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From the EDITOR'S DESK

In Epe Constituency II, we are very proud of our representative at the Lagos State House of Assembly, Honorable Segun Olulade Eleniyan. We are proud of

the excellent work he has been doing at the Assembly in the past six years. I am particularly pleased with the many channels of communication he has made available for us his constituents to reach him; vice-versa aside the regular traditional town hall meetings.

He is one of the very few lawmakers in the country that has a functional website; a constituency radio programme, which is first of its kind by any lawmaker in the country; a constituency magazine, and other social interactive media i.e. Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and the likes. As he continues to represent us meritoriously giving us a voice and a say; we wish him the very best now and in his future endeavours.

A philosopher once said: "It often looks impossible until some does it", this is very typical of Governor Akinwunmi

Ambode's performance in office in just two years, a man of few words but plenty of substance no doubt as we have seen.

Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode has mesmerised us in just two years at the helms of affair of a state as complicated as Lagos State. Who would have thought the man could achieve so much in such a little time. We are excited to mirror some of the extraordinary work this genius Governor is doing; which are changing the face of Lagos in line with the vision of making the state a mega city.

Every past generation has had to fight with one problem or the other; our existence and well-being is evidence that they have conquered each time they are faced with one form of challenges or the other. The recently passage of Land Grabbers and the anti-Kidnapping law sponsored by the forward thinking Rt. Hon. Mudasiru Ajayi Obasa, Speaker of the Lagos House of Assembly shows this generation resilience to continue in that fashion, gratitude to the honorable Men and Women of the 8th Assembly for their vision and good work.

In recent time, there have been a surge in some social vices particularly drug abuse and rape cases, it is however, disturbing to note that rape and substance abuse are the least talked about subject matters. As grievous as the problems are, we have to do more as a society to call more attention to these menaces which are disturbingly on the rise.

We hear you...

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



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with **Akinwunmi Ambode** **LAGOS IS BLESSED!**

This piece intends to simplify why Lagos under Governor Akinwunmi Ambode has become a subject in a different dimension. Today, in the global space, governance is defined in innovation context – meaning that the success of a government is measured by the amount of ideas brought forward for running the affairs of the people. Knowing well that the world is constantly evolving, pattern of leadership is expected to conform to the reality of time.

You wonder why Governor Ambode has been planting massive infrastructures all over Lagos? It is simply because a city is defined as mega city not only by population but also infrastructural growth. Lagos, a population of over twenty million and almost size of Ghana population needs to step up rapid infrastructural growth that will enable it stand among top mega cities of the world. This, identified by Governor Ambode at inception, formed his priority for scaling up how Lagos is perceived by the world.

The energy injected into the infrastructural growth of Lagos in the last two years was uncommon, even no match for some countries in Africa. Lagos has successfully run two metropolitan areas namely Island and Mainland and both are being developed at par, meaning that development can

reach citizen wherever they live. He has remained Governor of the poor and down-trodden as much as he has been to the affluent. Ambode's kind heart reflects in every decision he makes as well as projects he undertakes.

Achievements of Governor Ambode no longer require rhetoric or propaganda to project to the world. In his performance principle, he said from the start that his performance would rather speak for him instead. In two years, everyone is stunned by the obvious. The Governor has been described as 'Mr Performer'. He has touched all sectors meaningfully from health to security, infrastructural development, food security, education, employment, wealth creation, improved transport system, cleaner environment just to mention a few.

In the recent time, the World Economic Forum listed Lagos among 10 fastest growing cities in the world at average rate of 3.9% per annum and 4th on the list; this is feasible on the UN world urbanisation prospects image. Lagos has also been listed among 100 resilient cities in the world and among 15 best cities to live in Africa by TravelStart.

The choice of Mr Akinwunmi Ambode as Governor in the present day Lagos is a priceless gift to the State. The administrative acumen and stability of the Governor

reveals a man with high magnitude tact, eagle-like focus, lion heart determination and die hard apostle of performance. In the beginning, he was seen as slow mover; little did critic know he was strategically applying his take-off gear to take Lagos on development flight at a very high altitude.

There is no denying the fact that by the time this administration winds down in 2019 and set for another mandate towards 2023 exit point, Lagos would have become most developed place to live in the entire Africa.

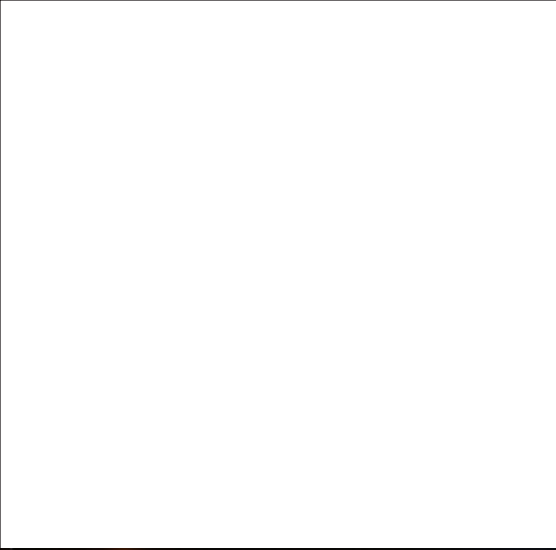
Lagos is Nigeria. All States, ethnic communities and tribes have a relation who is in Lagos seeking opportunities to establish reflex economic benefits to his people back home. A state that accommodates over a hundred new entrants into Lagos to seek greener pastures cannot cope except with a super brand manager like the present Governor. Lagos economic development plan is a model for other States and even for Nigeria as it helped the country come out of recession earlier than projected.

If good governance is as possible as what the masses are witnessing in Lagos State today, it means we have missed so much in the past. The people are happy with their performing Governor, making the future so bright and hopeful for all. With leaders like Akinwunmi Ambode, I believe the youth will look inward and chose living in Lagos to London; this is not because people will not want to travel to London or Paris in future, but obviously not any more for finding a pleasant and opportunity-laden place to give their dreams life!









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ELENIYANCARES FOUNDATION:
**THE VISION
 TO GIVE BACK**

Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today, and creates a vision for tomorrow. -Melody Beattie

The evening of 15th October 2015 became a significant moment that ushered in the birth of Eleniycare Foundation, a vision premised on the need to open up space for the young stars to involve in leadership process, access opportunities for growth and assume influential positions that enables them participate in national growth and development.

Eleniycare Foundation debuts to respond to increasing desires for a new generation of credible, ethical, responsible and accountable leaders in Nigeria and Africa. Similar to other great visions that have supported humanity such as the Rockefeller's, Dale Carnegie, Ford and Mc Arthur foundations among others, EF is creating space for the youth to make positive impact in the society by supporting them to attain their set goals through practical training, right orientation, networking and financial opportunities growth.

With focus on youth development, the founder believes in positive and timely conversion of energies of the young people for national growth and development. Nigeria, having a youthful population, can evade a catastrophic future by seeing young people as assets and harnessing their potentials for national growth rather than seeing them as problems that voided.

In the words of the founder Hon Segun Olulade "our mission is to discover young people who have leadership potentials, provide them with needed supports and encouragement through training programmes, scholarships, exchange and mentorship opportunities, and then immerse them into a networking system that gives the power to influence their communities and the nation".

Focusing on youth population is strategic. Young people in Africa are dynamic, and if given the opportunities, supports and enabling atmosphere, they can be part of national growth and development.

Objectives include development of leadership programmes that motivates young people to aspire for greater futures and responsibilities, partnering with reputable institutions for providing knowledge and skills that can help young people excel in their respective careers and giving them continental and global exposures early enough as means for preparing them to take responsibilities at all levels, among others.

The foundation runs Citizenship Orientation Programme to give youth awareness into citizenship responsibilities in a journey to becoming responsible leaders. Entrepreneurship training programmes, Legislative training and observation, volunteering and internship are also among core programmes of the foundation. Educational scholarships will also be provided for brilliant but indigent students to pursue academic excellence home and abroad.

Currently, EF partners some key Ministries of the Lagos State Government, Office of the First Lady, the London School of Economics and Leadership Institute Virginia among others. It runs annual summit tagged 'E-YES Summit' to bring thousands of youth together for inspirational moment where they get connected with success stories of VIPs and celebrities who have passed through challenging moments but yet have attained greatness.



The academy of the foundation is a training ground for the youth as well as platform for discovering those with special talents and gifts in order to help propel their ideas to reality.

The key message of Hon Olulade has been that "No nation that aspires for greatness can at the same time neglects or undermines its youth. Nigeria has had repeated history of youth-led evolutions from pre-independence era and as such, any meaningful development plan that eludes the

youth has simply eluded itself in the journey to progress".

EF has viable web presence www.eleniycarefoundation.org where young people and the public can access information on programmes and projects of the foundation.

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THE WORK WE DO AT THE House Committee on Health Services

It is one of the greatest honours of my life to have been appointed among other vibrant honourable members of this 8th Assembly as the Chairman House Committee on Health Services after a very exciting and successful tenure as the Chairman House Committee on Information and Security, I will forever be grateful to Mr. Speaker Rt. Honourable Mubasiru Ajayi Obasa for counting me worthy of chairing this very important committee. Health as we all know is wealth; thus no meaningful development can be accomplished in an unhealthy environment. Sound health care delivery forms a major campaign subject matter in developed countries which demonstrates how significant sound health care delivery is, the functions of the committee for health services and the work we are doing at the committee.

The House Committee on Health Services is the supervisory body for the state ministry of health, departments and Agencies responsible for the administrative and healthcare delivery services. The Committee serves as the watchdog to this MDA's on behalf of the entire house ensuring that their mandates are carried out in the public interest at all times. The following are some of the oversight responsibilities of the committee, budgets vetting and monitoring, Service delivery monitoring, Policy advisory, public petitions and complains et cetera.

On assumption of office in 2016 we embarked on a work tour which took us to all the state owned tertiary hospital, healthcare institutions and all the primary

healthcare centres in the state to do a SWOT on the spot analysis of the situation we are in so as to guide us in carrying out our task. The tour was indeed an eye opener to where we are and what need to be done. It was quite informative for us to hear from the professionals on the field and some patients also as to what their challenges are, and suggestions on how we can overcome those challenges; which had greatly helped us function effectively in the discharge of our roles as legislators. A situational report and resolution was developed at the end of the tour which was presented to the house for adoption. The tour recorded successes; aside the fact that some erring workers were caught off guard and queried as some of our visit were impromptu, we were happy to also hear praises showered on some outstanding staff of some hospital by patients. The visit identified some grey areas which were swiftly ameliorated; it also helped in getting some report which hitherto will not had been captured across.

Our 2017 tour had commenced in earnest and we had resolved to work diligently at ensuring that the committee carries out its responsibilities to the latter. My deepest appreciation to my honourable colleagues who are members of my committee and our administrative staff for the hard work they had put in tirelessly that had ensured the success we have recorded so far. The work is obviously not over; it is a work in progress as there are so much more to accomplish before we can achieve our desirable healthcare service delivery.













The Launch of **Eleniyan Gb'ode** On Radio

On Thursday, February 4th, 2016, a new grassroots programme, "Eleniyan Gb'ode", debut on Radio Lagos (107.5FM). A lofty idea conceived by Hon. Olusegun Olulade to reach out to members of his constituency, Epe Constituency II and Lagosians in general.

In the history of Nigeria and Africa at large, it has never happened that a member of the legislature, either at the state or federal level, will sponsor a programme on the electronic media. But in his magnanimity and exceptionality, Hon. Olulade conceived the idea and started this initiative, which has remained the first and the only initiative ever since it kicked off in February 2016.

Coming up with a name for the radio programme was not an easy task, Hon. Olulade, who is most times referred to as Eleniyan and his cabinet had to sit down for days to come up with a name for the radio programme, which later became into "Eleniyan Gb'ode".

The programme is designed to get feedback not only from Epe Constituency II residents but from every person residing in Lagos State and that is why it has focused mainly on governance in the state.

This first of its kind radio programme is sponsored by MMExcel Electronics, a major dealer and distributor of electronic products situated in Ogudu area of Lagos. The 45 minutes programme has four different segments namely: Iroyin Eleniyan (News); Iforo jomi toro oro (Interview); Adugbo Eleniyan (Eleniyan Communities) and Talo m'Eko (Questions).

- **Iroyin Eleniyan:** This particular segment is designed to keep listeners abreast of activities of Hon. Segun Olulade on the floor of the House, at the House Committee level and in the constituency as well.

- **Iforo jomi toro oro:** This is an interview segment where different personalities and guests are featured to discuss various issues as they affect the state in particular and Nigeria in general. This segment has featured very notable guests amongst whom were:

- Nollywood actor, Said Balogun
- Lagos State Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Steve Ayorinde
- Special Adviser to Gov. Ambode on Communities & Communications, Kehinde Bamigbetan

- Former House of Assembly members, Hon. Ipoola Omisore
- Special Adviser to Speaker Mudashiru Obasa on Political and Legislative Matters, Hon. Mufutau Egberongbe
- Executive Secretary, Lagos State Security Trust Fund, Hon. Razaq Balogun
- Chairman, House Committee on Information and Strategy, Hon. Tunde Braimoh
- Chairman, House Committee on Judiciary, Human Rights, Public Petitions and LASIEC, Hon. Adefunmilayo Tejuoso
- Member representing Ojo Constituency 1, Hon. Victor Akande
- Member representing Epe Constituency 1, Hon. Abiodun Tobun
- Special Adviser on Culture and Tourism, Hon. Adebimpe Akinsola
- Chief Executive Officer, Lagos State Aids Control Agency, Dr. Oluseyi Temowo

This segment allows listeners to call in and ask questions on the topic of discussion.

- **Adugbo Eleniyan:** On this segment, the history of all the communities under Epe Constituency II is relayed in a story telling format. So far, over 30 communities have been visited and this has helped most of the people residing in these communities to know the history of their communities.

- **Talo m'Eko:** Talo m'Eko is a segment designed not just to give out gifts to winners who answer questions correctly but to make our esteemed listeners keep themselves abreast of happenings in the state. Hence, we draw questions from activities of the state government and we expect that any listener, who follows the news in the state, will be able to answer our questions correctly and win any of our gift prizes made available by MMExcel. On this segment, prizes ranging from LCD screens, home theatres; gas cookers, refrigerators, microwave ovens, blenders among other electronic items have been won.

Since the commencement of this programme in February 2016, it has attracted a lot of commendations from residents of the state and top government officials alike. February 2017, when Eleniyan Gb'ode clocked a year, the presenter, Mrs. Ayo Shotonwa was elevated to the position of General Manager of Radio Lagos/Eko FM. In just one year, the programme has recorded a huge success with large number of followers, callers, fans and audience in general. We cannot forget to recognize some of our fans regular callers, such as the ever praying Elder Babatunde Ajayi from Olowo-Ira; Mr. Tajudeen Aremu from Ibeshe in Ikorodu; Mr. Moshood from Onipanu; Mr. Oyekunle Kayode from Ajangbadi.



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THE LAGOS STATE LAND GRABBER LAW? HOW RELEVANT?

Lagos is indeed blessed with plethoras of leaders as it is in abundant of adroit human resources. Lagos state leads while other states follow, Lagos constantly seizes the initiative; irrespective of the huddles it will always find innovative solutions to whatever challenges it encounters. In service delivery and protection of life's and properties the state is second to none, always at the vanguard of progressive thinking and working assiduously for what best serves the interest of lagosians. Lagos is truly the centre of excellence and indeed the state to emulate.

A practical example of the state proactiveness to issues is the trouble it faced with the malevolence activities of the land grabbers and the subsequently widely celebrated land grabber law which was recently passed in the state which put to rest the menace of the Land Grabbers. The law I say emphatically is a welcome development and had greatly brought succour to persons who own landed properties and prospective land owners in the state. The prompt passing of the Bill sponsored by the exemplary Speaker of the Lagos state house of assembly Rt. Hon. Mudasiru Ajayi Obasa into law by our resourceful Governor His Excellency Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode is a clear testimony of their commitment to serve the people of Lagos state

wholeheartedly. The law was greeted with an immense sign of relieve from lagosian who had long suffered untold burden melted on them by the land grabbers popularly called omonile in local parlance.

The Omonile's had reigned supreme with so much atrocity committed by them, they operated openly and freely with so much animosity; forcefully confiscating peoples landed properties at will, maiming and sometimes killing in the process of obtaining and disposing off lands own by hard working lagosian. They operated a mafia like organization placing all kinds of levies and taxes i.e. security levy, foundation levy, fencing levy and roofing levy on helpless lagosian. The fear of the omonile was the beginning of wisdom for site workers who were compelled to pay all sorts of dues before they can commence work at various construction site. The omonile were the alpha and omega, the lords of the ring, anyone who challenges them does that at his or her own peril. Kudos to Rt. Hon. Mudasiru Ajayi Obasa, Members of the 8th Assembly and His Excellency Mr. Akinwumi Amdode for the prompt emergency of the Land grabber law. The party is now over for the infamous ononile as Lagosian can now breathe an air of respite knowing that their properties are safe from these vicious land grabbers.

AN OVERVIEW OF THE LAGOS STATE ANTI-KIDNAPPING LAW



On the 1st of February, 2017, the Lagos State Governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, put his assent on the law to provide for the prohibition of the act of kidnapping and for connected purposes. Here is a summary of the law for the benefit of those who don't have access to the law. Section 1 of the law defines "Kidnap" to include the act of unlawful removal or abduction of person(s) from a place to another against the person(s)' will, either by force or use of offensive weapons, firearms or deception or the act of holding somebody hostage with or without the person's consent with the intent to demand ransom, for ritual killing or for any other unlawful purpose. According to Section 2 of the law, any person who: (i) forcibly takes, holds, abducts, detains or captures; instill fears in another for the purpose of kidnapping through coercion or by any other means against that person's will with intent to demand ransom, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to life imprisonment. In a situation where death occurs as a result of the commission of the offence of kidnapping,

the offender(s) shall be liable on conviction to death sentence and the death sentence may be executed by hanging; lethal injection; or as the Court may direct. Section 3, which talks about conspiracy, says where two or more persons conspire to commit the offence of kidnapping, each offender shall on conviction be liable to twenty (20) years imprisonment. In Section 4, any person who assaults, uses force and threatens to use violence on any person in an attempt to kidnap, causes extreme fear, or threatens any person by means of a letter, e-mail, SMS, telephone call or any other means of communication with the intent to kidnap, commits an offence and is liable on conviction to twenty-five (25) years imprisonment. Section 5 states that a person who openly or secretly puts himself forward to be kidnapped or abducted by another for the purpose of extracting money or any ransom, from another or for any other reason commits an offence and shall be liable on conviction to fourteen (14) years imprisonment. Section 6 states that a person who under false pretense or in any other manner presents himself to be

the person kidnapped or abducted; have influence, power or ability to obtain the release of a person kidnapped or abducted for purposes of obtaining any ransom or reward; or extort or extract from another person anything of value to falsely effect the release of a kidnapped person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to twenty (20) years imprisonment. Nothing in Section 6 prohibits a person who, in good faith believes that he or she can rescue or obtain the release of a person who has been kidnapped or abducted provided that the person has no part in, or connection with the commission of the offence. Section 7 explains that any person, who aids, counsels, abets or procures any person to commit an offence under sections 2 and 3 of this law, whether or not he is present when the offence is committed or attempted to be committed, shall be deemed to be a principal offender and is liable on conviction to twenty (20) years imprisonment. Also, a person who assists an offender or intentionally aids, facilitates, abets by an act, omission or commission the escape of an offender commits an offence and is liable on conviction to twenty-five (25) years imprisonment. For a person who knows of the presence or existence of kidnapers and the occurrence of kidnapping activities but fails to report same to any security agency, Section 8 of the law states that such a person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to five (5) years imprisonment. A person who knows that a person has been kidnapped, or abducted and conceals such information or confines such person, Section 9 explains that such a person commits an offence and is liable on conviction to three (3) years imprisonment. In Section 10, a person who for the purpose of exploitation recruits, transports, harbours, transfers or receives a person(s) by use of threats, force or any other form of coercion, abduction, deceit, abuse of power or inducement; gives or receives payment or benefit in order to obtain the consent of any person having control over the person so recruited, transported, harboured, transferred or received, commits an offence and on conviction is liable to fifteen (15) years imprisonment. If a person knowingly or willfully permits his premises to be used for the purpose of keeping a person kidnapped commits and is under section 11 liable on conviction to twenty (20) years imprisonment. Section 15, which is somewhat related to section 11, states that, any property movable or immovable, used for or in connection with the commission of an offence of kidnapping under the provision of this law, may be forfeited to the State. Section 12 makes it crime for a person who is aware of the commission of or intention to commit the offence of kidnapping and fails to give such information to security agencies or any relevant authority of such commission or intention, therefore, such a person on conviction is liable to five (5) years imprisonment.

Section 14 of the law, which talks about the protection of informant, states that a Police Officer or an officer of a security agency in charge of investigating any act of kidnapping shall not disclose the name and details of any informant or reveal any information which might lead to the discovery of the informant's identity. However, a Police Officer or an officer of a security agency who contravenes this section commits an offence and is liable on conviction to ten (10) years imprisonment. As contained in Section 16, a police officer or a member of any security agency may arrest without warrant any person reasonably suspected of having committed or about to commit an offence. The Police Officer or a member of the security agency may use such force, including the use of firearms, as may be reasonably necessary to effect arrest or prevent escape. However, the provisions of Section 16 shall have effect without prejudice to any other power conferred by any law on members of the Nigeria Police Force or members of any security agency. Offences under this law shall be triable in the High Court of the State and the Chief Judge of the State shall ensure that any matter brought in relation to this law is tried and concluded expeditiously within sixty (60) days of arraignment. This is contained in section 17. Section 18 states that a Court shall have power for the purpose of concluding investigation for any offence under this law, to remand in custody any person who is alleged to have committed an offence under this law for a maximum period of thirty (30) days in the first instance and for a further renewable period of not more than fifteen (15) days in the second and final instance upon an application ex-parte by the relevant authority.



THE ACT OF REPORTING BACK TO THE PEOPLE

Democracy is popularly defined as the government of the people, by the people and for the people. This definition simply connotes that sovereignty lies with the people in democratic governance as ours. As representative of the people elected to act and speak on their behalf we are obliged to give report of our activities and happenings at the assembly to our constituents regularly, just like a messenger is expected to give feedback of its errands, so also as messengers of the people which we are; we are required to give report and to hear the concerns of our constituents on a regular basis.

Reporting back to my constituents and hearing from them via town hall meetings is a function that I particularly take pleasure in; as it had greatly helped me in discharging my functions as a lawmaker. Town hall meetings are essentially necessary for a number of reasons aside the opportunity it gives us as lawmaker to report the work we do at the assembly on their behalf. It is a very important tool at gathering data as regards the people's priority in terms of project they

will want government to execute in their domain at every budgeting year, it also serves as an avenue to converse with the people and feel their pulse in matter of public importance which maybe schedule for debate or vote at the house.

Our town hall meetings hold quarterly at my constituency with Traditional father, Religious Leaders, Youths Leaders, Markets Leaders, Members of Civil Societies, Political Leaders, Opinions Leaders, Pressure groups, Student groups, Representative of Private Sector, CDA's Representative, Associations, Gentlemen of the press et cetera in attendance. The programme is designed to give every group a say, persons who may not have the opportunity to air their views due to time factor or otherwise are encouraged to send in their contributions to my office.







HELLO!!! CAN ANYONE HERE ME A SAVE OUR SOUL CALLS ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

There is a silent war raging in our homes and in our society at the moment, the enemy is unseen, deceptive and very virulent; hunting down causalities in thousands and arguable in millions for the lack of statistical data. This enemy is eating mercilessly into the fabrics of homes; destroying the destiny of our younger generation, sowing discomfort and agony in families. Worrisome is the seemingly conspiracy of silence, no one is talking about it while everyone should as a matter of importance show concern as this enemy do not discrimination on the basis of affluence, indigent, famed or otherwise. Many families who are fighting this noxious battle are silent about it for reason of stigmatization; this attitude must stop as it is not helping in bringing this vicious enemy to the fore of public attention.

We are at war with drug addiction and this war has to be fought ferociously as the casualties are our younger generation, thus it is a war we cannot avoid to lose. The future of our youths and hypothetically speaking that of our country is at stake; hence we cannot lose this battle. The rate at which illicit drugs especially marijuana, codeine, prescription medication and other forms of narcotic substance are been abused by our teenagers mostly these days is fearful and calls for a declaration of a state of emergency on the subject matter. This ugly trend is spreading like wild fire consuming considerable grounds mostly among our teens. A visit to any of the federal neuropsychiatric hospital will leave one agape at the wanton destruction of the destiny of our youngsters in their thousands, boys and girls as young as seventeen fighting addiction to all manner of drugs.

It is bothersome to note that almost every corner one takes a turn these days from our tertiary institution to our neighbourhood with a careful look you will find teenagers abusing all forms of drugs which makes them highly susceptible to mental illness; which sadly is on the rise and vulnerable to crime and other social vices. This youngster are often under the illusion that taking this drugs make them a bigger boys or girls, attainment of some higher social class and all manners of erroneous reasons such as it gives them inspiration, help them eat, study and relaxes them to mention but a few. All these reasons adduced are however untrue and only serves as a narrow road leading to destruction. Research had shown that in reality most parents to youngsters who abuse drugs don't get to know early enough until they are addicts as users can be very smart at concealing this awful habit. I hereby beseech parents to monitor closely the activities of their wards even while they are at home, the friends they keep, places they visit, change in behavioural patterns and most importantly have an open talk with them early enough and regularly about the danger inherent in drug abuse. I suggest a tour of the federal neuropsychiatric hospital; drug rehabilitation section to witness firsthand the consequence of substance abuse. Government also must legislate on stiffer penalties for illicit drug peddlers and ensure that the effects of drug abuse are taught in schools at all levels. The national orientation agency also should devise means at disseminating information on the hazard of drug abuse.



HO FOWEM

HOPE FOR WOMEN IN NIGERIA INITIATIVE

HO FOWEM was founded by Her Excellency, Mrs. Bolanle Ambode is the Wife of the Executive Governor of Lagos State is to inspire change and make a difference in the lives of vulnerable and underprivileged individuals in Lagos State, particularly women, vulnerable children, youths and the aged.



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THE MOSUNMOLA OLULADE'S CORNER COWLSO: EMPOWERING WOMEN TO GIVE MORE



The Committee of Wives of Lagos State Officials (COWSOL) annual National Women's Conference, an initiative of the office of First Lady held its 2016 edition under the theme "STRONG FAMILY, STRONG NATION". The programme which was designed to empower women through various capacity building activities in Lagos State has proved to be the most sought annual event for political women of influence across board.

While the objective of COWLSO was to empower political women of influence in order to create multiplier effects for the womenfolk in general, issues discussed and trainings offered are of varied interests touching on women and girls of diverse background, orientation and callings.

I led a team of 10 young girls and ladies to the 3-day event courtesy the magnanimity of the Chairman of COWLSO and wife of the Governor of Lagos State Mrs Bolanle Ambode. Her idea was to integrate younger women into a rich network space capable of touching their dreams in a lifetime opportunity, meeting most influential women in an unrestricted atmosphere.

Mrs Ambode believes strongly that young ladies should have dreams, and the society is responsible for giving them the space to exhibit their potentials. She was of the opinion that no barrier of any kind should be placed on a young girl's ambition; and they should be allowed to compete favourably without gender bias and restrictions.

Family values were extolled as baseline for any meaningful success for women and the family. It was established that only strong family virtues can transform the nation into an enviable status. The women and girls were charged to uphold socio-cultural and religious tenets capable of transforming them into ideal mothers and best examples for the coming generations.

Among the resource persons that graced the occasion were the Nollywood Superstar Kate Henshaw and Management Consultant Princess Toyin Onagoruwa. Highpoint was extensive exposé on dealing with issues of sexual abuse among girls and women, domestic violence, parenting, effects of technology on children and building blocks of the family unit.

The occasion was graced by eminent personalities across the nation, men and women, while professional women of influence established connect with their audience in a highly stimulating environment. The Eleniyancare family is most grateful to our amiable mother and Chairman of COWLSO Mrs Ambode for her insight, kindness, passion and commitment to the growth of young girls and women in Nigeria and particularly in Lagos State.

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ELENIYAN AMBASSADORS

Inspiring our younger generation for greatness.

The Eleniyani Ambassadors came from my thoughts process of how to inspire our younger generation in their academy pursuit and positive outlook in life. How do we communicate to our youngsters that the popular saying; education is the keys to success is still germane in today's fast pace world where the notion is fast becoming obsolete and the ideology of attaining success through little or by no mean hard work is on the rise. I must admit that education does not on its own guarantee success without hard work; however research had shown that basic education is required to excel in any endeavour.

It is however disheartened to note that an average youth holds the negative belief that one cannot achieve success on the basis of hard work alone without engaging in some disreputable venture; hence the rapid decline in the pursuit of academic excellence and hard work. How we descended to this precarious state of reasoning is arguable, some say it is the dearth of role models that is responsible, while others argues that the inability of those youths who went to school to make a success of their lives as against their counterpart with little or no education and hard work is a major contributing factor. Whichever reasons is adjudged or school of thoughts one chooses to pitch ones tent, what is significant to note is that the future of any country lies solely in the hands of its youths and an uneducated or ill



educated youths portends grave danger for the future of such country.

Eleniyani Ambassador is an inspiring concept that seeks to inspire and redirect these mind set of the youths in my constituency from this negative state of mind and nourish their minds with positive reasoning. Our maiden programme was in 2015; my Wife and I invited to our home the three best pupils in each class from primary one to six in all the primary schools in my constituency to a luncheon where my wife and I in company of our invited guest served the children to a sumptuous meal.

It turned out to be a carnival of some sort with different games on display, dancing competition, bouncing castle and gift items for all the children who met our requirement for invitation. I presented a personal commendation letter to each of the pupils encouraging them to always strive to be the best in all they do. We had so much fun; the highlight of the event for me was the inspiring messages to the children by notable personalities that had distinguished themselves in their chosen carriers activating in them positive vibes.

I was a little sadden however when I was informed later of some children from my community who were unhappy outside the venue as they were not allowed entrance because they did not qualify to attend. The whole idea of the programme was to encourage the children to take their studies very paramount and to work hard at all times if they are to succeed. The success of the 2015 programme encouraged us to make it an annual event. The 2016 gathering was held in November; it was big and better. I was happy to see some new faces in attendance which shows the competitiveness of the programme. To say I look forward to the 2017 edition is to say the least.





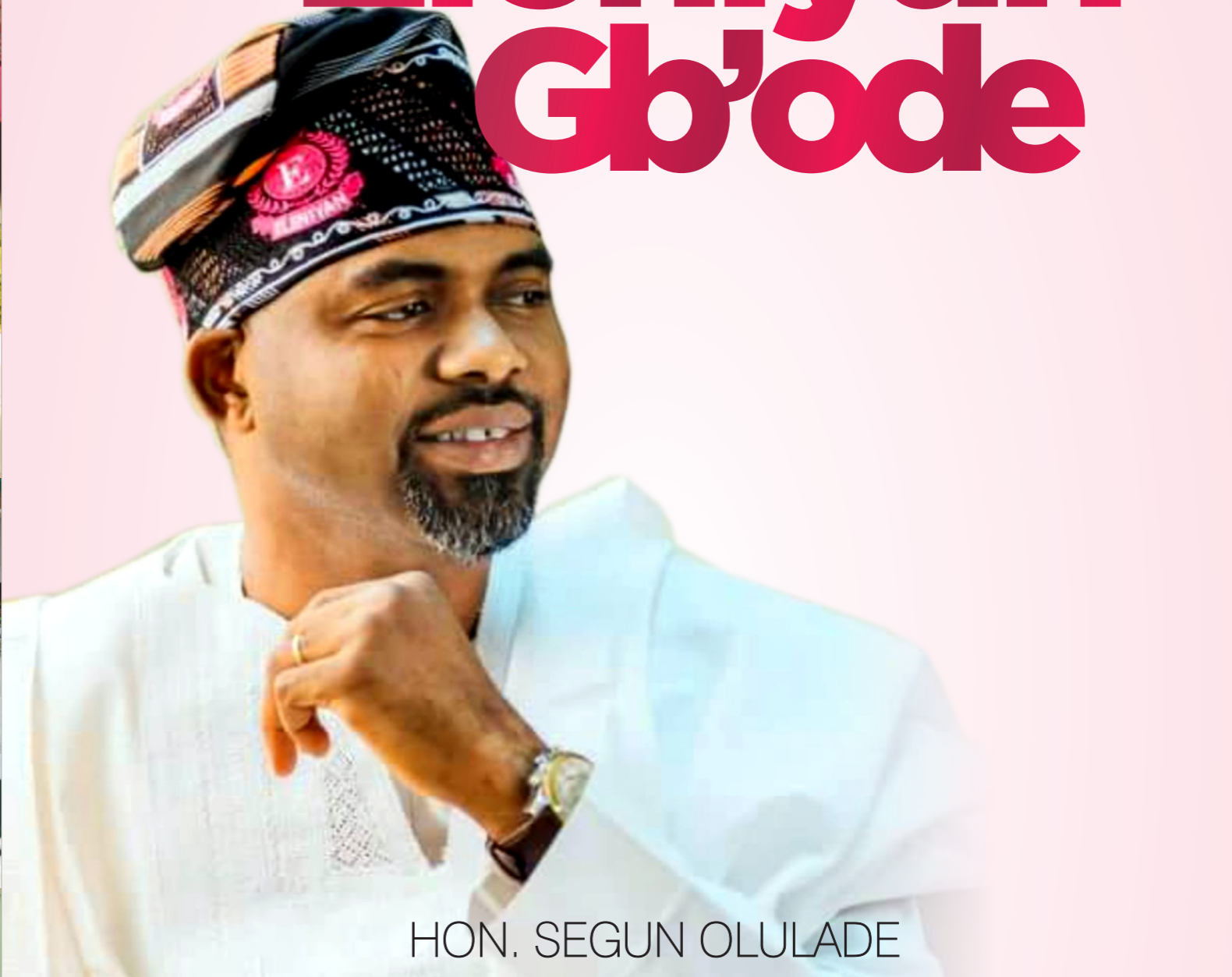








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BEHOLD THE OLUOMO & YEYE OLUOMO OF EJINRIN KINGDOM

It is commonly inferred that a Prophet is not honoured in his hometown; this assertion was out rightly proofed otherwise when on Thursday the 7th of September, 2017 a Prophet was honoured in his hometown.

The entire length and breadth of Ejinrin town where Honourable Segun Olulade Eleniyan hails from and neighbouring towns in Ikosi-Ejinrin Local Council Development Area of Epe stood in awe as His Royal Majesty Oba Rafiu Ishola Babatunde, (Ejalonibu) The Elejinrin of Ejinrin Kingdom conferred on Honourable Olulade and his heartthrob the prestigious title of Oluomo and Yeye Oluomo of Ejinrin Kingdom to the admiration of so many people who came from near and far to witness this historic event; which happens to be the first time in the history of Ejinrin Kingdom that the title of Oluomo and Yeye Oluomo will be conferred on any individual.

The title of Oluomo is about the most prestigious honorary traditional title in the entire Yoruba clan. The Oluomo title is exclusively reserved to honour persons who must have contributed in no small measure towards the development of their communities by an Oba. His Royal Majesty Oba Rafiu Ishola Babatunde who chose the Ojude Oba festival, a period when all Sons and Daughters of Ejinrin Kingdom return home to pay him homage to honour Eleniyan and his wife was filled with

praises and prayers for him. In his words, "I know you have had many titles conferred on you in this our constituency and outside but this one is from your town, I hereby confer on you the Title of Oluomo of Ejinrin Kingdom and Yeye Oluomo on your amiable wife; in recognition of your many roles towards the development of our constituency and our community in particular, you are indeed an Oluomo and I am proud of you" Kabiyesi stated.

Honourable Olulade and his wife who were both fully clad in striking traditional attire were thankful for the honour bequeath on them and were all smiled after the traditional rite as they move around appreciating all those who had come to grace the occasion, among whom are royal fathers, political gladiators, civil servants, captains of industries, friends and well-wishers.

An opinion sampling of what some of the guest feels about the honour bestowed on Honourable Olulade and his wife reveals that not many are surprised that he and his wife is been honoured by His Royal Majesty Oba Rafiu Ishola Babatunde as Eleniyan as he is popularly called deserves all the accolade as he never fails give his best to the service of his people and to humanity at large.

















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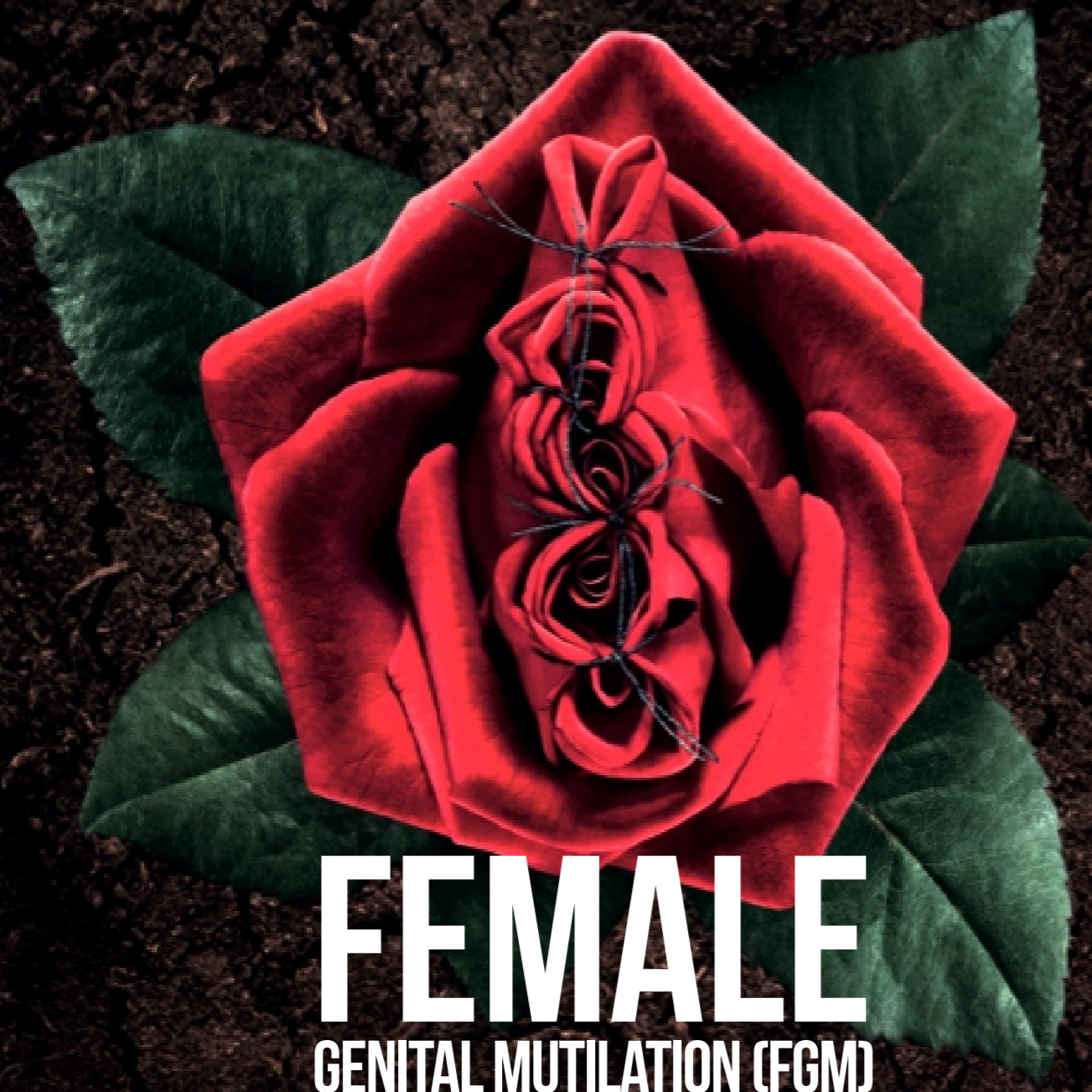


When the Bible says "Love your neighbour as yourself", it implies that whatever is our wish for fellow human naturally returns back to us in a way. The truism that we are what we sow in terms of deeds cannot be half true. A close shave encounter with death on Monday 11th September 2017 revealed the shortest length between life and death and why we have to constantly live each day like it's the last in pursuit of good deeds. I was visiting my country home of Ejinrin on a weekend as I usually do and as I prepare for my return trip back to Lagos without the least sign of ill health I abruptly took ill, and by the time it dawned the car parked outside for my journey was driven empty to Lagos while I was conveyed with a thinning stretcher inside an ambulance for intensive treatment at the LASUTH. Ultimately what turned out to be the saving grace was the act of doing the right thing. If Ketu-Ejinrin in the semi-rural part of Epe was not deemed worthy of an ambulance by Governor Ambode under his 'health service delivery for all' scheme, or if a bad legislation had stalked such laudable scheme, the narration herewith would have been different, a memorial commendation probably. I survived a life threatening situation on the fateful

day not because of my position or influence, if Ketu-Ejinrin General Hospital had lacked the capacity to deliver good medical service, or has no stand-by ambulance for emergency, the eventuality would have been disastrous. It is on this premise that I beseege those who are privileged to hold positions of authority to see it as rare honour to touch lives. Public office is a trust and we public office holders too are part of the public.

We must always do well at all circumstances; our contributions in the cause of our public services are not for anybody but invariably for ourselves. As legislators if we did not do enough to ensure money was adequately voted for health sector, I would have become a victim of our undoing. As I was in the hospital I witness a senior Doctor who was also admitted and operated upon, reaping dividends of his goodwill; such is life.

I want to sincerely thank the Governor, the Speaker of Lagos Assembly, all Honourable members, entire staff of Ketu-Ejinrin General Hospital, CMD of LASUTH, Doctors, staff and all law-abiding tax payers in Lagos State.



FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION (FGM)

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Message by HON. SEGUN OLULADE ‘ELENYAN’

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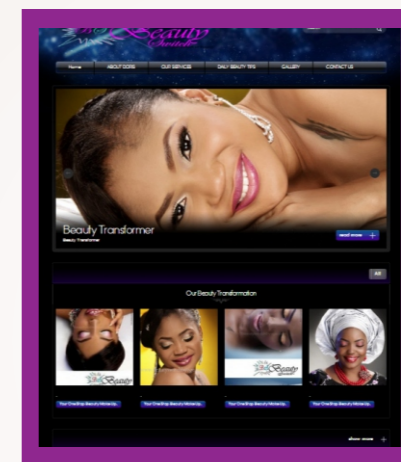
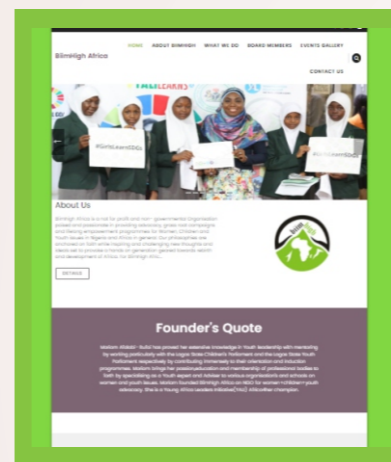
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