent Service Award – in recognition of Outstanding contribution for Good Governance in Lagos State	The Editorial Board of the Satellite Magazine	2013
LCC5 2011 Awards (Programmes/Projects/Church Helpers Category)	Christ Embassy Church LCC5	2011
Legislative Excellence Award	National Outstanding Leadership Award (NOLA)	2012
Merit Award	Students Representative Council (SRS) Yabatech 2012-2013	2013
Exemplary Service Award – in recognition of your outstanding performance, exemplary leadership qualities and your commitment to the upliftment of humanity in general.	Rotaract Club of Gbagada – Rotary International District 9110, Nigeria	2012
Political Icon	Adeyemi Ikuforiji Solidarity Forum (ATUPA EKO)	2013
Merit Award - Students’ & Youth Friendly Honourable of the Year.	Faculty of Arts Student Association (FASA-LASU)	2013
The Gold Merit Award – You are gold of an inestimable value, a role model and leader. Your contribution towards the growth and development of our society is seen everywhere. We are proud of you.	Golden Twins Foundation	2013

Kabiyesi Oba Akeem Adedimeji Okunola, Adesanya II,
The Alara Of Ilara (Vice Chairman of Lagos State Council of Obas)

***THE ROYAL FATHERS IN EPE CONSTITUENCY II**

Oba Rafiu Ishola Babatunde Balogun, Elejirin Of Ejinrin (Ejalonibu II).

Oba O.J Ogunsanya, Aladegunshenbi Of Odoragunshen

Oba Babatunde Olaogun Ogunlaja Aladesoyin of Odo-Noforija

Oba B.G. Aderibigbe Alayeluwa of Odo-Alayandelu.

Oba Adegboyega Adefowora Alaketu of Ketu

Oba Michael Gbadebo Onakoya Orijeru Of Igboye Land

Oba Ayodele Kolawole Aliru Alade Uraka of Poka

Oba G. Adekoya Odusanya JP Olofin Ajaiye Of Orugbo-Iddo

Oba S.T. A Odukoya Omola of Odomola

High Chief C. A. Adekoya (Oduntan 11) The Ogebo Of Ibonwon Land

HRH. Oba Adeyemi Yinusa Ogunbajo (Ogunde 1st) Olowu of Owu-Ikosi

Abowa of Agbowa VACANT as of this publication

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*Other Towns and Villages in the Constituency are presently headed by Baales. They will be featured in the next Edition of the Magazine.

COMMUNITIES IN EPE CONSTITUENCY II

AGBOWA-IKOSI	IGBODU	DIGBOLOYE
OTTA-IKOSI	SALA	FOSEJE
ODO-AYANDELU	TEMU	IMOKUN
ADO	OKE-OSHO	ODO-GBANLE
IKOSI	ARAGA	ODO-SHIWOLOYE
OWU-IKOSI	POKA	ODO-AYAN
IGANKE	ODOMOLA	ODO-AGBOJU
IMOPE	NOFORIJA	ODO-SHIWOLA
AJEBO	ODOGBAWOJO	MAFO
ORUGBO-IDDO	ODO-RAGUNSHIN	OTUTU
ITOIKIN	EREDO	IGOSIBI
ELUJUMOWO	ILARA	TOLORI
MUSEJU-UTAKO	IBONWON	IGBOYE
MOGOLOWU	IGBONLA	AGODO
KETU	MOJODA	TALARAKE
EJINRIN	ODO-EGIRI	IMAGBA
SEKUNGBA	IJI	ORIGAN-RIGAN
MOLAJOYE	IRAYE	



Rt. Hon. Sabit Adeyemi
IKUFORJI
A RELIABLE
CORNERSTONE

To many of his admirers, associates and the general public, Rt. Hon. Adeyemi Sabit Ikuforiji is simply known as the honourable Speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly (LSHA) and a politician. He is adjudged to be a rare gem and a reference point in the corridors of power, both in the Legislature and general politics. Mr Speaker has an outstanding record as the most successful Speaker in Nigeria's Houses of Assembly having been elected for 3 consecutive terms as the Speaker of the Lagos Legislative House

based on his exceptional performance and the excellent delivery of responsibilities of his esteemed office.

But beyond this, the number three citizen of Lagos State has a personality arrayed in finest colours that has earned him impeccable commendations in many other areas that are relatively unknown to the general public. The honourable Speaker is truly honourable; because amongst various qualities a leader must possess, reliability, trustworthiness, consistence and loyalty are crucial.

Though Mr Speaker has many remarkable qualities, one thing sets him apart among his contemporaries – his reliability. He is a man you can trust. A rare attribute in today's public service is trust in leadership, but not with Ikuforiji. Many admire him from the point of view of a very humble gentleman. He remains calm in the face of difficult circumstances and intense political pressure, and has never been seen to express an outburst of emotions even when situations get tough.

Many consider Mr Speaker as a politician who is simple to a fault; but the truth is that his entrance into politics was not based on a sheer quest for power. He prepared for leadership and this has resulted in his steady and continual achievements.

Mr Speaker made a gradual entrance into the political terrain with a passion to serve. His political career started in 1978. His experience as the Secretary General of the National Union of Nigerian Students, followed by his role as President of the National Union of Nigerian Students in Romania; between 1980 and 1981 fully ignited his interest in politics. Between 1982 and 1983, he served as the General Secretary, Unity Party of Nigeria in Ward A4, Epe and was an active member of the Social Democratic Party of the same Ward in 1990. He contested the 2003 elections into the Lagos State House of Assembly on the platform of Alliance for Democracy to represent Epe Constituency 1 and later emerged Speaker of the Assembly in December 2005.

He is a humble man of history. Ikuforiji has one of the finest track records in Lagos politics. He was the Speaker when Asiwaju was Governor of the State in his second term, and has served with Governor Fashola

since his resumption of office. The Rt. Honourable Speaker has been a bridge builder and has stabilised the polity more than any politician among his contemporaries in Lagos today.

It is a truism that a person is best described by his life's achievements and track records. How would one define Ikuforiji? A man who has earned the record of being the longest serving Speaker of a State House of assembly in the country? How would one define a man whose leadership of the Lagos House has resulted in a significant transformation in the Lagos legislature and who has stabilised the three arms of government with his unmatched experience and maturity? How can we define a man who despite deliberate attempts by rivals of his consummate achievements to bring him down remains stable, calm, progressive and thoughtful?

Ikuforiji's exceptional spirit of tolerance is worthy of emulation by contemporary politicians and aspiring leaders. As a true leader, he accommodates all and sundry, including those who oppose him even when he has the ability to subdue them forcefully. It is indeed worthy of note that he has never been associated with acts of violence of any sort throughout his tenure in government. For thirty good years, he has lived peacefully with his loving wife who is a Pastor; a believer in freedom for everyone, he is symbolic with an olive branch.

The unfolding personality of Rt. Hon. Sabit Adeyemi Ikuforiji epitomizes the dramatic rise from grass to grace of a "child of destiny" whose extremely humble background and promising academic genius combined to elevate him as an accomplished technocrat, consummate politician and seasoned administrator. Yet, he not forgotten history as he keeps supporting the weak and giving opportunities to people around him.

He is a man described by Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu in the following words:

"No doubt, you have established yourself as a political icon in our struggle for true federalism. You have distinguished yourself and you remain valiant in our match towards instituting genuine democratic structures where separation of powers is sacrosanct"

He is a man eulogized in the finest quotes

by many. Ikuforiji is an individual that history will redefine progressively in the days to come. A man who rather than struggle with destiny, believes in giving God the right of way in directing and blessing his affairs.

The All Progressives Congress (APC) as a party has given Ikuforiji an accolade never received by a contemporary politician in the state for his consistent efforts at supporting the party's ideals of progressive movements in stormy circumstances. Seeing himself as Lagosian before any other affiliation, he represents Lagos wholly and this is evident.

Adeyemi Ikuforiji is a born and made leader. His ability to achieve remarkable successes as Speaker of the most dynamic House of Assembly in the country for three consecutive terms remains a standard to beat. He listens with genuine interest to his colleagues, staff, fans and political associates, while being dispassionate about issues that come with variable interests and strives to be fair to everyone. Affable to all; both junior and senior ranks of the House find it easy to approach him on personal and official matters. He believes in capacity development of his staff and constantly engages them in trainings for better performance. He does not discriminate, and likes to mingle and eat on same table with his admirers at special occasions. He always feels comfortable among his fellow lawmakers at all times.

Unknown to many, Mr Speaker is a faithful; he puts God first in everything he does. He does not compromise the place of God in personal and official matters. He takes time out for his daily prayers and will do anything to create space for 5 daily prayers. Appearing simple and calm at all times, Mr Speaker is very accommodating and does not condone religious discrimination in any form. Rt. Hon Ikuforiji remains a personality in whom young people find a worthy role model and he drives his philanthropic activities to enhance long term empowerment. In truth, he does not subscribe to publishing his philanthropic gestures; preferring to conceal the giving's of his right hand from the knowledge of his left hand. He has given to thousands of people effortlessly and has also engaged young people in development trainings both home and abroad.



In Nigeria today, Ikuforiji has become a name engraved in marble. In the evolution of the Lagos State House of Assembly to a global standard, Ikuforiji has established a foot print that will require another rare gem to fill. In his exceptional ways and dynamic spirit, he has elevated the Lagos House to a status known to be, "Above common standards of excellence". Many are calling for him to take on greater responsibilities for the benefit of Lagosians as he has always derived strength for his aspirations and visions from the peoples' mandate. Today, Lagos and the entire nation needs more from this amiable gentleman,

seasoned administrator and passionate leader.

His consecutive tenures have midwived the emergence of effective and people-oriented laws which have translated into the better Lagos we see today. His dreams for Lagos are even greater at the moment and he is on track in achieving them.

Competent, consistent and committed to a greater Lagos. Adeyemi Sabit Ikuforiji, a reliable cornerstone... ■

Top Rt. Hon. Sabit Ikuforiji with Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, Bottom: Rt. Hon. Sabit Ikuforiji discussing with HE Governor Babatunde Fashola

The need for Political Education!



A few weeks ago an argument ensued on Hon. Segun Olulade's Facebook wall; as a result of a comment he posted on the need for Nigerians to vote the All Progressives Congress at all levels of government in the 2015 general elections, he predicated his argument on the premise that the People's Democratic Party had occupied the central government since 1999 till date and had controlled majority of the states in the country with nothing concrete or visible to show for the number of years they have held sway at the central government. Rather what the country profited from the party was the institutionalization of corruption in all sectors of governance as our common wealth finds its way into private purses and the citizenry are more than ever impoverished.

He sighted the unrivaled progress made in the few states that the ACN

controlled before the merger which gave birth to the All Progressives Congress (APC), the rapid infrastructural development and people oriented governance that are evident for all to see in those states as reasons why Nigerians should support the APC and vote out the PDP who clearly have nothing to offer Nigerians after fourteen long years in power, a view I equally share.

I must say I found some of the arguments put forward on his wall very intelligent and quite articulate, but what got me slightly irked and necessitated this piece was the ignorance, and dearth of basic political education shown by many at this stage of our political development. One of such was a comment posted by a gentleman who accused Hon. Olulade (Eleniyan), and other political office holders at the state and local government levels from Epe of not providing the people of Epe with electrical supply, which is clearly not in the purview of the



Iyayi: Lagos Assembly urges ASUU to call off strike

WALE AKINOLA
Lagos State House of Assembly has urged the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) to end the on-going strike.

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FG playing politics with Plateau killings - Olulade

WALE AKINOLA
Federal Government has been accused of deliberately underplaying the degree of insecurity in Plateau State, following the incessant killings resulting from unending clashes among ethnic communities in the state.

The statement was made by the spokesperson of the Lagos State House of Assembly and Chairman, House Committee on Information, Strategy, Security and Publicity, Segun Olulade (Epe II) while reacting to the recent killing of 30 people and burning of about 25 houses by gunmen in a fresh attack at the Bachit District of Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State.

Osun APC, lawmaker hail Aregbesola

WALE AKINOLA
From Adesoji Adeniyi, George and Oziegbe Okoeki
THE All Progressives Congress (APC) in Osun State has congratulated Governor Raul Aregbesola on his third anniversary in office.

In a congratulatory message, the party's Interim Chairman, Elder Adelowo Adebisi, described the Aregbesola administration's achievements as "second to none" in the state's history.

Lagos Assembly berates PDP over comment

WALE AKINOLA
Lagos State House of Assembly has berated the state chapter of Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) for condemning the ongoing residents' registration across the state.

In a statement signed by the Chairman, Committee on Information, Strategy, Security and Publicity, Segun Olulade, the House of Assembly maintained that the comment was not only misleading but also mischievous.

extra-judicial killings by p

By Akinwunmi King, Senior Reporter, Lagos
THE Lagos State House of Assembly has condemned the Force for

Lagos Assembly says Oduah's scandals embarrassing, stakeholders urge probe

By Akinwunmi King, Abel Orukpe, Lagos
THE Lagos State House of Assembly has described the scandals surrounding Nigeria's Minister of Aviation, Stella Oduah, as a gross embarrassment to the nation.

Recamping, right step at the right time - Lagos Assembly

By Akinwunmi King, Senior Reporter, Lagos
Chairman, House Committee on Information, Strategy, Security and Publicity, insisted that the decision is one taken towards salvaging the nation from the pang of undemocratic leadership ethics of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) and is commendable.

Lagos Assembly cautions violation of laws, extrajud

WALE AKINOLA
Lagos State House of Assembly has called for caution from the Nigeria Police over incessant acts of impunity and extrajudicial killings against the citizenry.

Lagos Assembly flays arrest of Kano Sp

WALE AKINOLA
Lagos State House of Assembly has faulted the arrest of the President Jonathan administration, EFCC as attack dog against whoever holds opposing view from the opposition.

state government, how much more that of the local government but a responsibility of the PDP controlled federal government as contained in the exclusive list in the constitution of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, which they (the PDP) have failed to address in the fourteen years they have been in power, while billions of tax payers money has gone down the drain.

Another comment worth reviewing was a post from a lady who stated that there was no distinctive difference between the APC and PDP, and as such there is no assurance that the APC will deliver if it eventually takes over the central government, thus we should stick with the evil we know. How irrational this sounds! In the United States of America where democracy is institutionalized two political parties dominate the political scene, namely the Democrats and the Republicans, and the American people have always voted these two parties in and out of office whenever they seemed to deviate from their electioneering promises.

There are those who harbour thoughts that all politicians are the same, they have come not to bring change but to steal and to destroy. Thus, some people will stay out of the process or sit on the fence, choosing only to complain of bad governance which they have indirectly brought to office. Yet if they had participated, their votes may just have made a difference. It is my opinion that all politicians are not

the same. They have not all come to steal as is commonly thought. Without being biased, there are of course a number of politicians that are very corrupt, who in my opinion, our system created and encourages, as we have not held our representatives accountable, but rather expect political officeholders to dole out money at public functions and every instance without being concerned about the sources of such funds. Yet we turn around and accuse them of misappropriating public funds when in reality we encourage them to do so.

To say all politicians are corrupt and don't mean well is to say the least very inaccurate for we see and have examples of selfless and serious minded politicians among us. Who would have thought a Fashola could emerge from amongst us? With the exception of Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu the pathfinder, none of us seemed to have seen it coming. One fact that is certain; we will always have politicians among us as long as we are to organize ourselves as civil beings, they are a necessary tool for governance, but the responsibility to choose astutely from the pack rests exclusively on our shoulders as stakeholders.

We must endeavor to participate and support men and women with sound track records at every level of government and desist from ethnic, religion and sentimental politics. It is rightly said that knowledge is power, therefore it is paramount that we all seek to be adequately politically educated so we can be better positioned to know what to expect from our political officeholders, so we do not remain under the illusion that councillors and legislators are to build bridges or provide electricity, and most importantly to display intelligent judgment when electing individuals or political parties who are to govern us.

A plenary session at the Chambers of the Lagos State House of Assembly



Agbo Remireke Festival

Agbo festival is a purely Ijebu affair and the most common masquerade festival in Epe Division, particularly in Agbowo-Ikosi where it is known as Agbo Remi-Reke. The historical origin of the festival is mired in seeming controversy.

One account traces the origin and worship of Agbo to Ekine, a historical personage whose boat sank on the high seas and was rescued by sea deities. In consequence, these deities were venerated via sacrifices as a mark of appreciation and appeasement.

Another account has it that the festival came to Agbowo through a woman, Efunpotun of Anjorin family who married a man called Maran, a native of Epe and Iwopin. Efunpotun had gone with her husband to Iwopin to watch the festival which was already an annual affair there and she instantly became fascinated.

On her return to Agbowo, Efunpotun introduced the idea to the town's elders, and by the early 20th century (between 1904 and 1907) they had received the Agbo rituals from the elders of Iwopin. Beyond these diverse views on the origin of the Agbo, what is certain is that the festival has over time become entrenched as a major cultural manifestation in the Epe Division, particularly among the riverine people of Agbowo - Ikosi. ■

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Top Right: Rt. Hon. Jokotola Pelumi (Former Speaker, LSHA) talking to the press during the festival. **Middle left: The** Agbo Remireke Masquerade entertaining the people. **Top left, Middle Right & Bellou:** Different cultural group dancing and entertaining the crowd.



MAYEGUN & YEYE MAYEGUN

Hon. Segun & Engr. (Mrs.) Mosunmola Olulade stepping out of their home in Ejinrin on their way to receive the title



Hon. Segun & Engr. (Mrs.) Mosunmola Olulade during the installation ceremony at the Town Hall Of Ketu Epe



From left: Alh. Muyideen Hassan (Eredo APC LGA Chairman), Yeye Mayegun, Mayegun & Elder Sangosanya L.A. (JP) (Ikosi/Ejinrin APC LGA Chairman).



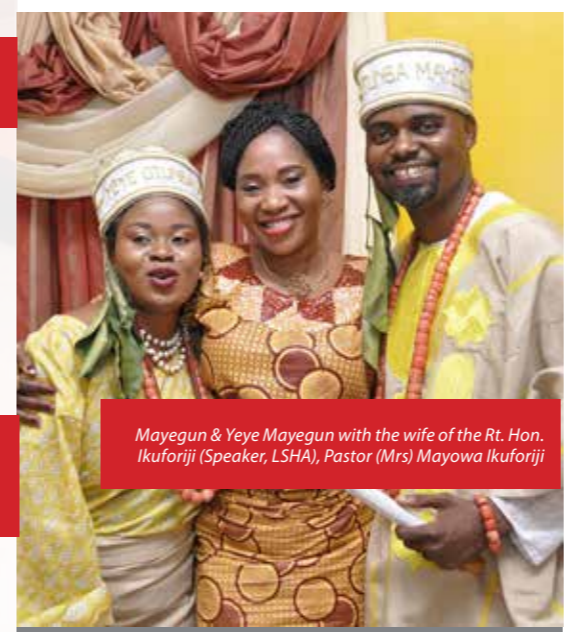
Mayegun & Yeye Mayegun with Apesin & Yeye Apesin (Hon. Abiodun & Alhaja Adenike Tobun) after their installation.



Mayegun & Yeye Mayegun with (from left) Dr. (Mrs) Adeyeye, Hon.(Mrs) Akinsola, Hon. Alawiye King, Hon Egeberongbe, Hon. Kolawole Taiwo (Deputy Speaker), Hon. Ajibayo Adeyeye, Hon. Bisi Yusuf, Hon. Ramota Akinola, Hon. Rotimi Abiru.



Mayegun & Yeye Mayegun of Ketu Kingdom with APC Women's Wing at the reception in Ejinrin



Mayegun & Yeye Mayegun with the wife of the Rt. Hon. Ikuforiji (Speaker, LSHA), Pastor (Mrs) Mayowa Ikuforiji



From left: Hon. Omolaja Adelaja, Mrs. Bola Adetola, Mayegun, Yeye Mayegun, Mrs. Funmi Adelaja and Hon. Segun Adetola

Walk for Life



Some of the TVC Staff at the walk



Hon. Wasiu Bakare (Supervisor Ikosi Ejinrin LCDA & Mr. Rasheed Sanni)



Some of the participants



Hon. Olulade with some Eredo LCDA Councilors and supervisors who were all present at the walk



Hon. Olulade with some of the participants

It is not uncommon to hear the phrase "Health is wealth". If we concur with this statement and see it as true, it is then important for us to do all within our power to ensure we enjoy good health. At EleniyansCares magazine we share the belief that one of the best ways to do this is to develop healthy eating habits and making exercise an essential part of our daily routine.

This quest to encourage healthy living and fitness among Nigerians saw us partner with TV Continental and RC 102.3 FM in September 2013, to organize a road-walk tagged "A Walk for Life". The ten kilometre walk which was led by Hon. Segun Olulade (Eleniyans) and Mrs Maryam Ohanmu of TV Continental, with other senior staff members was well attended by members of the public, civil servants and political office-holders from parts of Lagos.

As early as 6:15 am participants began to arrive in batches, and at about 7 am The Walk for Life took off from the TV Continental premises with all participants fully garbed in tee-shirts provided for by the organizers. The walk lasted approximately three hours and by 10 am the par-

ticipants returned to the start off point where an exercise expert then taught them on "Do's and Don'ts of starting an exercise routine, and also on some vital exercise tips.

EXPERTS' TIPS:

Physical activity doesn't need to be complicated. Something as simple as a brisk daily walk can help you live a healthier life.

For example, regular brisk walking can help you:

- Maintain a healthy weight
- Prevent or manage various conditions, including heart disease, high blood pressure and type 2 diabetes
- Strengthen your bones

ELENIYAN

Epe Constituency II Junior Secondary Schools Football Competition



"When Diego came to Argentinos Juniors for trials, I was really struck by his talent and couldn't believe he was only eight years old.

In fact, we asked him for his ID card so we could check it, but he told us he didn't have it on him. We were sure he was having us on because, although he had the physique of a child, he played like an adult. When we discovered he'd been telling us the truth, we decided to devote ourselves purely to him."

*- Fracisco Cornejo,
Youth coach who discovered Maradona.*

the aforementioned soccer stars without being discovered and trained, will surely end his life with all these potentials remaining unusable and dormant.

Thoughts like these inspired Honourable Segun Olulade popularly known as "Eleniyan" to organize the maiden edition

Gold bars and Diamonds are rarely found lying about on the streets. Whenever you see a beautiful diamond necklace, appreciate the fact that the beautiful finished product you see is the result of a lot of strenuous mining, cutting, shaping and polishing. The same holds true in the world of the most popular game on planet earth.

Edison Arantes do Nascimento (popularly known as "Pele"), Cristiano Ronaldo, Jay Jay Okocha, Lionel Messi, Maradona, these names represent a minute number of soccer greats that are revered and emulated all over the world. Coaches are constantly on the look-out for the next big star and many parents secretly pray that at least one of their wards will turn out to be the "Ronaldo" of their generation as this would usher in untold prosperity and wealth for everyone connected to the child star. In spite of this promise, the fact remains that just as a raw diamond remains useless under the ground until it is discovered and brought to the surface, a child possessing all the skill and potentials of the

of the Eleniyan Junior Secondary Schools Football Tournament. In his own words, "We are partnering with FIFA agents and we want the students to know that they can be successful as footballers. I get tremendous support from my people. It is a new initiative and they are buying into it." In addition to participating in the football events, the young students were also privileged to undergo special sessions with partnering organizations such as Sony (via the SIYAKHONA photography project) and the well proven "Search and Groom" which is renowned as a

"Football for Hope" FIFA supported organization. In these sessions, the students had their photographs taken and some of these shots were showcased at the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil. They were also given fresh insight into the importance of giving their education a place of eminence as there was every likelihood that they would not all end up as professional footballers. Gone are the days when the round leather game was known as the pastime for miscreants and outcasts. A case in point is the governor of Lagos state, His Excellency Babatunde Raji Fas-

" Hon. Segun Olulade has done very well. His numerous programmes has touched the lives of our people directly. This initiative to organize and sponsor a befitting junior secondary school football competition with the intention of discovering young talents and nurturing them is great: particularly his objective of encouraging these young lads to marry their sporting career with education. Eleniyan truly cares!"

Seun Adeniken



A Summary View on the Roles of the Youth in Achieving a Crisis Free Nation.

valid reasons to disagree with constituted authority from time to time, but the Nigerian youth must be logical and peaceful in their approach as intellectual youth whom I have no doubt they are. The youth must see disagreements and arguments as a form of intellectual reasoning where parties concerned state their grievances through peaceful and constitutional means. The youth must also endeavour to have faith in the rule of law even when it appears the state is insensitive to their plight. They must continue to pursue their aspirations through peaceful means.

Finally, in the words of Susan Collins Marks in her many quotations on peace, where she stressed that the only way we can make peace is for each of us to be the peace we want to see:

If there is to be peace in the world,

There must be peace in the nations.

If there is to be peace in the nations,

There must be peace in the cities. ■

The fate of any nation which strives to be great is vitally connected to the vibrancy and intellect of its youth. If there is to be peace and tranquility in a nation, the youth have to be at peace, thus the roles of the youth in achieving a crisis free nation are very crucial and as such should not be over-looked or ignored but rather must be recognized by the government and other peace advocates, organizations or groups. We must all appreciate that no nation can achieve its full potentials in an atmosphere of crisis, examples of these abound around us the world over; Sudan, Mali, Somalia, Central Africa Republic, Liberia, Sierra Leone and very recently Syria and Egypt, are all countries that have at one time or the other been enmeshed in crises that have seen their fortunes decline.

Aside the obvious fact that developmental activities in a country in crisis are grounded, the cost of reconciliation and rebuilding is often overwhelming when the crisis is halted, giving credence to the argument that it is far cheaper and rational to embrace peace through dialogue than otherwise. In Nigeria, we have experienced our fair share of crises which have mostly been rooted in political and economic greed as well as religious intolerance. We can all attest to the current senseless security challenge being caused by BOKO HARAM where countless numbers of precious human lives have been lost and resources which should have been channeled into Education, Healthcare or Infrastructural development etc. have gone down the drain in striving to address this terrorist activity.

What then are roles therein for the Nigerian youth in achieving a crisis free nation? It is not uncommon to hear the phrase "Children are the leaders of tomorrow". Indeed the youths are the leaders of tomorrow. This therefore means it is only logical for the Nigerian youth in their wisdom to learn from the mistakes of other nations in protecting this institution we call Nigeria. They must shun any acts capable of igniting crisis in the nation which they are to lead. There may of course be



Hon. Olulade addressing the Obas
From the left: HRM. Oba. O.J Ogunsanya, Oba Alara Of Ilara, HRM. Oba Babatunde O. Ogunlaja (JP), Oba Sikiru Taiwo Adewale Odukoya

hola, who in spite of his passionate love for soccer, has excelled firstly as a legal practitioner and also as the first citizen of the state.

were truly winners as they had the very rare opportunity to showcase their talent for the world to see.

The tournament, which was restricted to students in Junior Secondary School, had 16 secondary schools in Epe constituency 2, spread across the semi-urban settlements, compete for the chance to reach the finals and be declared champions. After a hard fought preliminary knock-out phase which was both exciting and inspiring to watch, The finals were held on Thursday, April 10 2014. The colourful event which was well attended took place at the Government College Ketu grounds had Alaro Community High School, Epe and Lofi Ogunmade Community School, Ejinrin, square off against each other in the third place match which Alaro eventually won by 2 goals to 1. Then came the much anticipated final between the students of Government College Ketu and Okemagba High School. Who would carry the day between these two worthy gladiators? Would it be a walk over, would the referee be villain of the day or would it end up to be a penalty shoot-out? Everybody waited with bated breath to know. One thing was sure, there would indeed be a football feast for the hungry spectators. The game began and after a display of seasoned and prodigious soccer, Government College Ketu emerged victorious with a narrow 1 goal to nil score line. It is worthy of note that

although Government College Ketu carried the day, all the participants

"We are looking for people that are concerned about football, we need people to do the kind of thing Hon. Olulade is doing today. This is what we look up to for the development of Nigerian sports."

Peter Rufai
FORMER SUPER EAGLE
GOALKEEPER

supporting sporting activities in his constituency, sponsoring other sports in the nearby schools as well as bank rolling inter-house sports competitions across the schools in the sleepy communities of the area. With the close of the event, we can take comfort in the hope that one of these young starlets could rule the world of soccer soon. As we await the manifestation of this dream, let us ready our voices to chant their names in the stadiums and on the streets ■



The photography project "SIYAKHONA" with the theme "eXposures" was introduced to Ketu-Epe in collaboration with ELENIYAN JSS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT. Students of Government Junior College Ketu and Okemagba Junior High School in Ketu- Epe L.G.A of Lagos State participated in the programme. The students were all within the ages of 11 – 15 years and were part of the School's Junior Football team that expressed a desire to learn photography and video editing.



Marvelous Chukwuemerije

Marvelous Chukwuemerije, a JSS 1 student from Government College Ketu, whose father is a professional photographer, showed very high creative knowledge in photography.

He said, "The project makes those of the students who have only thought of football as a profession to think higher and differently and also makes people like me creative".

Interestingly, one of his exposures was actually chosen from Search & Groom Nominations by Sony and went on to be voted online as the best in the Siyakhona Photo Contest during the recently concluded World Cup, Brazil 2014.





Publishers' Note

Warm greetings to all our esteemed readers; the Good People of Epe Constituency II, who I am privileged, proud and thankful for the opportunity giving to me to serve them at the Lagos State House of Assembly; the leadership of our great party at all levels; my family and all my well-wishers. I am grateful for the grace to know you are all alive and healthy in the midst of all the momentous happenings that have come upon our beloved country. It is my prayer that the rest of this year and indeed the future will bring forth good fortune and unparalleled blessings to us all. I am truly appreciative and indebted for all the love, prayers and support I receive on a daily basis via social media, text messages, and telephone calls. The outpouring of love and goodwill that I receive from you motivates and inspires me. Thank you all!

I am extremely delighted to present to you this second edition of Eleniyancares Magazine after our bumper packed maiden edition. I am hopeful that you will all find this edition worthy of your time.

In retrospect, the past months have been an eventful and filled with numerous landmark events. The climax for me was the merger of our now defunct Party; Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN) with the Congress for Progressive Change (CPC), the All Nigerian People's Party (ANPP), and a part of the All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA), which saw the emergence of our great party, The All Progressives Congress and the subsequent successful conduct of Party congresses across Wards, LGA's, States and at the National level.

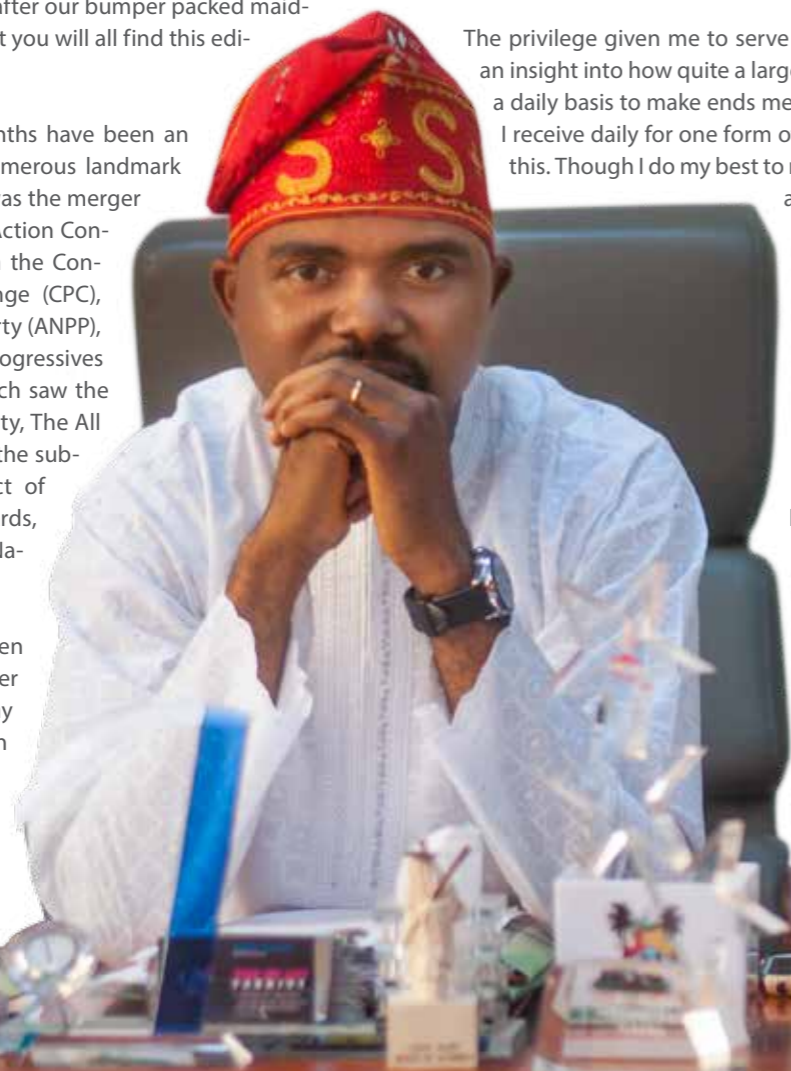
The past months have seen me and my team take greater strides towards fulfilling my objectives and campaign promises as the represen-

tative of the people of Epe constituency II. I am happy and proud to acknowledge that based on the feedback we are getting from you, we are on the right track. A few months ago I held a meeting in Eredo LCDA which had in attendance a handful of leaders of our great party from our constituency, a large number of constituents, and other stakeholders. At the meeting I delivered a comprehensive report of my stewardship from the period I resumed office at the Lagos State House of Assembly to the day the meeting was held.

Sequel to this meeting, I held regular constituency feedback meetings in Ikosi-Ejinrin and Eredo respectively, at one of such meeting held at Eredo LCDA, we had the pleasure of having the Speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly, Rt. Hon. Adeyemi Ikuforiji grace the occasion as well as other eminent personalities drawn from all works of life. At the meeting, I launched the first edition of my constituency magazine (Eleniyancares), which is targeted at keeping my constituents informed of my activities as their representative and to report other matters of interest. Subsequently at the meeting we handed out cash gifts to some elderly people and the less-privileged. To cap it all, we commissioned a free mobile dental care service, which many took advantage of in all wards of our constituency. This was a first of its kind by a lawmaker from my constituency and I funded it from part of my statutory income as a lawmaker.

The privilege given me to serve my constituency has given me an insight into how quite a large number of people struggle on a daily basis to make ends meet. The volume of requests that I receive daily for one form of assistance or the other affirms this. Though I do my best to meet as many of these demands as possible, there are still many that need to be attended to. I am therefore of the conviction and left with no other conclusion that as politicians we need to, as a matter of great importance, do much more to turn our economy around especially in the area of job creation for our people. This I have always advocated and will continue to do as your representative. Thank you for your time. Eleniyancares - God is involved!!!

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"When we do anything in Epe, Hon. Segun Olulade and Hon. Abiodun Tobun are always with us and they have been doing the right things. *Olorun a duro tiyin* (God will be with you). We are supporting you (Hon. Olulade) and Abiodun (Hon. Tobun) for a second term..."

HRM. Oba Kamoru I. Animashaun
The Oloja of Epeland at Epe Unity
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