

## About the Book

The Lagos Open Parliament Four is an evaluation of the level of budget implementation with regard to infrastructural development in Lagos State between November 2016 and February 2018.

Lagos Open Parliament (LOP) remains a project of the Centre for Anti-Corruption and Open Leadership (CACOL) which is devoted to periodic assessment of the government's programmes and projects in Lagos State. Execution of this project entails application of empirical methods which include public and media assessment of the performance of the state government within a specified period. Among the tools applied for carrying out the research are questionnaires, interviews, news analysis and visual records which include the use of videos and photographs. The goal of this project is to promote accountability and transparency in government.

The first edition of LOP was published in 2011 and it elicited a lot of interest among residents of the state who demanded that the publication be done more regularly. The second and third editions were our response to the call by the people. Just like in the previous editions, LOP Four is the product of a rigorous process which went through several phases including conduct of exploratory and validation conferences that involved the participation of over 400 participants drawn from across the 20 local government areas of the state. Also involved in these processes were representatives of the state and local governments, civil society and community-based organization's and concerned members of the public.

The bulk of the research findings, observations and conclusions for the period under review were data collated from questionnaires distributed to the public and media reports.

## About CACOL

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## DEDICATION

**T**his publication is dedicated to the memory of Olawale Salami a.k.a Don (1968-2018), a revolutionary fighter whose struggle for the emancipation of the oppressed people of Nigeria culminated in his active involvement in the campaign to uproot corruption from the social fabric of our nation.

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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The fourth edition of the Lagos Open Parliament (LOP Four) has maintained the tradition of being a product of exhaustive research on the policies, programmes and projects of the Lagos State Government and the impact they have made on the security and welfare of residents of the state. LOP Four is the score card of Governor Akinwumi Ambode during his second year and part of his third year in office. It covers the period November 2016 to February 2018.

During his second year in office, Ambode consolidated on his first year record which was positive. He implemented additional policies and programmes and executed more projects which touched more lives at the grassroots. There are clear signs that Ambode's style of governance which has demonstrated greater commitment and zeal to satisfy the welfare of the masses is perhaps only comparable to the administration of Alhaji Lateef Jakande, the second republic Governor of the state,

The poor performance of past administrations in the state left the huge population of the state with a serious infrastructural deficit and resulted in so many abandoned projects. It was in the wake of this stunted development that the Ambode administration took over the reins of

governance.

A long period of neglect of infrastructural facilities across the state stared Ambode in the face when he assumed office in 2015. As a coastal state, the rainy season usually exposes the state to highly challenging environmental conditions which render many roads in the state impassable. Many roads in the state were dilapidated due to the shoddy manner in which they were constructed; many had no drainages. As a result, flooding became common in the state for a very long time.

Ambode's government inherited a lot of uncompleted projects which were the after effect of over-inflated contracts. This resulted in a serious drain on the treasury of the state. It was therefore not surprising, that Ambode got bogged down with several teething problems which the administration has been struggling to surmount. However, so far the administration has practiced what it preached at inception. The government set several key goals for itself in the areas of providing security, road rehabilitation, improvement in power supply, education and health. The administration swung into action shortly after Ambode was sworn in and made reasonable impact.

Although there is still a lot of work to be done to lift Lagos to the level of a modern mega city, it is evident that within the few years Ambode has been in power, his contribution towards realization of this goal has been commendable given the workload left behind as a result of the recklessness of his predecessors.

What has been demonstrated by the present administration is that there is hope that if more committed



leaders mount the saddle in Lagos, it would only be a matter of time before the state witnesses the needed transformation that would elevate it from its present status to that of first world player.

# PREFACE

**L**agos Open Parliament 4 is a publication of the Centre for Anti-Corruption and Open Leadership (CACOL) which focuses on government's performance in Lagos State. It is an aggregate of the perceptions and opinions of Lagos residents on the overall performance of the state government. It is published annually to monitor the government and keep elected leaders on their toes.

As a periodic analysis of public assessment of government performance in Lagos state, LOP is published annually, with this edition being the fourth in the series. LOP4 covers the period – November 2016 to October 2017. It is a product of exhaustive research, intense information gathering, interviews and public consultation on Lagos State government's activities under the Governor Akinwunmi Ambode-led administration during the second year of his first tenure in office.

As CACOL documents the activities of Lagos State Government in 'Lagos Open Parliament' LOP, it also does same in Ogun and Osun States. The publication is tagged 'National Open Parliament' NOP at the national level. The LOP is one of the main activities of the organization under its Budget Monitoring Project, BUMP.

The LOP seeks to identify real governance through the judgment or perceptions of the beneficiaries of

government services and empirical analysis of data gathered from the field through research, interviews, pictures, media reports and surveys.

It is an initiative that beams the searchlight to unearth details of governance as a way of gauging how government is performing in the discharge of its constitutional responsibilities to the people. The relationship between the government and the governed is actually a social contract that requires serious monitoring to ensure that none of the parties fail in fulfilling its side of the agreement.

For long, occupants of public offices in Nigeria have governed in such a manner that the basic principles of government's social contract with the people are brazenly violated on the altar of primitive accumulation. Majority of such politicians often go to the undiscerning public to present lists of achievements which do not exist, in order to justify dipping their fingers in the public treasury. Their mode of governance is predicated on falsehood through which they hope to continually perpetrate their looting and maladministration.

The idea of focusing on government's activities and presenting a publication on public perception and media reports is hinged upon the resolve by CACOL to encourage an all embracing assessment of government's performance in the areas of socio-economic and infrastructural development as a means of bringing to sharp focus the quality of governance.

During the fieldwork leading to the publication of LOP 4, the old twenty local government areas in Lagos state

were covered for an unbiased assessment of the performance of the state government in various communities and sectors. Field activities included visits to facilities and construction sites, photography, audio and video interviews.

CACOL's members as well as the Centre's staff and volunteers went to the field and visited construction sites in all the local government areas to seek the opinion and perception of people on the government's activities. Audio-visual records of the state government's activities were also made where necessary. Other inputs to the LOP were sourced from the media in the form of news reports, analysis, editorials, opinions and commentaries.

Three interactive conferences were held during the process: Exploratory, Validation and Public Presentation Conferences. The Public Presentation Conference, marks the end of the process for each LOP.

In this research, CACOL focused its resources on the areas of education, security, health, road repairs cum construction and the administration of law and order.

# CHAPTER ONE

## LAGOS STATE: SOME STRIDES IN INFRASTRUCTURAL AND SOCIO-ECONOMIC ADVANCEMENT

### 1.0 PREAMBLE

The policies formulated and programmes executed by the Governor Akinwumi Ambode led administration are generally perceived to have impacted positively on the lives of residents of the state.

Improved governance in Lagos State is perceived to have left no sector out of developmental plans; from better security and health to education, infrastructural development to wealth creation as well as creation of job opportunities.

### 1.1 PUBLIC SECURITY

In view of the fact that no society can develop and attract investors in a chaotic environment and the need to ensure safety of lives and property, the new administration in 2015 disclosed its commitment to fight insecurity and other vices in the State.

Accordingly, the state government invested greatly in the procurement of security gadgets and equipment which include the donation of two surveillance helicopters, 10 armoured personnel carriers, 10 new Hilux vehicles and

115 new power bikes to the State Police Command and the Rapid Response Squad.

In further demonstration of its commitment to curb criminality in the state, the Ambode administration in 2016 presented additional security equipment to all security agencies in the state. The equipment was officially presented by Vice President Yemi Osibanjo (SAN) during his visit to the state. The state government handed over gadgets and equipment worth over N6.6billion to security agencies in the state between 2015 and 2017.

These efforts have earned recognition and awards for the state government, the security outfits and their personnel. The Rapid Response Squad (RRS) was awarded the “Best Anti-Crime Police Squad” in West Africa while the RRS Commander, Assistant Commissioner of Police Olatunji Disu was awarded the “Most Outstanding Police Operational Officer in Africa”. Lagos State Government received the “Best Security and Most Safety Conscious State in Africa”. It has been reported that crime rate has dropped in the state by 65%.

Furthermore, in order to ensure community policing, the state governor signed the law establishing the Lagos State Neighborhood Safety Corps to increase security in the Communities across the State. Accordingly, the state governor recently launched the creation of 7,000 jobs through this laudable initiative. Operatives of the corps were trained and equipped with requisite knowledge and skills. 1

### 1.2 ROADS

In the last two years, the administration of Governor

Akinwunmi Ambode has continued with its aggressive campaign of roads and bridges construction in the state. Besides the completion and commissioning of several roads across the state, the state government in 2016 also commissioned 114 roads across the state.

The state government has also opened the bid for the construction of additional 181 Roads across the 20 Local Government and 37 Local Council Development Areas in 2017. Likewise, through “Operation Fix All Potholes”, over 3,250 roads have been fixed across the state. All these are aimed at opening up more roads and easing traffic situation in the state.

Also, in furtherance of its effort to improve the free flow of traffic in the state, the government constructed modern lay-bys in some designated areas of the state. The areas include Alapere, Berger, and Iyana Oworonsoki. This initiative has been commended by many Lagosians who have been relieved of traffic gridlocks hitherto experienced in these areas.

Furthermore, the state government recently completed and commissioned the 500 meters Aboru-Abesan link bridge and the stretch of Link Road from Church Street/Giwa/Aboru/Abesan Estate, to ease traffic situation in these areas. Additional seven networks of roads are slated for construction.

They include;

- On-going construction of Abule Egba and Ajah fly overs
- On-going construction of Lagos-Badagry Expressway

- On-going construction of Orile-Marina blue line rail project
- On-going expansion of network of Roads in Epe 2, 3, 4, 5,6

### 1.3 WEALTH CREATION AND EMPLOYMENT

In fulfillment of his campaign promises on wealth creation and reducing unemployment among youths resident in the state, the administration of Governor Ambode established the Ministry of Wealth Creation and Employment to creatively tackle unemployment and create jobs in the state. Through several initiatives, the state government, through the ministry, has provided over 100,000 direct and indirect job opportunities to Lagos residents.

In addition, the state government also launched the Varsity Entrepreneurs Scheme tagged 'Ready, Set, Work Initiative' with the training of 422 graduates in entrepreneurial skills acquisition. On completion of the training, the sum of N15.5million was approved and given as seed funding and grants for the varsity entrepreneurs.

The state government also distributed the sum of N1billion to the first batch of 705 Beneficiaries that cut across tribes, race, religion and gender. To ensure that the beneficiaries start on a good footing and are well equipped for the challenges ahead on how to manage their businesses, the state government also organized workshops on business management and public procurement for them.

In addition, the state government also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the African Women Innovation and Entrepreneurship Forum (AWIEF) to

facilitate easy access of funds to the tune of \$300million for women entrepreneurs. 7

#### 1.4 HEALTH CARE DELIVERY

In line with its policy of ensuring qualitative healthcare delivery to the people of the state, the state government has embarked on various innovation projects that have enhanced and impacted on healthcare delivery in the state. These include the commissioning of the first State-owned Helipad for Medical Emergencies at the Lagos State Teaching Hospital, LASUTH, Ikeja; creation of 14 additional LASAMBUS operational points as well as the commissioning of 26 new ambulances for general hospitals and LASUTH and 20 new mobile intensive care units.

In addition, the state government plans to commence the Health Insurance Scheme in the State in November 2017. It is noteworthy that a core implementation team comprising relevant technical persons, stakeholders and donor community has been set up to draw up a blueprint to facilitate the effective rollout of the scheme.

The state government's implementation of the scheme received international endorsement.

The Queen of Netherlands Her Majesty Maxima Zorreguieta lauded the scheme during a courtesy visit she paid to Governor Ambode.

Queen Zorreguieta was in the state as part of efforts to advance the United Nations' financial inclusion advocacy as a vehicle to alleviate poverty and foster economic

growth in Nigeria, noted that it was important for governments to prioritise access to affordable health care.

"I am impressed that Lagos has come up with a law which makes health insurance mandatory and you are already upgrading some health facilities." 8, 9

#### 1.5 HOUSING

One of the basic needs of man is housing. To this end, the state Governor Ambode has reviewed the Lagos Home Ownership Scheme and came up with the Rent-To-Own Scheme. This is aimed at ameliorating the difficulties faced by citizens in accessing the Lagos Home Scheme and cushioning the effects of economic recession thereby making home ownership affordable.

It pertinent to mention that between February and April 2017, 500 lucky beneficiaries of the scheme have been presented with keys to their homes located in different places across the state. This has won a lot of accolades and admiration for the administration as the selection was devoid of any discrimination or biases as beneficiaries cut across races, tribes, religion and gender.

In addition, various housing schemes have been constructed and commissioned across the state as new ones are being initiated. All these are part of efforts geared towards meeting the housing needs of the people of the state by the Ambode administration. 10

#### 1.6 LAND MATTERS

In a bid to curb the excesses and criminal activities of land

grabbers called '*Omo Onile*' in local parlance, the administration of Governor Ambode signed the Lagos State Properties Protection Law (Anti-Land Grabbing Law). This was followed with the inauguration of a special Taskforce on Land Grabbing which has since commenced operations to the delight of many Lagosians.

It is interesting to note that the state government has continued to receive accolades and commendation from within and outside the state for this lofty idea. Lagos is the first state to enact such a law which has been imitated by other states across the country.

## 1.7 PHYSICAL PLANNING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

In line with the present administration's vision of creating an inclusive, functional and vibrant model city that is safe, conducive for living, recreation, investment and provision of job opportunities, the state government has continued to show commitment towards an effective and visionary approach to planning tagged, '*Planning with the People*'. Thus, it has among other things, completed the baseline studies on Epe and Oshodi-Isolo Master Plans with others in progress. It has also presented the final draft of the Ikeja Model City Plan 2016 – 2036 to members of the public and stakeholders. The draft master-plan was adjudged implementable.

In addition, with a view to restoring the Master-Plan of the Ikoyi, Victoria Island and Lekki Areas, the state government inaugurated a committee under the leadership of the Secretary to the State Government, on the clean-up of these areas. So far, the committee has

commenced work and these areas are gradually returning to their old aesthetic look. 11

Also, government has begun the preliminary construction works towards the relocation of the popular foodstuff and commodity market from Mile 12 to Imota and work is about 80% complete.

Besides, in order to enhance a safety culture and ensure zero tolerance for building collapse in the state, the state government has repositioned the State Building Control Agency (LABSCA) and merged it with the State Materials Testing Laboratory to complement its statutory functions for efficient service delivery.

## 1.8 FOOD SECURITY

The state government has advanced different innovative programmes to secure food production in the state. One of such programmes was the partnership between the state government and its Kebbi State counterpart which culminated into the launch and the sale of the Lake Rice in December 2016 at a reduced price. The partnership was not only aimed at ensuring food security in the state but to also to showcase the ability of Nigeria to become a producer of rice.

As part of its effort to boost rice production and enhance job creation in the state, the state government had earlier sponsored 100 farmers of the crop on a 500 hectare land acquired in Eggua, Ogun state. In addition, the state government through the Ministry of Agriculture, harvested over 20 tons of catfish, at the maiden harvest of the Commercial Cage Culture System of Fish Farming

introduced to empower 60 youths at the Agbowo-Ikosi Beach in Ikosi Ejirin LCDA. 12

### 1.09 EDUCATION

The state government embarked on the rehabilitation of public schools, construction of new classroom blocks and provision of furniture in various public schools across the state.

In addition, a new world class model of block of classrooms was introduced to improve teaching and learning in the state. The foundation for the first three of the model schools were laid at the Awori College, Ojo; Lagos City College, Sabo-Yaba; and Angus Memorial High School, Somolu.

In further pursuit of the goal of equipping and strengthening the education sector for greater performance, the state government recruited 1,300 teachers into public primary schools across the state. It also began the implementation of a new educational policy initiative tagged 360 degree Education policy to promote the growth of functional and qualitative education across the state.

Also, the Ambode administration approved N380million for bursary, local scholarship payment for indigent students in tertiary institutions across the country.

As part of its efforts to reduce the level of illiteracy in the state, the state government launched the Free Adult Education Programme during the period under review. 13, 14

### 1.10 ENVIRONMENTAL RENEWAL

As part of the plan for the newer, cleaner and healthier Lagos, the state government embarked on the Solid Waste Management Reform (Cleaner Lagos Initiative) which will contribute to improving the socio-economic development of the people of the state.

Under this scheme, over 27,000 direct jobs and 10,000 indirect jobs would be created. The state governor has signed the Environmental Management and Protection Law to give it a legal backing.

Furthermore, the state has embarked on the process of recruiting 27,500 Community Sanitation Workers (CSW) who will be engaged to clean streets in the 377 wards of the state. The scheme tends to expand the scope of the current Street Sweeping Programme from 4500 sweepers to 27,500 CSWs to cover all the 377 political wards in the state. Under the new arrangement, major highways across the state will be swept clean by the street sweepers. 15

### 1.11 PROVISION OF EMERGENCY SERVICE

In a bid to respond swiftly to emergency situations and ensure safety of lives and property in the state, the state government, through the Ministry of Special Duties and Inter-governmental Relations, commissioned the Lagos State Emergency Management Agency Response Unit at Cappa-Oshodi. LASEMA has since swung into action and responded to some emergency cases. 16

## 1.12 TOURISM, ARTS AND CULTURE

In fulfilling its responsibility of making the state the hub of tourism, arts and entertainment, the state government through project THESE has continued to embark on programmes aimed at boosting the arts, entertainment and tourism in the state.

Consequently, the state government hosted in Year 2016 a number of highly rated entertainment events. These include, International Jazz Day in April; Lagos Street Party, and Africa Music Award (AFRIMA) in November, 2016. The state also made a remarkable appearance at the Nottingham Carnival and Toronto International Film Festival. The state has been accorded the hosting right for the 2017 Africa Movie Academy Awards (AMAA)

The 2016 edition of the One Lagos Fiesta (OLF) was organized simultaneously across the five divisions of the state for 10 days, starting from 24th December to 31st December, 2017. This is in line with the all-inclusive governance policy of the Governor and to ensure that all Lagosians share in the joy of the season.

In terms of job creation, the OLF created over 10,000 direct and indirect jobs for diverse professionals who were engaged in sundry activities.

In addition, to further exhibit its commitment to the development of the arts and entertainment, the state government in January 2017, organized the first Rasheed Gbadamosi/Eko Arts Exhibition with about 400 artworks and photographs on display.

Also, to further boost tourism and arts in the state, the

Akinwunmi Ambode administration unveiled the newly renovated Tinubu Square Fountain in the heart of the Lagos Central Business District in honour of Late Madam Efunroye Tinubu.

## 1.13 TRANSPORTATION

Improving transportation infrastructure across the state has remained a major concern of the Akinwunmi Ambode administration. To this end, it embarked on the construction of fence setbacks on major highways and ultra modern bus terminals across key highways in the State. One of such was the construction and commissioning of iconic new Tafawa Balewa Square Bus Terminal – a project conceived to bring Lagos into the 21st century to celebrate 50th anniversary of the state.

Another key aspect of the state government's new traffic resolution plan is the construction of pedestrian foot bridges. Hence these bridges were constructed along strategic and busy highways such as Ojota, Ojodu-Berger, Iyana-Ipaja, Abule Egba etc.

It has also commenced the 2nd Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) scheme from Abule-Egba to Oshodi. The 37km dedicated lane is to be constructed in 3 phases and will help to control travel time, like all other developed cities in the world.

The state government is also investing in water transportation in pursuit of its goal of executing an integrated transportation system for the state. 18

## 1.14 LIGHT UP LAGOS



The Light Up Project was conceived to light up major highways and streets, thereby ensuring safety and encouraging an economy that works round the clock. So far, many areas in the state have been lit up. These areas include, Maryland to Mile 12; Oworonshoki to Kara through Alapere; 7up/Toll Gate and Berger; Martins /Ereko streets; Broad Street, Lagos Island; Olowookere Street and Old Ota Road, Alimosho; Cemetery Road, Badagry and Ligali Ayorinde Street.

Other areas are Babatunde Jose, Eti-Osa; Itire Road, Surulere; Bode Thomas, Surulere; Coker Street, Ilupeju; Apapa-Oshodi Express Way; Gbagada by Charley Boy Bus Stop; Hakeem Balogun-Jobi Fele Way, CBD, Ikeja; Berger-Ogunwusi Road, Ojodu; Pen Cinema to Oba Akran; Ikotun to Egbe by Synagogue Church; Lagos-Ibadan Expressway by Berger bus stop to Third mainland Bridge among others.

Other notable achievements include:

- Flag off of Epe-Marina Lagoon Reclamation Project
- Approval of N740million as compensation to Lekki Free Trade Zone Host Communities
- Handover of New Ipaja Police Station
- Advancement of \$2.6billion for Badagry Deep Sea Port Project
- Commissioning of Water Hyacinth, Debris Removal Machines
- Inauguration of N500 million Disability Trust Fund
- Ongoing Transformation of Tafawa Balewa Square (TBS)

## 1.15 PURPOSE OF STUDY

- The purpose of this project is to bring to limelight the facts and figures about the performance of Lagos State Government for the period spanning November 2016-October 2017.
- This study also reveals the state of governance and participatory democracy in Lagos State.
- It also reveals the opinions of Lagosians and their assessment of the present administration.
- It is conceived to serve as a yardstick on service delivery.
- It also criticizes the effect of bad governance on the people.

**1.16 POPULATION/SCOPE:** Lagos has a population of over 20 million people. The scope of field work required to cover this huge population is challenging.

As a result of the huge population of the state, it is highly tasking to obtain an accurate sample of the population figure that would enhance data collection. Hence, about 20, 000 residents of the state were the target audience.

The sample population cuts across the whole 20 local governments in the State. This implies that 1000 respondents were sampled from each local government area. Over 20,000 questionnaires were distributed across the 20 local governments.

The Local Governments involved are:

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| 1. Ajeromi-Ifelodun | 11. Amuwo-Odofin |
| 3. Apapa            | 12. Agege        |
| 3. Eti-Osa          | 13. Epe          |
| 5. Badagry          | 14. Ifako-Ijaiye |
| 6. Ibeju Lekki      | 15. Ikorodu      |

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| 7. Ikeja          | 16. Ikosofe  |
| 8. Lagos Island   | 17. Ojo      |
| 9. Lagos Mainland | 18. Shomolu  |
| 10. Mushin        | 19. Alimisho |

### 1.17 HYPOTHESIS

- 1.17.1** The approach adopted here is to examine the performance of the government vis-à-vis the needs of residents of the state.
- 1.17.2** To evaluate the Government's commitment to the security of the people
- 1.17.3** To measure the Government's efforts in attending to the welfare of the people

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# CHAPTER TWO

## TITBITS FROM LOP4 CONFERENCE

### 2.1 SPEECH DELIVERED BY EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN OF CACOL, MR. DEBO ADENIRAN AT THE LOP 4 EXPLORATORY CONFERENCE

On behalf of the **Centre For Anti-Corruption and Open Leadership, (CACOL)**, I am glad to welcome you all to this event. We deeply appreciate the honour you have accorded us as demonstrated by the timely arrival of everyone for this exploratory conference which is a key component of the process that will culminate in our periodic Publication called the Lagos Open Parliament LOP4. We say a big thank you to all for coming.

Majority of us here today are conversant with the LOP and can simply say that, “there goes CACOL again, doing what they know how best to do”. But some are probably just getting to know about the LOP for the first time, as a project of our Centre. It thus becomes imperative to give a background on what the LOP is all about. I therefore crave your indulgence to briefly do so.

The LOP, as a project of CACOL, focuses on periodic analysis of government's general performance in Lagos State. The programme utilizes public and media assessments' of government's performance including

field work. This includes empirical assessments. The research strategy assesses government's activities with the goal of ensuring transparency and accountability. The tools include questionnaires, interviews, news analysis and visual investigations involving the usage of videos and photographs.

This exploratory meeting involves gathering of citizens from all local governments in Lagos State to give individual and collective opinions on governance in Lagos State as it affects budgetary implementation and to advise if the tools used and the data collated so far is adequate for such assessment. This conference is meant to seek advise on other possible means of assessing budgetary implementation in Lagos State.

The present LOP is the fourth in the series; the first and second editions were published in 2012 and 2014 respectively during the administration of the immediate past governor of Lagos state. The third edition was done in 2016 during the tenure of the present governor Mr Akinwumi Ambode. The present edition, LOP4, which is on-going is the second under the present administration. It is intended to assess budgetary implementation in Lagos State within the last two years. It is also designed to serve as an avenue to find out areas that we ought to assess and which we are yet to, as well as a channel to find out if there are areas we have over-assessed that the Lagos public would want us to adjust. This is with a view to ascertaining what the expectations of citizens are so that the State Government can make additional efforts towards meeting them.

We therefore, ask everyone here, to mobilize his or her

compatriots towards identifying the projects we are going to mention here and others that you know of that the Government is embarking on in your area and might not have been captured by what we have compiled so far.

Since our research strategy utilizes different tools to carry out the task of monitoring government activities which includes the use of questionnaires, interviews, news analysis, visual investigations involving usage of videos and photographs we want you to utilize all the channels that are provided to give us feedback, so that your contribution will be part of the final compilation that is going to be published as a book called **LAGOS OPEN PARLIAMENT 4**.

Everybody here is expected to respond to a questionnaire right here and whatever is your individual response shall be compiled with the ones we have earlier gathered. We also expect you to take some copies of the questionnaire and possibly make photocopies for other compatriots back home. This would enable them to respond in their own way and you can transmit them back to us through electronic media, if doing so physically may be difficult for you.

The LOP, as a Project of our Centre, was conceived to be done annually but due to dearth of funds and manpower, it has not been easy to meet the annual target. For this therefore, we solicit everyone's cooperation in our efforts to make our government more accountable and responsive to the citizenry who are the original owners of the instruments of governance that is entrusted to the government for public good.

Please we encourage everybody to participate in today's

deliberations which we promise would be very vigorous. We also urge you all to be diligent and candid in your responses to the questionnaires which is meant to enhance true assessment of infrastructural development of Lagos State. Thank you for listening.

## **2.2 SPEECH DELIVERED BY GBENGA KOMOLAFE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, FEDERATION OF INFORMAL WORKERS OF NIGERIA (FIWON)**

I want to acknowledge guests on the high table and particularly commend the steadfastness and commitment of Comrade Debo Adeniran and the CACOL Team on this LOP project. I also acknowledge Barrister Fusika. I think it is important to set up a kind of template in order to objectively assess what is happening in Lagos State. The template I will want us to adopt is what I call sustainable development template because it has been globally adopted by the United Nations system and development players globally. It simply says development would be focused on the human being, his needs and his priorities. It also talks about the available technology to drive development and make productivity more efficient and standardised. It also talks about health care services especially for children, education and potable water. I want to dwell on details about potable water. I don't know how many Lagosians have access to potable water; we are all use to sachet water. If you cannot afford table water, you would have to buy sachet water because most available water in the neighborhood are simply not purified. I hear news about new water pipelines everyday, but I really don't know how many Lagosians have access to drinkable water because we have many people infected

with water borne diseases like dysentery , typhoid and diarrhea. These are the things that are not even mentioned as part of development. Other parts of the world no longer talk about malaria. In a tiny country like as Cuba, malaria has been wiped out for over 30years. Here malaria is one of the biggest killers that kills children in Nigeria today. Let's talk about health care services. The health care system is a little bit diverse and deserves different segment of specialization that you may not be able to get in a private clinic. This is because most private clinics are manned by one or two doctors who are likely to be general practitioners and when people come in with complications that are a little bit complex, they would not tell the patient due to the profit motive. They will only refer you when it gets out of hand; health care service cannot grow with that kind of logic.

When we look at the number of available hospitals when compared to the population of the people, it doesn't even come near Osun and Ekiti states. I believe strongly that is the area some of us should keep our attention focused on because the number of people that simply die on a daily basis is because of the bad state of health care services. Unfortunately we don't have an accurate statistic about it. Then we may want to talk about sanitation and what happen to it in the recent times. The extreme privatization of sanitation services in Lagos State has led to three implications. Since Vision Scape came into the scene, it has turned out to be absolutely incapable of addressing the issue of waste collection. This is apart from dislodging almost 50,000 women that used to sweep the roads and keep them clean on a daily basis. If we want to talk about the dump sites especially the one at Ojota where there have been cases of fire breakout, two issues about that

dump site strike me. The first is that for weeks there was a fire outbreak there. Lagos State does not have a fire service which has the capacity to fight fire from the air and for almost three weeks, the dump site was on fire. The neighbourhood around the dumpsite was covered with smoke, yet the Lagos State government pretended to be helpless. But what interested me about the Ojota case was that while the whole area was covered with thick smoke, Lagosians just went about their daily business as if nothing happened. I find that curious that the same Lagos State, the Centre of Excellence could not do anything about it for weeks. They also forgot about the health implications of that fire and smoke that lasted for three weeks. I think that apart from blaming the government, Lagosians should also examine themselves and their attitude to this kind of issue and its implication to the general wellbeing of all of us. On the issue of privatization of the waste disposal system, the question is why abandon a waste management system which is working to some extent for another scheme? We will leave the issue of sanitation and also talk about public education. It has been said that there is no functional public education system in place. We cannot have serious development without a functional public education system like Barrister Fusika said. Most of the people governing us now are products of a past functional public education system. Although they are comfortable with the situation we are having in Lagos State whereby we have one hundred children pupils per class. We expect a teacher to manage 200 teenagers in a class. The previous LOP report actually highlighted this, and there hasn't been any significant change about it like Barrister Fusika said. Most of us have abandoned the public school system; everybody wants to send his child to a private

school. There are two implications; the first implications is that most private schools should actually not be allow to operate. One they don't have space for running schools. Most of the operators are not experts. The second implication is that almost all private schools actually encourage children to cheat because they want to have records of good result during external examinations. They want to have 90% pass in WAEC; they want to showcase that all their students have 10 As. But the truth is that they allow teachers to actually teach children during public examinations; they allow outsiders to write exams for children and this culture has become part and parcel of this state. We are now talking about privately owned universities that are also encouraging corruption; you see private universities producing 300-500 first class graduates. Thank God that most employers of labour in Lagos have seen through it. So they now do what is called aptitude test because knowledge is something you cannot lie too much about. If you have it, it will show in your performance. So those are some of the areas in which we are deficient in this state. Those of us who are parents who are mainly part of that challenge should also examine ourselves and when we also talk about corruption, we should look back and see how we have contributed to it. So these are aspects that are very important and we should emphasize on.

### **2.3 SPEECH DELIVERED BY BARRISTER OLUMIDE FUSIKA(SAN)**

Well, we are actually supposed to go over what the government has done in the past since we're discussing the present administration. However, if we do our assessment based on what has been mentioned by

Comrade Debo Adeniran, then we can still say a few things. The first thing I would like to say is that even though we have been making presentations here about some bad spots around Lagos state, it is easier to drive through these spots complain without bearing in mind that even if one may be bad, government may be involved in rehabilitating so many others that we have not focused upon. What the government will tell you is simple; work is in progress. We can't do everything at the same time.

Before I go into any presentation, I would like to comment on the overhead bridge at the Lekki-Ajah axis which you mentioned. So I can only make comments on what the impact has been. What I will say is that I can remember when the road was under construction, they will give you fliers. My office is at Ikeja. My experience was that after they completed the road, there was a slight improvement in the flow of traffic. But the truth of the matter is that if you get to my office by 7 o'clock, you will probably meet me there and you will be wondering why I come so early. It's because I want to beat the traffic; the situation is still there, but what is commendable is that the government is trying to solve some of these problems, but the problem has not been solved yet.

Traffic management is essential in Lagos; that takes me to the Light Rail Project that was supposed to be delivered since 2013. There is no mega city in the world where mass transportation is done with buses. We have a population of about 20 million or 50million in Lagos and what we are using for mass transit is *Molue*.

The solution is that light rail project; you can imagine if you board a light rail vehicle from Epe all the way to Lekki and

it is made affordable, many would not put their cars on the road. Many of the so called small buses will run out of business; they would have to look for something else to do or use their buses for inner-city routes thereby displacing the *keke napep*. That is the solution to traffic management in Lagos; all these other ones they are doing can't help. We do not have the resources to build the kind of roads that will solve the problem.

For instance we might need like 4 alternative roads, so the resources to be used to concentrate on such a project, why not invest it in the Light Rail project? You are suppose to deliver something in 2013 and this is 2018, no one is sure when that project would be delivered. That takes us to the issue of governance. We are not saying anything about education; that shows the mentality of the people governing us. It is governance by project; that is the error many of them are making. Even the least endowed person financially today will rather take his child to a private school. People now prefer to take their children to private schools rather than public schools. I attended a public school and I am sure the governor himself attended a public school, but nobody is paying attention to this. What about health services? You are dead if you don't have the money to take care of yourself, because they are flying themselves abroad. So it is not about we have done this road here, we have done that road there. If there is distribution of responsibilities, even waste management should be the work of the Local government. They are not supposed to be celebrated by the state. There are things the Local Government will say they have done and the people in the Local Government will appreciate it. Refuse disposal is a Local Government responsibility. It is not something the State will take over. Don't get me wrong.

Those of us at the local government level that are here, all of you have your job prescriptions. You were not employed to go to work, sit down, gossip and talk. Are you doing your own work the way you should do it?, Are you discharging your own responsibility?, Are you insisting on doing it? These are the things I think deserve my comments at this stage.

#### **2.4 CACOL BOSS DEBO ADENIRAN GRANTS INTERVIEW TO ONTV AT VENUE OF LOP4 EXPLORATORY CONFERENCE**

**ONTV:** We appreciate your effort to do justice on open leadership. You are putting the government on their toes and of course nobody else is doing that. I think we are impressed by the summary of your statistics. One thing that drew our attention is your position on waste management and the introduction of Vision Scape. What is your perception about it?

**Adeniran:** Well for now we don't have an opinion; our opinion would be informed by the aggregate of opinions that are expressed in the conference and the follow up conferences because we want Lagosians to speak on budget implementation in the State. If they are satisfied with it, we are going to say so, but as a dispassionate and detached assessor, we do not have advance opinion about it, so we are waiting for what will come out of the questionnaire.

**ONTV: As a Lagosian, what is your personal opinion on the matter?**

**Adeniran:** As a Lagosian, I have no opinion. That is exactly the reason why we went to town to sample opinions and we have to arrive at an answer through the

aggregate of public opinion that has been expressed by the discussants and participants today. We know that Vision Scape is not yet meeting the challenges of keeping Lagos State clean, but then such questions have been thrown to state actors and they gave us assurances that it is a kind of transitional problem on the part of the contractor they have just engaged to do the clean up; that after all the issues surrounding the litigation are cleared, the contractor is going to do better. We will not say we believe them and we will not say we don't believe them. But what we want is that whatever the government has to do, they should do it. They should clean Lagos State up; every dumpsite that is constituting a menace to the movement and health of the people should be removed because we deserve to live a better, healthy and happy life within our state.

**ONTV:** By your assessment as a watchdog, do you think this government deserves a second term.

**Adeniran:** The government deserves a second term. As a matter of fact, it is a position we have expressed before and that is why we want to confirm that the present administration is actually addressing the yearning of the people especially in physical and infrastructural development. The administration has actually surpassed our initial expectation unlike the past administration that we had reasons to criticize. The present one has hit the ground running and they are running in the direction people want them to run.

## 2.5 LASG HANDS OVER KEYS TO 150 HOME OWNERS

Lagos State Government has presented keys to 150 new

homeowners under the Rent-to-Own programme, thereby increasing the total number of housing units already allocated to Lagosians under the Scheme to 650.

Speaking today at the hand-over ceremony to the 4th set of allottees of the Rent-To-Own Housing scheme, the State Commissioner for Housing, Prince Gbolahan Lawal explained that the State government was not just providing accommodation but using the various housing schemes as a major means of economic empowerment for residents of the State, especially young people.

According to him, the Scheme is aimed at ensuring that all Lagosians irrespective of status, income and affiliation have access to decent and affordable housing in order to improve their quality of life.

He said, "Under this policy, all that prospective homeowners need do is make a 5% commitment fee, take possession and pay up the remaining balance towards the ownership of the property over a period of 10 years."

The Commissioner informed that a larger number of Lagosians who could not hitherto boast of being homeowners are now proud beneficiaries of housing units under the Rent-To-Own Scheme.

Lawal stated that apart from the 'Rent-To-Own' policy, the State Government had also designed some other innovative means of addressing the housing deficit across the State.

In his words, "Other efforts being put in place by the Governor Ambode led administration to make housing



more readily available to Lagos' teeming residents include the Lagos Affordable Public Housing (LAPH) Initiative. This is a joint venture arrangement between the State Government and the private investors aimed at constructing 20,000 housing units over a period of four years”.

He also revealed that plans for a Rental Housing Programme targeted at persons with a regular source of income but are only interested in home rental than ownership and do not have the required 5% commitment fee for the Rent-To-Own programme is also on course and would take effect soon.

Earlier, the General Manager of the Lagos State Mortgage Board, Mr. Dehinde Tunwashe reminded the allottees of the need to ensure prompt payment of their monthly rent to encourage the State government to provide more houses for people of the State.

He solicited the support of the allottees to cooperate with the facility Managers and ensure that the facilities in the estates are put to use for designated purposes.

“Efforts should be geared towards ensuring that the estates' environments are kept clean at all times. The allottees should ensure that all safety precautions are strictly adhered-to in a bid to prevent fire outbreak or any form of disaster”, Tunwashe added.

SOURCE: Lagos State Government

## **2.6 LAGOS TO PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY WITH PASSAGE OF LAW**

The Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, has expressed the desire of his administration to achieve full environmental sustainability with passage of the environmental management and protection law as the enabling legal instrument.

Ambode who disclosed this in Lagos at a media workshop organised by the the state Ministry of Environment and Visionscape, noted that the environmental sector is one of the focal three that is critical to the actualisation of the policy thrust of the present administration.

He also stated that the best way to sustain the environment is through the Cleaner Lagos Initiative (CLI) waste management reform which is focused at seeking private investment from national and international players in the waste management sector, infuse more efficiency, improve living standards and secure a cleaner state.

Ambode who was represented at the event by the Commissioner for Environment, Dr.Samuel Adejare, explained that the media is a critical stakeholder in fulfilling the inclusive governance stance of the administration, noting that this was driven through the provision of information to the citizenry and sharing of ideas on how to sustainably relate with the environment in a way that would be beneficial to the public.

In her remarks, the Environmental Product and Services Development Manager Visionscape, Maimuna Maibe, said the group in partnership with the state government would be involved in waste containment, provision of bins to residents, transportation, collection and waste disposal, adding that they are focusing on the entire waste

collection management value chain.

She also stated that they are also committed to creating value out of the waste they collected instead of focusing on disposal at a landfill site.

Maibe further stated that there are three concession facilities which they have taken over and they are based in Agege, Oshodi and Takpa in Lagos Island, stressing that the three locations provide a stop gap for their operations, which would allow all trucks, tricycles and loading containers to dump at the transfer stations.

Continuing, Ambode added that the concessioning of the residential waste collection and processing to a reputable multinational waste service company; the transformation of the erstwhile Kick Against Indiscipline (KAI) Brigade to a civil Lagos State Environmental Sanitation Corps (LAGESC), the launch of the initiative and other issues would unfold very soon.

He added: “We know that by educating you about the facts on CLI, you will help in turn to educate the public. We are responsible to the people; therefore educating them through the media is very vital for us. We are beginning the CLI initiative first week in September 2017.

“We have thrown up an intervention programme with the Ministry of Environment, LAWMA and Visionscape. Visionscape is doing some deep cleaning with us. We have started using open trucks for them. Lagosians should dispose their waste responsibly and the waste disposal authorities responsible will take them out. CLI will help to build the social infrastructure needed to develop Lagos. The model we are adopting is in

consonance with what is obtainable internationally.”

SOURCE: THISDAY

## **2.7 LOCATION OF OLUSOSU DUMPSITE IS NO LONGER HEALTHY-AMBODE ON MARCH 17, 2018**

Lagos State Governor, Mr Akinwunmi Ambode on Friday justified the decision of the State Government to shut down the Olusosun dumpsite at Ojota, saying the location of the facility was no longer healthy both for trading activities and residents living in the neighborhood. Governor Ambode, who spoke while addressing scavengers and other workers at the site following the outbreak of fire last Wednesday, said aside from the negative health implication of the site to the people, the structure of the facility was also risky and susceptible to all forms of hazards like the fire outbreak. The Governor, who was visiting the site for the second time since the fire outbreak, said though it was gratifying that there was no casualty, the closure of the site became necessary owing to the need to forestall reoccurrence and protect the health of residents.

“You see what happened was that nobody deliberately put fire there, but it was the refuse as well as the gas coming from underground that reacted when the sun was hot and environmental temperature rose to around 36 to 38 degrees that caused the fire. We thank God nothing bad happened to those living around the neighborhood.

“What we have decided now is that there will not be dumping of refuse here any longer. But the most important

aspect of it is that I cannot open my eyes and allow diseases to befall people here. At the end of the day, it is government that will still care of you. So, we have to sit down and agree.

“We might say we are looking for what we want to eat but may God not allow us to see what will harm or kill us. I don't want to stop your trade but I also don't want to fold my arms and allow diseases befall you. You may not have diseases now, but you see in this area, there is no way you can say you are looking for money without contending with series of hazards and a clear example is the fire outbreak,” the Governor said.

Governor Ambode said in as much as government was unwilling to make people in the area lose their means of livelihood, but it was important for all the stakeholders to agree on what is to be done to go forward.

“I have not come to disturb you; what should be removed would be removed; we are not dumping waste here again. What will benefit all the people here is my concern. But we have to take it one after the other and we want all your leaders to cooperate with us.

“If not for the fact that we have fire stations, vehicles and fire officers, the fire would have spread more than this and if the fire had spread to the petrol station, that would have been a major disaster and we don't want that to happen. “It's too dangerous to have this petrol station and other things around here. It is for your own good and for your own health. But we are not here to cause pain for you, we would first of all make sure that we close down the dumpsite and then at the same time engage all of you so that we can talk and see how we can improve on the

environment and also make life bearable for you and your children,” Governor Ambode said.

Also speaking at the occasion, the Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Mr Kehinde Bamigbetan said the visit of the Governor and the decision of the State Government to shut down the site was to protect the people and the environment and to ensure their health and safety. While directing waste collection operators to make use of the landfill site at Owu Elepe in Ikorodu and that of Epe, Bamigbetan also unveiled plans to transform Olusosun dumpsite into parks and gardens, among others, starting with perimeter fencing. “Consequently, waste collection operators are directed to use the landfill site at Owu Elepe in Ikorodu and the second one in Epe. The government has also decided to fence the site. Other efforts to contain the situation include the decommissioning of the site to facilitate alternative use for parks and gardens and other projects. This action is in line with the Cleaner Lagos Initiative (CLI) of this administration and conforms with international best practices,” Bamigbetan said.

Source: Vanguard

## **2.8 LASG REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO DELIVERY OF POTABLE WATER**

Lagos State Government has reaffirmed its commitment to the uninterrupted delivery of clean and potable water to Lagos residents.

Speaking during a media briefing at the weekend, the

Managing Director, Lagos Water Corporation, Engr. Muminu Adekunle Badmus declared that the State Government does not intend to privatise the State Water sector, but it is rather investing heavily in the provision of potable water supply to the ever-increasing population of the State.

Badmus explained that the State recently funded and completed short-term plans to improve water production and supply to Lagos residents by the rehabilitation of the major waterworks at Adiyari 70 million gallons per day; Iju 40 (MGD), and Ishasi 4 (MGD) as well as Akute and 48 other mini-waterworks across the State.

According to him, the repair works have enhanced output and improved water distribution in the State, thereby reducing the hardship experienced by Lagosians in getting water to their various homes.

Engineer Badmus noted that as part of the long-term plans of the State, the Corporation has developed the Lagos Water Supply Master Plan (2010 – 2020) which includes the ongoing construction of Adiyari Phase two to enhance its capacity to 70 million gallons per day and connect over 200,000 premises and additional three million residents.

“On completion, it will boost water pressure in urban areas of the western axis of Lagos State. These include Ikeja, Agege, Dopemu, Mushin and parts of Ikorodu and Igbogbo Township” he said.

“To be frank, the Adiyari Two water treatment plant is 85% completed, and the reticulation billed for public private partnership (PPP) is the only viable option” Badmus added.

He disclosed that the Igbonla Phase One, Water Scheme of 100 million gallons per day, which will complement current production and close demand gap when completed, is also part of the State government's long-term plans to supply potable water to Victoria Island – Lekki corridor, adding that discussions are ongoing with the contractor to encourage a PPP arrangement in the water sector.

He said the Lagos State Government is also investing heavily in other projects to attract private investors and engender injection of fresh funds that will generate ideas as well as creative strategies to grow the sector.

In his words, “it has been realised by governments worldwide that funding of government programmes and projects can no longer be sustained by the government alone as evidenced in the global economic recession and decline in oil revenue. This has therefore led public sectors in the world into resort to seeking private intervention and participation in the implementation of government policies”.

The LWC boss explained that the State government is focused on inclusion of the private sector in the developmental agenda of Lagos State to accelerate service delivery rather than the sale of government-owned assets to private entities.

“The Second National Urban Water Sector Reform Project (2NUWSRP) in collaboration with World Bank is geared towards supporting the Lagos Water Corporation in this direction” he stated.

He expressed confidence that the PPP arrangement will encourage efficiency that will curb waste, eradicate delayed delivery and forestall abandonment usually associated with public projects.

Badmus revealed that other projects still in the works are Yewa One, Ishasi Expansion, Igbonla Two, Adiyin Three, Yewa Two, Ibeshe One and Ibeshe Two.  
Source: Lagos State Government

# CHAPTER THREE

## NEWSPAPER REPORTS: PRINT AND ONLINE VERSIONS

### ONLINE NEWSPAPER REPORTS

In response to the need to make our findings credible, we hereby present various published media reports on the subject matter. This would be helpful especially for readers who need to conduct further research.

**Ambode promises Lagosians safety**

Published January 23, 2018

Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos State has reiterated his commitment to the safety of residents, saying the security of lives and property will not be compromised.

The governor, who was represented by the Secretary to the State Government, Tunji Bello, stated this on Monday at the opening of a newly constructed base for Police Mobile Force, Squadron 63, in the Igbogbo-Baiyeku Local Council Development Area of Ikorodu.

Ambode, who noted that the primary responsibility of the government was to ensure the safety and security of its citizens, said, "This administration, in partnership with the private sector, will continue to invest in the provision of equipment and other infrastructure for efficient operations of security agencies in the state."

He said the project was meant to address the security

challenges in the Ikorodu area.

He said, "With the provision of operational vehicles, communication equipment and others security gadgets for the squadron, criminal elements have no hiding place in Ikorodu and its environs."

The Inspector-General of Police, Ibrahim Idris, commended Ambode for his continuous support to the police.

Idris, who was represented by Deputy Inspector-General of Police Folusho Adebajo, said Ikorodu had developed to a community of thriving commercial and social activities with attendant crimes.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Edgal Imohimi, said the squadron would reduce violent crime in Ikorodu.

Adeboruwa of Igbogbo kingdom, Oba Abdulsemiu Kasali, stated that the base and the ongoing road construction in the area would fast-track development in the community.

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### **Lagos Stops Tollgate Tariff Hike**

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The Lagos State Government has asked the Lekki Concession Company to suspend its plan to increase tariff hike on the Lekki-Epe Expressway and Lekki-Ikoyi link bridge.

In a statement on Saturday by the state Commissioner for Information, Steve Ayorinde, the government said the proposed tariff hike had now been put on hold.

The statement partly read, "While the government

recognises the need for periodic review of tariffs and any other levies pertaining to road infrastructure maintenance in the state, the public and critical stakeholders as the ultimate beneficiaries of such facilities must always be carried along at all times.

“Therefore, the proposed tariff hike cannot be effected at this period in the interest of the public while further consultations continue.”

### **Lagos to Explore Economy of Waterways – Ambode**

Published November 6, 2017

Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos State on Sunday pledged to explore the tourism and economic potential of the state's waterways.

He spoke during the inauguration of three newly- acquired executive boats by the state government on Victoria Island, adding that the government was committed to the implementation of the integrated transport management system designed to boost water, rail and land transport.

The governor said government's plan was to divert at least two million passengers to water transport daily to reduce traffic on roads.

Ambode said, “Twenty-five per cent of Lagos is water and it is important that we put in the right initiatives that can make activities on our waterways to thrive.”

The governor said while rehabilitation and construction works were ongoing on the roads , as well as the rail system in the state, the water transportation sector was

also experiencing construction of terminals, among others, to encourage people to come into the sector.

He said, “We are committed to the integrated transport system that we have promised Lagosians. We have just directed the procurement of seven ferries; we have also invited people from the private sector to take over terminals and also procure their own boats and ferries.

“We are also particular about safety; that is why we decided that we would do a lot on channelisation and dredging on waterways to make water transport smooth.”

The Commissioner for Waterfront Infrastructure Development, Adebowale Akinsanya, said about 30 commercial routes on the state waterways had been identified for dredging and channelisation, while 10 jetties were being constructed.

The Managing Director of the Lagos State Waterways Authority, Damilola Emmanuel, told Lagosians to expect more sustainable development on waterways.  
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### **Lagos will Make Nigeria a Food Secure Nation - LASG**

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The Lagos State Government says its drive to attain food sufficiency is being given priority attention.

It said it was determined to use its partnership with Kebbi State, which led to the production of Lake Rice, to ensure food security and make Nigeria to become a producing nation.

The Commissioner for Agriculture, Oluwatoyin Suarau, stated this on Friday while reviewing reports on the production and distribution of rice.

He said, “We are increasing access to Lake Rice across the state so that our food sufficiency objective will be met. For now, we are adding two additional centres – Farmers Mart, Ajah, and Farm Service Centre, Temu-Epe – to complement other centres where residents can get the product.

“We are doing this to attain food sufficiency, as well as make Nigeria become a food producing nation. The government will ensure the availability of the rice and soon, will be looking at exporting the product.”

The commissioner said there would be hassle-free purchase of the product in the state, adding that the price would still remain the same.

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### **Oshodi Interchange: LASG Cautions Road Users**

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The Lagos State Government on Sunday urged motorists and other road users to adhere to safety rules to prevent any disaster during the ongoing construction of the Oshodi Transport Interchange.

It added that the interchange would have three multi-storeyed bus terminals with a waiting area, ticketing stands and parking areas, among others.

In a statement by the Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Works and Infrastructure, Mr. Olujimi Hotonu, the

government said with the level of work going on in the area, it has become expedient to advise drivers, commuters and residents of the area to be vigilant.

He said, “We like to specifically urge road users along the corridor to avoid falling objects, deep holes, muddy road, dust, noise and heavy moving equipment, among others.

“We would like to counsel pedestrians to keep moving when they are anywhere around the construction site in Oshodi. As a government, we are working hard to deliver the project on schedule and every effort needed to achieve it is being exerted.”

The Managing Director of Planet Projects, Biodun Otunola, said over 1,000 piles and pile caps had been installed, while the three multi-storeyed bus terminal buildings were at advanced stage of construction.

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### **Lagos Set To Prosecute Tax Defaulters**

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The Lagos State Government on Monday directed all its revenue agencies to commence enforcement against tax defaulters in the state.

The Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Mr. Steve Ayorinde, in a statement noted that many residents had not been paying taxes, adding that such would adversely affect the infrastructural renewal drive of the government. Ayorinde said government would henceforth enforce all tax laws so that more Lagosians would pay taxes.

Ayorinde, who said Governor Akinwunmi Ambode had, at



a forum, revealed that about 600,000 Lagos residents were up to date in payment of taxes, added that ongoing projects were being funded by taxes paid by residents of the state.

He listed some of the projects to include the Oshodi Transport Interchange; reconstruction of the Oshodi-International Airport Road; construction of network of roads in Epe to link Ijebu Ode in Ogun State and the construction of the Pen Cinema Flyover.

“The construction of the 181 roads earmarked across the 57 local councils areas, which is now an annual ritual of this government, will commence anytime soon, as well as more projects too numerous to mention.

“The will of the Governor Akinwunmi Ambode-led administration is to ensure that all these projects are completed before 2019. But the possibility of achieving such will require taxable citizens of the state who have not been paying their taxes to start doing so.

“No government can achieve its set objectives without funds and these funds are from taxes. It is therefore expedient that taxes should be paid correctly as and when due,” Ayorinde said.

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### **Ambode Seeks End To Quacks in Health Sector**

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The Lagos State Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has called on graduates of health institutions in the state to join hands with the government to checkmate quacks in the

health sector.

The governor spoke on Monday at the 3rd graduation ceremony of the Lagos State College of Health Technology, Yaba.

Ambode, who was represented by the Deputy Governor, Dr Idiat Adebule, noted that the health sector was too critical to be left in the hands of quacks masquerading as professional caregivers.

The governor, who said his administration had effected the automatic employment promised graduates of the college during the last convocation by his predecessor, urged them to make impact in the health care delivery system.

“You have been prepared to face the world, to make an impact and improve the health care delivery system, not only in Lagos state, but anywhere you may find yourselves. Focus on a profitable future that will guarantee a better and healthier society for our country,” Ambode said.

Earlier, the Provost of the college, Dr. Moyo Kasim, noted that quality health education was necessary to enhance a healthy society.

He noted that the institution had produced health professionals that had been contributing to the growth of the health sector in the country.

A total of 1,200 students who successfully completed their courses in different areas were awarded certificates by

the college.  
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### **We will Make Lagos Basic Education World-Class – Ambode**

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The Lagos State Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has said the focus of his administration is to raise basic education in the state to world-class standard.

He said the state government would stop at nothing to provide best education for every child in line with its all inclusive policy.

Ambode made the pledge on Tuesday at the inauguration of newly constructed blocks of classrooms and other infrastructure across public schools in the state, noting that the government's resolve to ensure qualitative education for children prompted the upgrading of infrastructure, especially in primary schools.

He said, "More importantly, the basic education level is a crucial stage because it is the foundation upon which all other levels are built. It is our desire therefore to ensure that this level of education is strengthened to enhance the future prospects of our children and their ability to cope with the challenges of higher levels of education.

"The government will not deviate from its vision to develop a robust public education system that can compare with the best in the world."

Ambode, who was represented at the unveiling of 13

block of classrooms at Community Primary School, Oke Ishagun in Alimosho Local Government Area, by the Deputy Governor, Dr Idiat Adebule, said his administration would ensure that the ongoing rehabilitation and construction of classrooms were extended to all public schools in the state.

He assured teachers that the government would continue to reward their dedication with improved welfare and better working conditions.

"To our pupils, the future belongs to you if you listen to your teachers and your parents. You can achieve anything you put your mind to, but you must work hard and pay attention," he added.

The governor, through his representatives also opened a newly-rehabilitated block of 32 classrooms with office, school hall, fence, gate house, food shop and toilets at Christ Church Cathedral Primary School, Broad Street. Another block of 13 classrooms with toilets, offices and fire alarm at Community Primary School, Abule- Eko Ijede, was also commissioned.

Also at Odu Abore Primary School, Mushin, a block of six classrooms with toilets, offices and fire alarm was commissioned, while at Community Primary School, Ado Ikosi, Epe, a block of 13 classrooms with toilets, offices and fire alarm was declared open.

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### **Lagos Promises More Schools For Kids With Disabilities**

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The Lagos State Government has pledged to establish more schools around the state for children living with disabilities.

It said this would be provided for in the 2018 budget of its Ministry of Education.

The Lagos State Deputy Governor, Dr. Idiat Adebule, made the pledge on Tuesday at a stakeholders' summit tagged, "Ability in disability: A stitch in time saves nine," where she represented Governor Akinwunmi Ambode.

The summit, which was chaired by the Minister of Health, Prof. Isaac Adewole, held at the Civic Centre, Victoria Island, Lagos.

Adebule said Ambode was passionate about and had particular interest in children with disabilities, adding that the summit was a fulfilment of the governor's pledge to run an all-inclusive government, where the interest of everyone, including children with disabilities would be taken care of.

"I take up the challenge that we need to establish more schools for children with disabilities. I am the one superintending over the Ministry of Education and I assure you that as we prepare the appropriation budget for 2018, it will be taken care of," she said.

Ambode, in a speech delivered on his behalf by Adebule, thanked the parents of children living with disabilities for their sacrifices and perseverance.

He stressed that what children with disabilities need was not self-pity but for parents to help them to identify their strength and capitalise on same.

He said this was the only way they could be nurtured to be

able to contribute their own quota to nationau97tr / I development.

Ambode also emphasised early detection of disabilities and early medical intervention as key to dealing with disabilities in children.

He, therefore, charged medical practitioners in the state to show more commitment in the area of children's developmental assessment.

"This improves the chances of early detection, intervention and ultimately reduce the prevalence of disabilities in our society," the governor said.

In her goodwill message, the governor's wife, Bolanle, who was represented by Dr. Arinola Oluwo, urged parents of children with disabilities not to hide them at home out of shame but to endeavour to approach relevant government agencies for help.

She stressed that being physically-challenged was not being hopeless.

Adewole, who was represented by Prof. Chris Bode, lauded Lagos State for the initiative and challenged other states to take a cue from Lagos.

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### **Lagos Opens New Road to LASUTH**

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The Lagos State Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Wednesday inaugurated a new road linking the premises of the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital from

Mobolaji Bank Anthony Way in Ikeja.

Ambode, who also inspected the progress of work on the LASUTH Maternity Hospital, popularly known as Ayinke House, instructed contractors handling the project to deliver in six months.

Ambode expressed delight at the completion of the road, saying it would ensure faster access to medical care.

He said, “We realised that just one entrance into LASUTH is too dangerous. It has been like that for almost three or four decades; but we are happy to open another access road to boost the process of saving lives.

“Patients can come in ambulance, but they can be held up in traffic for almost 30 minutes and unable to disembark. However, this road will remove the tragedy that may occur through such delay. In another five to six months, we will be back here to make the Ayinke House functional.”

Ambode, who also inspected ongoing projects across the state, ordered additional projects such as a lounge and canteen for families of patients as well as Ear, Nose and Throat Department in the ongoing upgrade and expansion of the Alimosho General Hospital.

The Chief Medical Director of LASUTH, Prof. Adewale Oke, commended Ambode for his commitment to the health sector.

The Provost of the Lagos State University College of Medicine, Prof. Babatunde Sholagbero, also thanked the governor for facilitating the accreditation of Dentistry

Department of the institution, saying such had made LASU the only state university in Nigeria that offered a bachelor of dentistry degree.

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### **Ambode commissions Ketu Lay-by**

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Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos State on Thursday commissioned a lay-by and service roads in Ketu, saying this would address the traffick gridlock in the area.

The governor, who stated that his administration was committed to addressing transport challenges across the state, added that the government would soon bring 5,000 buses into the state to boost movement of people from one place to another.

Ambode said 800 of the buses would be introduced in the next two months, adding that efforts were on to phase out commercial motorcycles and buses, popularly known as okada and danfo respectively.

“We also plan to engage 27,500 sweepers to ensure that our streets are clean at all times. I appeal to everybody to cooperate with the government in its transformation agenda in the transport sector.”

The Acting Commissioner for Transportation, Anofiu Elegushi, urged traders and residents of the Ketu area to take ownership of the facility by making sure that the purpose for which the lay-bys were constructed was not defeated.

“It is imperative to state that the project is not a garage, but a bus stop for commuters and motorists to use at all times,” he added.

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### **Security: LASG Seeks Private Outfits Support**

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The Lagos State Security Trust Fund has asked private security companies and corporate organisations to partner with the government in securing lives and property in the state.

The Executive Secretary of the LSSTF, Dr Abdurrazaq Balogun, noted that there was no alternative to the present public private partnership for the funding of security in the state.

He appreciated the contributions of the private sector to the fund, but pointed out that the state government remained the highest donor.

A statement on Wednesday said Balogun spoke at a stakeholders' meeting, tagged, 'Developing an Effective Public Private Partnership towards the Improvement of Security in the State.'

He said, “It is critical for private professionals in the security space to collaborate with the state government and the LSSTF to ensure improved security services in the state. There is also the need for the database of duly licensed private security companies operating in the state,

including details of their guards.”

Participants at the meeting emphasised the need for intelligence gathering by private security operatives for implementation by the law enforcement agencies in line with community policing strategy and intelligence-led policing.

Chairmen of Association of Licensed Private Security Practitioners of Nigeria and American Society for Industrial Security, as well as the Head of Committee of Banks, CSOs and other financial institutions, commended the activities of the LSSTF and pledged their support towards building a formidable security architecture for the state.

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### **Lagos Assembly Approves Establishment Of Cooperative College**

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Members of the Lagos State House of Assembly have passed the Bill for the establishment of the Lagos State Cooperative College into law.

The Acting Chairman, Committee on Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives, Oladele Adekanye, said the move would further enhance cooperative activities in the state.

Adekanye, in a statement on Monday, added that the establishment would empower cooperators and enrich their knowledge towards the attainment of best practices.

“The bill is aimed at institutionalising the establishment of cooperative colleges in the state. It will empower cooperators and enrich their knowledge.

“To this end, the Speaker, Mudashiru Obasa, after proper amendment by the members, directed the Clerk of the House, Mr. Azeez Sanni, to forward a clean copy of the bill to the Governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, for his assent,” the statement added.

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### **Road Expansion: LASG Assures Property Owners Of Compensation**

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The Lagos State Government has assured residents, whose houses will be demolished of adequate compensation.

The government said the proposed expansion would give way for the construction of a bus terminus in fulfillment of the 'Smart City' project embarked upon by the Governor Akinwunmi Ambode administration.

The Commissioner for Physical Planning and Urban Development, Mr. Abiola Anifowoshe, said some property would have to give way for the construction in the interest of the public.

Anifowoshe, who spoke on Tuesday at a stakeholders' meeting in Alausa, Ikeja, added that the present

administration was against removing structures without duly informing the stakeholders.

He said, “This government has a human face. We do not just wake up and bring down people's structures erected with their hard-earned money. The state government will compensate as long as there is evidences and proofs that the identified structures belong to the people.”

The commissioner urged all affected property owners to bring any proof of ownership to his office for verification.

“Affected owners without any proof of ownership should take photographs of their property and bring them to the office for verification,” he added.

Earlier, the Project Manager, Lagos Metropolitan Area Transport Authority, Mr. Femi Fayombo, said the scope of the project included a rail and bus terminus at Oyingbo interchange.

“A passenger can decide to board a BRT bus to the terminal and join a train from the same point to the Alagbado or Agege area of the state,” he added.

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### **Lagos To Boost Power In 2018 – Ambode**

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The Governor of Lagos State, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, has said plans are at advanced stages to generate constant electricity for residents of the state in 2018.

He noted that the state government had already devised

strategies to short-circuit power generation, transmission and distribution to ensure there was “uninterrupted power supply to residents.”

Ambode spoke at a recent interactive session with members of the business community and informal sector, a statement by the governor's Chief Press Secretary, Habib Haruna, said on Sunday.

“Presently, we have less than 1,000MW in Lagos and the fundamental issues remain with generation, transmission and distribution. Transmission is still owned primarily by the Federal Government. But in Lagos State, we have become creative and we have done Independent Power Project through which we were able to generate 47.5MW which was distributed by short-circuiting transmission.

“So, if it works, it does look like a template we can now use to get power freedom or what we call power security. If we say we are the fifth largest economy in Africa and we are not in control of how power is generated in an economy that wants to move from fifth to third, then something is wrong.

“So, what we are saying is, let's find a way to short-circuit them within the ambit of the law,” the governor was quoted as saying.

Ambode noted that the state government was also talking with electricity distribution companies operating in the state to supply uninterrupted power to residents at a higher tariff, subject to agreement of all stakeholders, while government would be the guarantor of the people.  
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## **Ambode Woos Investors With Seme Border Road Project**

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The Lagos State Governor, Mr Akinwunmi Ambode, has expressed the readiness of the state government to partner with any investor willing to key into his administration's massive infrastructural renewal drive in critical sectors, saying such would be a win-win situation for the overall benefit of the people.

Speaking in Lagos at an interactive session with members of the business community and informal sector, Ambode said public private partnership was critical to accelerate development, and that the government was open to collaborate with interested investors.

For instance, the governor said the state government would be willing to partner with any investor interested in taking up the second phase of the Mile 2 to Seme border 10-lane road project.

He said, “At the moment, work is already ongoing from Eric Moore to Okokomaiko, but we are willing to partner with any investor interested in taking up the construction of the second phase, which is the 10-lane road from Okokomaiko to the Seme border.

Gov Ambode also disclosed that plans were already at advanced stages to bring about constant power supply to all homes and businesses in the state by the end of 2018.

He explained that though “the political geography of the country was affecting the visionary strategy to solve the

power challenges, as power supply is essentially in the control of the federal government,” the state government had devised policies and strategies to short-circuit power generation, transmission and distribution to ensure constant power supply to the people of the state.

He said the state government was in talks with electricity distribution companies operating in the state on the possibility of supplying power to residents without any interruption at a bit higher tariff than what currently obtains, subject to the agreement of all stakeholders, while government would be the guarantor of the people.

### **Lagos Pays N142b To Bond Holders**

Published November 22, 2017

The Lagos State Government says it has paid the total sum of N141.59bn to bond holders in its various fixed rate bond programmes.

It explained that the bonds were the Lagos State's N80bn fixed rate programme 2, Series 1, floated in 2012 with a maturity date of 2013; N87.5bn fixed rate programme 2, Series 2, floated in 2013 with a maturity date of 2020; and N47bn fixed rate programme 3, Series 1, floated in 2016 with a maturity date of 2023.

The figures were revealed on Tuesday at the 5th Annual General Meeting between the Lagos State Government and bond holders at the Civic Centre, Victoria Island.

The Commissioner for Finance, Akinyemi Ashade, told the gathering that for the N80bn fixed rate programme 2, Series 1 bond, the state government as of September

2017 paid N76.17bn bond holders out of the N97.43bn contributed to the bond, leaving a balance of N30.34bn invested in fixed income and treasury bills.

He added that in the N87.5bn fixed rate programme 2, Series 2 bond, N61.44bn was paid to bond holders out of the N75.91bn contributed by the government, leaving a balance of N18.49bn invested in fixed income and treasury bills.

He further stated that in the N47bn fixed rate programme 3, Series 1 bond, floated last year, N3.9bn had been paid to bond holders out of N4.2bn as of September 2017, leaving a balance of N229.7m.

Ashade said, “The various bonds had been used to upscale infrastructural development in the state in the areas of roads and bridges construction, water transport and health.

“\$50bn is needed to address infrastructural deficits and this is why the government floated bonds to bridge the gap. Two bridges had been constructed with the proceeds from the bonds while major infrastructure has been upgraded across the metropolis.”

The commissioner added that the state government was looking for ways to increase its revenue.

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### **Ambode Seeks Reduction In Mother, Child Mortality**

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The wife of the Governor of Lagos State, Mrs. Bolanle Ambode, has called on expectant mothers to utilise the state primary health centres (PHCs) and professional birth attendants to reduce maternal and infant mortality.

She spoke on Tuesday at a town hall meeting on reduction of maternal and child mortality, organised by the Ministry of Health in the Epe Local Government Area.

Ambode said the refusal by expectant mothers to access obstetric services was a major contributor to maternal mortality rate in the state.

She said, “Majority of maternal deaths are avoidable if expectant mothers access quality reproductive health care.

“Non-use of essential obstetric services contributes to high maternal mortality. Some women refuse to access care either because of cultural practices or because decision-making is the responsibility of other family members.”

The governor's wife urged families, religious houses and communities to join the government in the battle against the menace.

The Commissioner for Health, Dr Jide Idris, said the government had done so much in the area of primary health care.

He urged everyone to come together and resolve to help mothers during pregnancy and babies after birth.

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### **Apapa: LASG Removes Vehicles Parked By Roadside**

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Traffic bottleneck at Apapa, Lagos

The Lagos State Government on Wednesday said it had started clearing Apapa and Mile 2 areas of illegal tankers and articulated vehicles parked by the roadsides.

The government explained that the action was aimed at freeing Apapa-Oshodi Expressway of avoidable gridlock and making movement easy for all road users.

The General Manager of Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), Mr. Olawale Musa, stated this after an inspection of the expressway, adding that despite a series of meetings the agency had with stakeholders on freeing Apapa of traffic impediments, vehicles were still parked by the roadsides.

He said the government would not fold its arms and allow impunity to reign.

The GM said, “The Governor Akinwunmi Ambode-led administration will not shy away from attending to the plight of the people.

“This informed the setting up of a special task force that is comprised of the Federal Road Safety Corps, the Nigerian Navy, the Nigeria Police Force, the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps and the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority; under the chairmanship of the Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Edgal Imohimi. The

task force is expected to rid Apapa and its environs of illegally parked articulated vehicles.”

He expressed optimism that the task force would make gridlock a thing of the past in the area.  
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### **LASG Moves To Demolish More Structures In Ikoyi, VI**

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The Lagos State Special Committee on the Clean Up of Lekki, Victoria Island and Ikoyi says it has served contravention notices on owners of illegal structures, abandoned buildings and workshops along highways in the affected areas.

The Chairman of the committee, who is also the Secretary to the State Government, Tunji Bello, on Sunday, stated that serving the notices was preparatory to the commencement of enforcement on the affected structures from Monday (today).

He explained that the enforcement exercise would focus on the major roads till the end of December after which the team would move to inner streets in the areas.

Bello said, “On Monday (today), we will operate on Babatunde Dabiri Street, Admiralty Road, Fola Osibo Street, Omorinre Johnson Street, Hakeem Dickson Street and Ogbunike Street, among others in the Lekki area.”

Also speaking on the exercise, the Chairman of the Lagos State Taskforce on Environmental and Special Offences (enforcement) Unit, SP Olayinka Egbeyemi, sought the

cooperation of all residents of Ikoyi, Lekki, and Victoria Island.

Egbeyemi also urged residents of the areas to report any environmental nuisances that the team might have missed “for immediate action.”

He said other streets that would be reached by the committee included Ahmadu Bello, Adetokunbo Ademola, Bishop Aboyade Cole, Ozumba Mbadiwe, Ajose Adeogun, Sanusi Fafunwa, Adeyemo Alakija, Akin Adesola, Adeola Odeku, Kingsway, Norman Williams, Raymond Njoku, Bourdillon, Cameron, Lugard and Alexander.

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### **Okada riders get Tuesday deadline to wear uniform**

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Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Imohimi Edgar.

Commercial motorcycle operators (okada riders) in Lagos State have been given till Tuesday to begin to wear approved reflective jackets while on the road or risk arrest.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Edgal Imohimi, stated this while addressing the riders on Friday, warning that the police could not guarantee the safety of any member of the public patronising commercial operators without the approved uniform.

He said the action was taken to enable the police to distinguish genuine commercial motorcycle operators from criminal elements using the business as a cover to commit crimes.

He said yellow and pink reflective jackets had been approved for members of Motorcycle Operators Association of Lagos State affiliated to the National Union of Road Transport Workers and the National Motorcycle Owners and Riders' Association of Lagos State, respectively.

Imohimi advised all operators to get registered for proper identification, warning that any unregistered operator found on the road from Tuesday would be arrested for illegal operation.

He said, "If you want to be a commercial motorcycle operator in Lagos State, you must belong to either NAMORAL or MOALS. All commercial motorcycle operators are, as from Tuesday, expected to have been registered. Motorcycle operators must wear reflective vests designed by the unions with their names and numbers.

"The vests are numbered. There are emergency numbers to call in case a passenger has a problem with any commercial motorcycle operator."

He asked leaders of the two motorcycle transport unions to have a database for commercial motorcycle operators in the state.

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### **Entrepreneurship, key to fighting poverty – Ambode**

Published November 29, 2017

Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos State on Tuesday said entrepreneurship and job creation were keys to tackling poverty in the country.

Ambode, who was represented by the Commissioner for Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives, Rotimi Ogunleye, spoke in Ikeja during the graduation of 12,935 students at the various skills acquisition centres run by the state government.

The governor said, "We are convinced that large scale entrepreneurship and massive job creation were the twin weapons through which the government could deal with poverty and hunger.

"Equally, it is only those that have skills that will get jobs and only those that are educated that can acquire skills.

"Consequently, we are not only producing skilled graduates, we are also producing self-dependent and self-employed individuals, who will be employers of labour in not too distant future.

"We are giving each of today's 12,935 graduating students the opportunity that we did not have. We were trained to study and look for jobs; but we trained you to create jobs for yourselves and others."

The Deputy Governor of Lagos State, Dr Oluranti Adebule, who was represented by the Permanent Secretary in her office, Yetunde Odejayi, said only those who had skills would survive in the present economic situation of the country.

The Commissioner for Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, Lola Akande, recalled that 5,951 students graduated from the programme last year, adding that the 12,935 students trained in 2017 represented over 100 per cent increase from the last year's figure.

Akande stated that the graduates were trained in vocations such as hairdressing and cosmetology, catering and hotel management, computer, textile designing, hat making barbing and shoemaking, among others.

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### **Why Lagos economy is booming – Ambode**

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Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos State on Thursday said the continuous economic prosperity of the state was due to tolerance being exhibited by religious bodies.

He added that the peaceful atmosphere had ensured that the economy of the state continued to thrive.

Ambode spoke during the visit of Nasrul-lahi-l-Fatih Society representatives to the Lagos House, Ikeja, led by the President of NASFAT, Alhaji Kamil Abolarinwa.

He said, "It has been two and a half years that we started, and it has been two and a half years of religious harmony and tolerance. There is no way I would have done it

without your support.

"Sometimes, you find civil and religious strife in different cities; but in Lagos, there has never been anything like that and I want to thank you for the peaceful atmosphere in Lagos. Today, the economy of Lagos has improved; the security of Lagos has improved."

Earlier, NASFAT president had commended Ambode for displaying high level of religious tolerance, adding that such had brought about peace and harmony among all the religious bodies in the state.

Abolarinwa also lauded Ambode for the massive infrastructural projects across the state.

He said, "You are a Christian, but you conduct yourself as a human being and you relate with every religion with tolerance. We commend you for good governance and infrastructural development in the state."

Meanwhile, Ambode, in his Eid-el-Maolud message, called on Muslims to continue to offer prayers for peace, unity and progress of Nigeria.

The governor implored Nigerians to shun ethnic, political and religious differences and work towards building a safer and better Nigeria, adding that the celebration of the birth of the Prophet should renew the bond of unity irrespective of diversity.

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### **Lagos will soon be third largest Africa's economy- Ambode**

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The Lagos State Government says the state is targeting being the third largest economy in Africa. The state Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, at a workshop on Thursday, added that the target was the reason his administration embarked on capacity building training for the state public servants.

Ambode, who was represented by the Commissioner for Establishments, Training and Pensions, Dr Benson Oke, described the workshop organised by the state's Ministry of Establishments, Training and Pensions as a strategic move to prepare public servants for the challenges of being one of the most prosperous economies in Africa.

He said, "We are presently the fifth largest economy in Africa; we are determined to move from the fifth to the third largest economy in Africa.

"What this means is that we want to replicate most of the things obtainable in the United Kingdom, Soviet Union and other developed countries of the world in Lagos with little adjustment because of the difference of the social settings."

Ambode said experience had shown that training increased productivity and helped to maximise the capacities of people in organisations such as the Lagos State Public Service.

He said apart from the benefits that the state stood to gain, he expected the civil servants to also benefit by becoming effective leaders and making better decisions in their works.

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### **Lagos pays N1.07bn to contributory pension retirees**

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The Lagos State Government said it paid N1.075bn into the Retirement Savings Accounts of 301 retirees under the Contributory Pension Scheme in November this year.

According to a statement from the Lagos State Pension Commission, the pensioners who are from the Lagos State public service include retirees of the local government and the state's Universal Basic Education Board.

The Lagos State Governor, Akinwumi Ambode, stated these during the 45th retirement benefits bond certificates' presentation.

The governor, who was represented by the Commissioner for Establishments, Training and Pensions, Dr. Akintola Oke, said he remained committed to the well-being of the retirees.

He said that the state government was in the process of providing pensioners' ID cards that would enable the retirees to enjoy some benefits, which hitherto they would have paid for.

Akintola said that through LASPEC, Lagos had been able to disburse more than N32bn in form of accrued pension rights to 7,976 retirees (from August 2015 to November 2017), adding that it was an achievement other states

would wish to attain.

According to him, pensioners under the Pay-As-You-Go scheme receive their monthly pensions the same time active workers get their salaries.

The Director- General, LASPEC, Mrs. Folashade Onanuga, admonished the retirees on the importance of healthy living in retirement.

She also advised that on their own, they should make decisions on either to receive their pension entitlement through the life annuity or programmed withdrawal option.

She advised them to critically study the materials on the two options and make decisions that they were comfortable with.

In appreciation, one of the retirees, Mr. Adebayo Olayinka, hailed the Lagos State Government and officials of the commission for their diligence.

Another retiree, Mrs. Olufunke Atitebi, observed that the monthly pension payment had made Lagos State to stand out and urged the government to give priority to recruiting children of retirees in the state civil service.

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### **Ambode hails grass roots role in governance**

Published December 7, 2017

The Lagos State Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Wednesday said his government would continue to

appreciate the roles played by the people at the grass roots to ensure that rural communities are integrated into mainstream governance.

He said, "If communities can collectively persuade themselves to build roads, build police post; if communities can unite to finance the construction of health centres; definitely, they teach us the values of responsibility and our administration will continue to treat our communities as stakeholders in governance."

The governor, who spoke at the 2017 Community Day celebration on Lagos Island, said the growth in the state could not have been possible without the support of members of community development associations, community development committees and other stakeholders at grass roots level.

Ambode, who was represented by the Deputy Governor, Dr Idiat Adebule, said, "I commend members of CDAs and CDCs for donating completed projects like schools, health centres and police post, among others, to complement government's efforts."

Ambode said he decentralised 2017 Community Day celebration to various local government and council development areas was to encourage more people to participate, as well as to reverse the old tradition of compelling people to travel long distances for celebration.

Earlier, the Chairman of the Lagos Island Local Government Area, Tijani Olusi, said the state governor had approved that the CDAs and CDCs be integrated to the state structure of governance as the fourth tiers of government because of their closeness to the people.

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### **LASG promises more projects in 2018 Published December 8, 2017**

Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos State on Thursday said he would implement more projects in 2018 aimed at making life comfortable for investors and residents.

The governor, who spoke in Alausa, Ikeja, at the grand finale of 2017 Community Day with the theme, 'Community Affinity: Aligning Lagos Communities with Private Sector,' said his administration's aim was to transform and secure the future of the state.

He said, "2018 is a year we hope to achieve a phenomenal increase in the state's ability to sustain itself by persuading more people to contribute to the transformation going on across the state.

"You are all witnesses to the modest projects our administration has executed such as the reconstruction of Airport Road, the Oshodi Transport Interchange, the Abule-Egba and Ajah bridges, among others.

"What you have not seen but which is on the way is the implementation of the embedded power project which will bring electricity to every home in Lagos.

"With your support, we can safely commit ourselves that by the end of 2018, our communities will be better with more youths gainfully employed and small businesses growing."

At the event, Ambode approved immediate support fund of N500,000 each to all the 57 community development committees in the state, totalling N28.5m.

In his goodwill message, Chairman of Lagos State Community Development Advisory Committee, the umbrella body for all the 3,900 CDAs in the state, Alhaji Tajudeen Quadri, said the body had decided to support Ambode for a second term.

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### **'N78.59bn paid into civil servants RSA' Published December 8, 2017**

The Lagos State Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, says N78.593bn has been paid into employees' Retirement Savings Accounts maintained by 10 Pension Fund Administrators as of March 2017.

Ambode stated this on Thursday in Ikeja, where the Lagos State Government was conferred with the 'Award for Excellence on Pension Matters' by Peninscope Professional Warranty Limited.

The governor, who was represented by the Commissioner for Establishments, Training and Pensions, Dr. Benson Oke, said the state government had never failed to remit monthly contributions into the RSA of workers.

Ambode added that the government had been consistent in setting aside funds for the payment of accrued rights as

provided for in the Lagos State Pension Reform Law.

According to him, the state government had paid accrued pension rights of about N61bn since the commencement of the Retirement Benefit Bond Certificate Presentations in 2010.

Ambode stated that the Lagos State Pension Reform Law now allowed for the maintenance of a RSA by each employee, which gave the workers responsibility over their retirement savings, as pensioners would no longer be at the mercy of an employer.

“In addition, RSAs maintained by millions of workers tend to generate massive long-term funds, which were available for investment. Owing to economies of scale, the cost of investing such funds tends to be relatively lower than if an individual worker was to undertake the investment on their own account,” he said.

Convener, 2017 Peninscope Public Lecture, Award and Magazine launching, Peter Adediji, said Ambode had displayed integrity in running the affairs of the state.  
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**Four million jobs needed annually for growth – Ambode**  
**Published December 11, 2017**

The Lagos State Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, says concerted efforts must be made to create at least four million jobs for Nigeria to achieve its full economic potential.

Ambode stated this at the opening session of the 9th Annual Bankers' Committee Retreat of the Central Bank of Nigeria in Ikeja, Lagos, on Saturday, adding that the government must review policies that inhibited growth and come up with a low cost financial system that would work for all Nigerians.

A statement on Sunday said governor stated that all hands must be on deck to create more jobs for the people and ensure 6.7 per cent annual growth rate.

He said, “To meet our growth ambitions, we need jobs. Figures from the National Bureau of Statistics show that from a labour force population of about 81 million people, we currently have 11.5 million unemployed people in Nigeria, and 17 million people under-employed, with the total employment around 52.6 million, while the working age population grows by 3.7 per cent every year.

“So, to make a meaningful dent on unemployment and underemployment, and to reduce poverty, we need to create at least four million jobs per year.

“If we do not have a well-functioning banking sector, this is not possible. Both investment and day-to-day commerce requires the intermediation of banks.”

Ambode challenged the CBN, the Nigeria Deposit Insurance Commission, commercial banks and other players in the financial system to decide the type of financial system that would reduce unemployment.

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## **LASG seeks action against safety challenges**

**Published December 11, 2017**

Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos State has said emerging safety challenges require proactive safety measures. He added that such was why the Lagos State Safety Commission had been rebranded to address avoidable deaths and losses, resulting from ignorance, among others.

Ambode explained that the rebranding would improve service delivery and good customer relationship, as well as stop impostors who impersonate officials of the commission.

The governor, who was represented by the Secretary to the State Government, Tunji Bello, spoke on Friday at the inauguration of the rebranded Lagos State Safety Commission.

He said, "One of the features of the rebranding is the creation of a safety badge of international standard for consultants and workers of the Lagos State Safety Commission, who will be the interface between the government and the public."

He added that the rebranding of the agency came with the establishment of a safety training institute, which would be responsible for making safety a lifestyle for safety stakeholders.

The governor further stated that he would soon sign the Lagos State Government Safety Policy Statement, saying, "The policy is aimed at promoting a positive health and safety culture."

The Commissioner for Special Duties and Inter-Governmental Relations, Mr. Seye Oladejo, described the rebranding as a resolve by the government to build a clean and prosperous Lagos.

The Director-General of the commission, Mr. Hakeem Dickson, advocated more awareness on the risks involved in trivialising safety standards, adding that being safety conscious was cheaper than managing accidents.

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## **Ambode presents N1.046tn 2018 budget proposal**

**Published December 12, 2017**

The Lagos State Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Monday presented the 2018 budget proposal of N1.046tn to the state House of Assembly, pledging to complete ongoing projects, and initiate new ones.

Ambode, who christened the budget, 'Budget of Progress and Development,' said it would be used to consolidate the achievements recorded in infrastructure, education, transport, security and health sectors.

Ambode said capital expenditure would gulp N699.082bn while N347.039bn would be dedicated to recurrent expenditure.

He said, "Lagos has always been a trailblazer and we must consolidate the economic gains made so far by initiating people-friendly programmes and projects.

"It is our resolve in 2018 to complete all ongoing projects

and embark on new strategic projects. We intend to improve on our Internally Generated Revenue and sustain our vision on wealth creation and poverty alleviation.”

The governor also listed key projects captured in the 2018 budget to include the Agege Pen Cinema Flyover; alternative routes through Oke-Ira in Eti-Osa to Epe-Lekki Expressway; the 8km regional road to serve as an alternative route, connecting Victoria Garden City with Freedom Road in Lekki Phase I; completion of the ongoing reconstruction of Oshodi-International Airport Road into a 10-lane road and the BRT lane from Oshodi to Abule-Egba.

The governor said the movement of Mile 12 Market to Imota had reached an advanced stage, while the construction of 181 local government roads would commence immediately as the contractors had been mobilised.

He said within the 2018 fiscal year, the government would continue to focus on tourism, sports, arts and culture.

The Speaker of the Lagos House of Assembly, Mudashiru Obasa, promised that the Assembly would scrutinise the budget to make sure that it delivered on its promises.

He said, “We are duty bound to painstakingly look at the budget for the benefits of all Lagosians.

“This House, through effective oversight, will ensure that the 2018 budget deliver on its promises to stimulate the economy.”

Giving a breakdown of the budget at a press briefing in Alausa, the Commissioner for Finance, Mr. Akinyemi Ashade, said General Public Services got N171,623bn, representing 16.41 per cent; Public Order and Safety, N46.612bn, representing 4.46; Economic Affairs, N473,866bn, representing 45.30 per cent; Environmental Protection, N54,582bn, representing 5.22 per cent, while Housing and Community Amenities got N59,904bn, representing 5.73 per cent.

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### **Religious leaders are partners in Lagos' Published December 14, 2017**

Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos State has hailed the contributions of religious groups in the development of the state, describing spiritual leaders as partners and pillars.

The governor stated this when he met religious leaders at an Inter-Faith Parley at the Lagos House, Ikeja.

Ambode, who said religious leaders had been helping the government to sustain peaceful coexistence and religious tolerance, added that this had aided government to deliver dividends of democracy to the people.

He said, “I thank you all for your ceaseless prayers and for sensitising your followers to follow the path of civility and do that which is lawful.

“The commendations and awards that the state government received from the National Hajj Commission

and the Christian Conscience Group are all testimonials to your efforts at instilling tolerance in believers.”

Ambode urged the spiritual leaders to continue to pray for the state, saying the achievements of his administration in the past two years was largely due to the harmonious living among all the religious bodies in the state.

The Commissioner for Home Affairs, Dr Abdulhakeem Abdulateef, said Ambode had not disappointed Lagosians that elected him into office.

The Head of Religious and Peace Studies, Lagos State University, Prof. Abdullateef Adetona, called on the government to ensure the teaching of religious studies in schools in order to instil good morals in the minds of schoolchildren at their formative years.

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### **Lagos partners firm to build 2,000 houses Published December 15, 2017**

Commissioner for Housing, Gbolahan Lawal

The Lagos State Government says it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with a firm, Echostone Development Nigeria Limited, to build 2,000 housing units in three locations in the state.

A statement from the Lagos State Ministry of Housing on Thursday said the MoU was signed at the ministry's office in Alausa, Ikeja.

The Commissioner for Housing, Gbolahan Lawal, explained that Echostone would use its money to deploy a new technology that would facilitate the construction of houses in record time, while the state government would provide land.

The commissioner said, “The company is expected to develop 2,000 housing units of two-bedroom-bungalows in three locations, starting with 250 units at Idale in Badagry. It will move to Ayobo in Alimosho and later to Imota in Ikorodu for the development of the rest of the houses.”

He said it was part of the government's plan to ensure that the Lagos Affordable Public Housing Initiative impacted on every part of the state, adding that the government planned to deliver 20,000 housing units within four years.

The Chief Executive Officer, Echostone, United States, Anthony Recchia, said its new technology would enable the company to build a house within four days, adding that the company would deliver the first 250 units of houses in three months starting from February 2018.

President, Business Development, Echostone, United States, Ander Lindquist, said the company would deliver 2,000 housing units in seven months.

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### **Ambode tells civil servants to be enterprising Published December 15, 2017 Governor Akinwunmi Ambode**

The Lagos State Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has urged civil servants in the state to acquire skills that can enable them to cope with the trends in a market-driven economy.

The governor said workers should be able to redesign services and execute them digitally in order to improve delivery.

A statement on Thursday said Ambode gave the advice at the Oriental Hotel, Victoria Island, where he was given an award by the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management of Nigeria (CIPM).

Ambode, who was represented by the Commissioner for Establishments, Training and Pensions, Dr Benson Oke, added that there was the need for workers to take decisions and assess risks based on their knowledge of the market.

He said, "Civil servants should also be able to judge on whether taxpayers' money has been spent wisely to deliver the right outcome.

"Change is a constant feature of the modern civil service. We need to manage these changes and ensure that our teams are equipped to embrace new ways of working."

The governor also urged workers to successfully deliver projects and programmes of the government promptly by drawing on project management disciplines and methodologies.

He said the challenges confronting governments of

cosmopolitan cities, such as Lagos with an ever-expanding population, were herculean but could be addressed through effective public sector administration.

"Among many others, the government has to provide for the security, transportation, education, and housing of a teeming and diversified population. In order to do this, the government has to craft policies and strategies that take into consideration the demographic composition of residents of Lagos State," he added.

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### **Emergency: LASG asks workers to improve response time**

Published December 15, 2017

The Lagos State Government has asked emergency responders in the state to improve response time to disasters through increased inter-agency collaboration. The Commissioner for Special Duties and Intergovernmental Relations, Mr. Oluseye Oladejo, according to a statement on Thursday, spoke during a workshop for emergency responders in the state.

The training, with the theme, 'Synergy among safety corps, security personnel and emergency responders to actualise value to life,' held at the Lagos Travel Inn Hotel, Ikeja, and was aimed at promoting unity of purpose and synergy among diverse groups of emergency responders in Lagos State.

"Oladejo emphasised the need for an improvement in

renewal and sustenance of the existing synergy among the various agencies saddled with the responsibility of managing safety and emergencies in order to prevent loss of lives and improve response time to distress calls at all times.

“He implored participants to actively participate in the workshop to ensure improved collaboration, increased productivity and improved response time to emergencies,” the statement said.

The Chairman of the Lagos Neighbourhood Safety Agency, DIG Israel Ajao (retd.), said government would continue to promote safety culture in the state.

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### **Five LASTMA officials arrested for extortion**

Published December 18, 2017

No fewer than five officials of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority have been arrested for allegedly extorting money from some motorists in the state.

The PUNCH learnt that many other officials of the agency were before a disciplinary committee for various acts of misconduct.

The Public Affairs Officer of LASTMA, Mahmud Hassan, on Sunday identified the arrested officials to include a level seven traffic officer, Bamidele Sheu (48); a level five officer, Ope Adisa (32) and a level four officer, Babatunde Aluko (37).

Two others, Jimoh Olaosebikan and Emmanuel Padonu, were reportedly arrested by the surveillance unit of

LASTMA at Okokomaiko and Mile 12 areas of the state respectively.

Hassan said the first three men were apprehended following a complaint by a clearing agent, Akinmolayan Babatunde, whose truck was impounded by the men who demanded N80,000 bribe from him.

Babatunde reportedly stated that he was accompanying the truck on Monday to deliver goods on Walter Carrington Street, Victoria Island, when the truck was stopped at Marina by the three LASTMA officials.

“Akinmolayan (Babatunde) said all pleas to allow the truck to go in order for him to meet up with delivery time fell on deaf ears as the traffic officials and other men in mufti engaged him in fisticuffs. He said the vehicle was eventually taken to the Olowu yard of the agency on the Lagos Island, where N80,000 was demanded.

“After the intervention of the zonal head and after parting with N7,000 to some men in mufti, the vehicle was eventually released,” Hassan added.

The fourth arrested official, Olaosebikan, was said to have been arrested at Okokomaiko along the Lagos-Badagry Expressway for illegally collecting N20,000 from a female motorist.

The LASTMA official had accused her of making an illegal U-turn at Okokomaiko.

“All explanations that other vehicles had been turning there failed to convince him, only for him to collect N20,000 bribe before a surveillance team arrested him,” the agency

spokesperson said.

The fifth official, Padonu, was allegedly picked up for using some hoodlums to collect money from commercial drivers at Mile 12.

Hassan said over 20 officials of the agency had been dismissed in 2017 for misconduct, adding that many others were before the disciplinary committee for unwholesome behaviour.

The General Manager of LASTMA, Mr. Olawale Musa, said with the assistance of members of the public, the bad eggs in the system would be removed to protect the good name of the agency.

“LASTMA officials on duty are always in uniform with names conspicuously displayed on their breast pockets. Motorists should ignore anybody not in uniform claiming to be a LASTMA official,” he added.

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### **LASG seeks feedback on public hospitals**

Published December 18, 2017

Lagos State Commissioner for Health, Dr. Jide Idris

The Lagos State Government has urged Lagosians who patronise government-owned hospitals to give feedback to government in order to enhance services.

The government also enjoined them to always insist on quality services.

The Lagos State Commissioner for Health, Dr Jide Idris, stated this at a stakeholders' forum organised by the Alimosho General Hospital, Igando, with the theme, 'Improving Quality of Healthcare Delivery.'

Idris, who was represented by a Service Improvement Officer in the Ministry of Health, Mrs. Joan Oluyemi, noted that the satisfaction of patients should be the priority of every hospital in the state.

He said the government's determination to provide satisfactory services to Lagosians informed the Service Charter initiative in the Lagos State Public Service.

The commissioner said, “The government is desirous of further improving health-care delivery to the citizenry, which is why the state Health Insurance Scheme has been slated to kick off next year.

“Also, the training and retraining of medical personnel by the state government have assisted in enhancing effectiveness and efficiency in the state health sector.”

Earlier, the Medical Director of the Alimosho General Hospital, Dr Madewa Adebajo, said the forum underscored the government's interest in the health sector.

He advised Nigerians to imbibe a good diet culture, exercise regularly and had a checkup at least once in a year.

The representative of the Lagos State Health Service

Commission, Dr Adewale Adebisi, said for the nation's health-care delivery system to be effective, attention must be paid to workers' attitude, while more competent medical personnel must be employed.

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### **Ambode wants workers to address govt's challenges**

Published December 20, 2017

Governor Akinwunmi Ambode

The Lagos State Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Tuesday asked civil servants in the state to respond to challenges of the government.

In achieving this, Ambode said his administration had resolved to continually train workers to live up to expectation.

Ambode, at the opening of a two-day training session for civil servants in Ikeja tagged, 'Human Resources Counselling in the Workforce,' stated that workers must be constantly equipped with the skills to deliver effective service to the people.

The governor, who was represented by the state's Commissioner for Establishments, Training and Pensions, Dr Akintola Benson-Oke, said the theme was aimed at examining how the civil service could utilise counselling to assist officers to fulfil their full potential.

He said, "The Lagos State Government aims to transform the civil service into the quintessential future workforce that can deliver an effective HR service and get people's

basic processes right, while also responding to the government's current and future challenges in term of skills gap and functionality."

Ambode added that the training would enhance the state government's efforts to staff civil service positions with qualified candidates, who could compete with their counterparts all over the world.

"Once you counsel very well, there is likelihood that the public servants would have to do their jobs according to the right ethics, the right rules, and the right process.

"I am thus very confident that the participants at this training will acquire knowledge that will stand them in good stead to serve Lagos State for a very long time," he added.

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### **LASG educates pupils on human rights**

Published December 20, 2017

The Lagos State Ministry of Justice has called on pupils to speak out against those who violate their rights in order to ensure that justice is served.

The Permanent Secretary of the ministry, Mrs. Funlola Odunlami, said the state government would ensure that children and adults were treated with dignity and respect.

Odunlami, according to a statement on Tuesday, spoke during a human rights essay and debate competition

organised for 40 public and private schools in the state.

Speaking on the theme of the celebration, 'Protection of Gender Rights in the 21st Century Nigeria,' the permanent secretary said the government would continue to sensitise the pupils to their rights.

"If anybody tries to molest you, please call 112 and you will be attended to. Every citizen should be treated with dignity," she added.

A special guest on the occasion, Joke Silva, a veteran actress, advised the pupils to shun negative behaviour which could constitute human rights abuse and urged them to develop problem-solving attitude early in life.

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### **Disband or restructure LASODA, group tells Ambode**

Published December 26, 2017

A non-governmental organisation, the Movement for Disabled Right Forum, has urged the Lagos State Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, to either disband or overhaul the Lagos State Office of Disability Affairs (LASODA).

The group said there was an urgent need to restructure the agency so it could live up to the government's objectives of making life comfortable for all Lagosians irrespective of creed, gender and race.

The group's coordinator, Kehinde Oshilaja, who made the call at an event marking the 'Christian Gift Day' for the

people with disability (PWD) at Ebute-Meta, noted that Ambode had committed enormous resources to the uplift and sustainability of all Lagos residents, including PWD.

A statement on Monday quoted Oshilaja as saying, "The group has written several complaints to the agency, reminding it of the need to include thousands of well-educated and non-educated people living with disability in the Lagos Mainland Local Government Area in its register as directed by the governor.

"We urge the governor to, as a matter of urgency, order a total disband or overhauling of the Lagos State Office of the Disability Affairs to rescue people with disability in the Mainland LGA and entire Lagos State from neglect and maladministration of LASODA."

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### **Residents' support made achievements possible – Ambode**

Published December 27, 2017

The Lagos State Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Tuesday said achievements recorded in key sectors in 2017 were made possible by the massive support for his administration by residents of the state.

Ambode, who assured the residents that more projects would be implemented in 2018, spoke in Epe at a special Christmas party, organised by the state government and held simultaneously in all the 20 local government areas of the state.



He said, “Our Lagos project is on course and we are steadily moving towards actualising the dream of building a state that works for all.

“As a government, we are moving into the New Year with more vigour and determination to move our state to the next higher level in the critical sectors, including transport, power, housing, tourism and education, among others.

“I look forward to your continued support in the performance of your civic obligations, obedience to rules and regulations and ensuring peace and harmony in all our communities.”

Also speaking, the wife of the governor, Bolanle Ambode, advised Lagosians to embrace love and tolerance.

She said, “The simple message of this season is love. When we love, we will share. When we love, we will not hurt the feelings and sensibilities of one another. When we love, we will help the weak and the vulnerable. When we love, we will put the interest of others first. When we love, we will live together in peace and harmony.”

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### **No plan to privatise water supply – LASG**

Published December 28, 2017

The Managing Director of the Lagos Water Corporation (LWC), Muminu Badmus, has said there are no plans to privatise water production and distribution in Lagos.

Badmus, however, admitted that the government was collaborating with the private sector through the Public Private Partnership arrangement to raise the volume of production in order to meet increasing demand for potable water in the state.

It had been reported that the demand for water in Lagos had been projected to hit 733 million gallons per day by 2020, while the state was said to be producing about 210 million gallons as against over 700 million gallons required.

It was said that a large percentage of the estimated 21 million population of the state consequently relied on boreholes and wells for water.

Badmus said efforts were being intensified to ensure that by 2020, about 745 million gallons would be produced per day in the state.

He said new water schemes had been approved by the government in addition to ongoing projects, some of which are nearing completion.

“The PPP initiative is entirely different from privatisation. The Lagos State PPP model is an arrangement where the private sector will participate, and government will regulate and protect the interest of Lagosians, and this not a profit-driven programme,” Badmus said.

He added that as part of measures to meet up with the increasing demand for water in the state, government had approved the construction of 100 million gallons p/d Igbo-NIa (Phase 1) water scheme through a PPP arrangement.

He said the corporation was embarking on expansion projects in different parts of the state involving replacement of pipes and mains to boost water supply.

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### **Govt seeks zero building collapse in Lagos**

Published December 28, 2017

The Lagos State Materials Testing Laboratory (LSMTL) says it has the mandate of the government to achieve a zero building collapse in the state.

The Acting General Manager of LSMTL, Olalekan Ajani, stated this at a meeting between the agency and the national and Lagos State executive of the Association of Block Moulders of Nigeria (NABMON) in Ikeja.

Ajani, who described NABMON members as critical stakeholders in the building industry, said the government wanted the agency and the association to strengthen their areas of common interest in the delivery of the standard building materials in the state.

“The government seeks your input into how construction works are done in Lagos. The aim of this partnership is to stop building collapse in the state,” the LSMTL boss added.

Ajani urged members of the association to conform to standards guiding their operations, saying the agency would soon be monitoring the production of blocks,

among other activities in building construction.

The National President of the association, Rasheed Adebowale, said, “We want the government to prevail on all block moulders to have the names of their companies stamped on all blocks made by them. This will make it possible to know anybody that compromises standards.”

The Chairman of the Lagos State chapter, Mr. Alaba Alesinloye, appealed to the government to patronise block moulders registered with the government. He said although the association's activities were already being regulated by the Standards Organisation of Nigeria, the enforcement of standards by the LSMTL would also ensure a safer Lagos.

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### **Lagos removes street gates over illegal closure**

Published December 29, 2017

The Lagos State Special Task Force on demolition of street gates has commenced the removal of gates in areas that failed to comply with the government's directive on regulation on street gates.

The enforcement, which kicked off on Thursday, was implemented in the Surulere, Ajeromi Ifelodun, Ikeja, Isolo, Ikosi-Isheri, Ojodu and Amuwo-Odofin areas of the state.

The Senior Special Assistant to the Governor on Community Affairs, Alhaji Tajudeen Quadri, said the state

government had earlier directed that all street gates be made accessible between 5am and 12midnight every day.

Quadri said some communities had refused to comply with the order, adding that the violators posed a security threat to the government's resolve to achieve a safe and secure Lagos.

He explained that the government's policy on gated streets was meant to earn the confidence of residents and investors in the state.

He said, "The act of partial or permanent closure of street gates against directives of the state affects businesses, encourages miscreants to take advantage of residents and get away with their belongings and in case of fire incidents; the community affected will not be easily accessible by rescue teams."

The special assistant explained that the act of denying motorists and pedestrians' access by early closure of community gates did not positively reflect the image of the state government as being investor-friendly.

He added that the policy, being an executive order by the State Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, might warrant arrest and prosecution of non-complying communities where necessary.

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### **LASG warns PLWD against lawlessness**

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The General Manager, Lagos State Office for Disability

Affairs, LASODA, Dr Babatunde Awelenje

The Lagos State Office of Disabilities Affairs (LASODA) has warned the people living with disability (PLWD) against lawlessness.

The General Manager, LASODA, Dr Babatunde Awelenje, at an end of year news conference in Ikeja, on Thursday said disability should not be used as an avenue for lawlessness, adding that that the office would use advocacy to address the issue in 2018.

Awelenje stated that LASODA would not support the charity model of disability where PLWD were given alms as a form of charity.

He said, "Also parents who have children with physical challenge should not hide them; they should enrol such children in schools so that their future will be bright."

The LASODA boss said the office would empower some PLWD through skill acquisition programmes in 2018.

He also disclosed the plans to establish coordinating offices of LASODA in the five divisions of the state to reach all PLWD.

Awelenje said LASODA had started the registration of PLWD in the state, adding that about 3,000 physically-challenged people had been captured in the state's database.

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**Ambode, Obasa, Ashafa see better Nigeria in 2018**

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The Lagos State Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode; the Speaker of the Lagos State House of Assembly, Mudashiru Obasa; and the representative of the Lagos East District in the Senate, Gbenga Ashafa, on Sunday expressed optimism that 2018 would be rewarding for Lagos and Nigeria.

The trio said Lagos and Nigeria would record landmark achievements in major sectors of the economy in the New Year.

Ambode, in his New Year message noted that although 2017 witnessed a leap in terms of infrastructural development, some of the reforms in key sectors of the economy would fully manifest from 2018.

He said, “We have a good reason to be very optimistic about what 2018 holds in stock for our state and every Lagosian. The commencement of some of our reform programmes, especially in the transport, environment, tourism and health sectors will improve the quality of lives of all Lagosians.

“The proposed 2018 budget of N1.046tn will be dedicated mainly to completing projects, as well as commencing new ones.

“We will also strengthen the financial base of our state through various measures aimed at boosting the Internally Generated Revenue. This is achievable without necessarily increasing taxes.”

The Speaker, Obasa, in his message commended Nigerians for their courage, assuring them that 2018 would bring greater achievements from all tiers of government.

According to him, in spite of the challenges facing the country, 2017 witnessed lots of achievements, particularly in Lagos State, which had translated to improved standard of living for the citizens.

He said, “There are still challenges, but I want to assure you that government at all levels will not relent in putting in place measures, programmes and policies that will enhance the welfare of our people in our aim to continue to improve their standard of living.

“While we remain united in our resolve to make Nigeria to attain greater heights, we will continue to seek your support for the All Progressives Congress administration at all levels.”

Ashafa, in his statement, said Nigerians had a lot to be thankful for. “While we are not yet where we hope to be, we have definitely moved in a positive direction from where we are coming from. Thankfully we have come out of the recession. We now wait for the effect of this exit from the recession to reflect in the pockets and meal tables of all Nigerians. I see this happening in 2018.

“I strongly believe that in 2018, all the work of this administration in the area of infrastructure, economy, transport and power would move from promises into tangible performance. It will be a better year.”

The senator, who is the chairman of the Senate Committee on Land Transport, noted that the rail construction projects were progressing adding that such was in line with the commitment of the government to ensure that all parts of the country benefit from good rail transport system.

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### **Pen Cinema Bridge ready in November, says Ambode** Published January 3, 2018

The Lagos State Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Tuesday inspected the ongoing construction of the Pen Cinema Flyover, assuring Lagosians that the project would be delivered in 10 months.

Ambode, accompanied by key members of his cabinet, said the 1.4-kilometre bridge, which will run from Agege to the Old Abeokuta Road, will be a key intervention strategy by his administration to address the perennial traffic in the area.

Ambode said although the project might cause some inconveniences, the end result would change the face of Agege forever.

“We want to reduce the sufferings that arise from the traffic congestion in this neighbourhood, so we decided to construct the Pen Cinema Flyover to decongest this neighbourhood.

“But you can see that I have inconvenienced you by the demolition that has taken place here. It is temporary. In the next 10 months, we will deliver this project; by

November 2018,” he said.

Appealing to residents and community leaders to cooperate with the contractor ahead of the closure of some of the roads in Agege from Thursday, January 4, Ambode assured residents, whose property were demolished to give way for the project that they would be adequately compensated.

The Commissioner for Waterfront and Infrastructure Development, Mr. Ade Akinsanya, noted that the project, on completion, would permanently address the traffick gridlock in the Agege area.

Ambode also inspected the ongoing construction of the Oshodi Transport Interchange, which is expected to be delivered by July 2018.

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### **Ambode predicts prosperity for Lagos** Published January 8, 2018

Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos State on Sunday expressed optimism that the state would continue to do better in 2018.

Ambode, who spoke during the 2018 Annual Thanksgiving Service at the Lagos House, Ikeja, with the theme, 'Ceaseless Praise', noted that despite the economic and security challenges in the country, Lagos had continued to experience prosperity.

The governor said he was confident that the state would record more landmark achievements throughout the year.

He said, “Since the inception of this administration, we have called on God at the beginning of the year and our prayers have been prophetic as He always granted our desires. At a time when the nation was in recession, our state was experiencing economic growth and while there was insecurity in other places, Lagos remains calm and peaceful.

“In this New Year, we submit to Him again and I am confident that our state and all our people will continue to have peace.”

In his sermon, the General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Pastor Enoch Adeboye, urged Nigerians to draw closer to God, adding that when they do so, they would continue to enjoy special favour.

Among the dignitaries at the service are Ambode's wife, Bolanle; first civilian Governor of the state, Alhaji Lateef Jakande; his wife, Abimbola; Chief Judge of Lagos, Justice Opeyemi Oke; Chief Rasak Okoya; Prof. Pat Utomi; state Commissioner of Police, Edgal Imohimi; Pastor Paul Adefarasin; Pastor Mathew Ashimolowo; Pastor Ituah Ighodalo; Rev. Adebola Ademowo; and Bishop Mike Okonkwo.

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### **Flyover: LASG says it'll pay affected property owners**

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The Lagos State Government on Monday said it would pay compensations to owners of property removed for the construction of the Pen Cinema Flyover.

The Commissioner for Physical Planning and Urban Development, Mr. Abiola Anifowoshe, said the fear of the owners that the government was unnecessarily delaying compensation was unfounded, adding that the government would fulfil its promise.

He pointed out that state officials had already held a stakeholders' meeting with the affected property owners during which the details of the flyover project were presented to them.

Anifowoshe said, “It was instructive that at the meeting, the stakeholders welcomed the construction of the bridge.

“The government representatives told the people to submit relevant documents showing proof of ownership and served all the statutory notices and even gave more than enough time for the affected property owners to be aware of the removal.

“As a matter of fact, many relevant documents have been submitted to my office and the compensation process has commenced. The Lagos State Government will compensate everyone involved.”

The commissioner urged all affected property owners who had yet to submit their documents to do so without delay.

“The Lagos State Government hereby reiterates its commitment towards ensuring that there is even

development across the state. By the time the Pen Cinema Flyover construction is completed, there will be traffic decongestion in the area and this will enhance the socio-economic development of Agege and its environs,” Anifowoshe said.

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### **Onikan-Marina will soon become tourism hub —Ambode**

Published January 10, 2018

The Lagos State Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Tuesday said his administration would transform the Onikan-Marina area to a world-class tourism hub.

The governor, who spoke at the foundation laying ceremony of the J.K. Randle Centre for Yoruba Culture and History in Onikan, Lagos, said the centre was part of a plan to turn the area into a tourist centre.

He said the centre, originally built in 1928, was one of the centres that provided avenues for recreation and entertainment.

He said, “In recent times, the centre has fallen to neglect and disrepair. We have decided to redevelop the centre.”

Ambode said his administration had also embarked on the development of the Eko Park which would comprise the Lagos Heritage Centre for Leadership at the former Presidential Lodge, Marina; the Lagos History Centre at the former State House, Marina; and a Lagos Museum, as

well as the erection of a 55-foot Eyo statue at the Lagos History Centre.

The governor listed the ongoing upgrading of the Onikan Stadium and the regeneration of CMS Marina as other developments coming to the Onikan-Marina area.

“All these will serve as a catalyst for the regeneration of the Lagos Island,” Ambode added.

Earlier, Ambode, while opening the Safety Arena in Bolade Oshodi, housing over 12 departments and agencies responsible for safety and emergency management in the state, said the arena would engender better synergy among the agencies.

“Let me assure you that we are not only determined to institutionalise inter-agency collaboration, we are equally desirous of improving cooperation and synergy for emergency responders, which is required for an effective Incident Management System,” the governor said.

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### **LASG tasks school administrators on quality**

Published January 11, 2018

The Deputy Governor of Lagos State, Dr Idiat Adebule, has called on proprietors and school administrators to ensure compliance with academic and safety standards.

According to Adebule, this is to improve the standard of education in the private and public schools in the state.

The deputy governor, according to a statement on Wednesday, said this during a retirement and awards party for former employees and workers of the Lagos State Office of Education Quality Assurance.

Adebule, who was represented at the event by the Chairman of the Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board, Dr Ganiu Sopein, said, "I commend the retirees and officers of the OEQA for an exemplary discharge of their assignments.

"I urge proprietors and school administrators to ensure compliance with academic and safety standards to ensure quality education in our schools."

Also speaking, the Lagos State House Committee Chairman on Education, Mr. Lanre Ogunyemi, encouraged the retirees to "be assured that your work will continue to speak for you. And for the awardees, the upper rung of the ladder is where you are destined in your career."

The Director General, OEQA, Mrs. Ronke Soyombo, remarked that officers and evaluators had helped to improve the quality and standard of the educational system through the Whole School Evaluation exercise of the state government.

She said, "It is heartwarming that schools across the state formerly graded fair and poor are now been graded good and very good due to OEQA's intervention in both public and private schools resulting in improved learners' performance.

She said, "Since the beginning of the exercise, the quality and standard of teaching, security around schools, learning environment, child protection, checkmating of examination malpractices, and observation of open day activities across schools in the state's six education districts have improved tremendously."

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### **Ambode drops three commissioners, picks five**

Published January 12, 2018

The Lagos State Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Thursday dropped three commissioners from his cabinet and appointed five new ones.

A statement by the Secretary to the State Government, Tunji Bello, identified the three affected cabinet members as Adebimpe Akinsola, Femi Odubiyi and Anifowoshe Abiola.

The SSG gave the names of the five new commissioners as Hakeem Fahm (Ministry of Science and Technology), Ladi Lawanson (Ministry of Transportation), Segun Banjo (Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget), Olayinka Oladunjoye (Ministry of Commerce and Industry) and Mr. Hakeem Sulaiman (Communities and Communications).

The statement added that some redeployment had also been effected.

It read, "Rotimi Ogunleye, the Commissioner for Commerce and Industry has been moved to Physical Planning and Urban Development; Steve Ayorinde from the Ministry of Information and Strategy to Ministry of



Tourism, Arts and Culture; Kehinde Bamigbetan from Communities and Communication to Ministry of Information and Strategy; Babatunde Durosinmi-Etti from Ministry of Wealth Creation to Ministry of the Environment; Uzamat Akinbile-Yusuf from Ministry of Youth and Social Development to Ministry of Wealth Creation; Agboola Dabiri from Central Business District to Ministry of Youth and Social Development.

“Also, Samuel Adejare, the Commissioner for the Environment has been moved to the Ministry of Waterfront Infrastructure Development; Ade Akinsanya from the Ministry of Waterfront Infrastructure Development to Ministry of Works and Infrastructure.”

The statement added that Benjamin Olabinjo had been moved from the Special Adviser, Commerce and Industry, to become the Special Adviser Civic Engagement, while Kehinde Joseph was moved from Special Adviser, Civic Engagement, to become Special Adviser, Housing.

Deji Tinubu, Special Adviser, Sports, had been redeployed as Special Adviser to the Governor on Commerce and Industry, while Anofiu Elegushi moved from the Special Adviser, Transport, to the Special Adviser, Central Business District.

Bello said the appointments and redeployment were to create new vigour and vitality for service delivery.

### **Lagos generated N503.7bn in 2017 despite harsh economy – Ambode**

On January 11, 2018

Gov. Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos State on Thursday said

that the state generated a total of N503.7 billion revenue in 2017 despite the harsh economic climate in the country.

The governor said that he would vigorously pursue all infrastructure projects and remain focused to the task of building a virile Lagos. “Despite the harsh economy, our state budget performed at 82 per cent. “Total revenue generated was N503.7bn representing a performance of 78 per cent; total recurrent expenditure was N281.33bn representing a performance of 92 per cent, while total capital expenditure was N387.60bn or 76 per cent performance,” the governor said. Ambode said that the state was entering into the New Year with confidence of being on a solid prosperity footing, with interesting prospects for all Lagosians. He said it was gratifying that the support of the people enabled government to achieve a lot and commence the transformation of the landscape of the state. Ambode listed some of the key projects delivered last year to include the new Tafawa Balewa Square Bus Terminal, new Ojota Pedestrian Bridge, Aboru-Abesan Link Bridge and adjoining inner roads. He cited others as Ojodu Berger Slip Road and Pedestrian Bridge; Jubilee Bridges in Ajah and Abule Egba; Freedom and Admiralty Road in Lekki; new Lands Registry; newly upgraded Jubilee Chalet in Epe, among others. Giving a report of activities of his administration in the last quarter, Ambode said the state government commissioned the first state-owned DNA Forensic Centre.

He said that in the coming weeks, he would sign a contract to upgrade the facility to offer toxicology services. “In fulfilment of our promise to our students in tertiary institutions across the state, this administration disbursed a total sum of N635.5 million to 8,419 students across the

state. "Our government acquired healthcare equipment worth N2.5 billion. "The equipment will strengthen the capacity of our health facilities to render improved health services and also facilitate smooth take-off of the Lagos State Health Scheme, which is designed to enable residents enjoy unfettered access to qualitative healthcare," he said. Giving an outlook on 2018, Ambode promised that he would sustain the momentum of development and vigorously pursue all ongoing projects, with special focus on health and education. The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that in the 2018 Appropriation Bill of N1.046 trillion awaiting approval of the House of Assembly, the state government has earmarked N92.676 billion for health, representing 8.86 per cent. The state also earmarked N126.302 billion for education, representing 12.07 per cent of the budget. Ambode assured the residents that the state government, in the coming weeks, would pay compensation to all those whose structures gave way for construction of the 1.4 kilometre Pen Cinema Flyover/Bridge. He said the government would also pay compensation to those affected in Igbogbo, Ikorodu, Owutu and other areas where construction activities were ongoing. The governor, who entertained questions from residents, ordered the Public Works Corporation to immediately move in to fix bad roads in Computer Village, Abesan Estate, Oriade, Abule-Egba, among other areas.

Ambode also revealed that the Market Development Board would be inaugurated in coming weeks. He expressed optimism that when functional, the board would address issues of market relocation for developmental projects, just as he said that the Onikan Stadium would be ready in January 2019. Ambode urged

all taxpayers to be alive to their responsibility of fulfilling their obligations to the state, saying regular payment of taxes remains the major source of funding infrastructures. He assured the people that the government, on its part, would judiciously utilise the taxes to make life comfortable for the people.

Read more at :  
<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/01/lagos-generated-n503-7bn-2017-despite-harsh-economy-ambode/>

### **We will continue to prioritise welfare of ex-service men – Ambode**

On January 14, 2018

Lagos State Governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode on Sunday said the State Government will continue to give top priority to the welfare of ex-service men as well as their families, particularly the orphans of fallen gallant men and women. Governor Ambode, who spoke at the Thanksgiving Service to commemorate this year's Armed Forces Remembrance Day, held at the Chapel of Christ the Light, Alausa, said his administration will continue to set the standard and be a model for the promotion of the welfare of ex-service men so as to add immense value to their lives. "The government and people of Lagos State will continue to appreciate the sacrifice of our compatriots who laid down their lives to preserve the unity and territorial integrity of our country. We will also not forget those who suffered physical injuries which have become a constant reminder of the pains suffered in the battle field. We also identify with the families left behind by the fallen

heroes. “Their needs will continue to be prioritized as we continue to add immense value to their lives. Our Legionnaires will continue to be treasured partners in our drive for a greater Lagos, where peace, prosperity and sustainable development remain the benchmark and minimum standard for good governance,” Governor Ambode said. The Governor, who was represented by the Commissioner for Special Duties and Inter-Governmental Relations, Mr Oluseye Oladejo, also charged Nigerians to see the celebration not just as a time to pray for the repose of the souls of the dead and for an enduring peace and unity, but also seize the occasion as a time to renew faith and draw strength and inspiration from our diversity to build a nation that can truly be a pride for the black race. He, however, expressed displeasure with the fact that despite efforts by fallen heroes, Nigeria was still grappling with challenges of insecurity which has continued to claim the lives of valiant soldiers, members of other security agencies as well as those of innocent civilians. “While some have suffered partial and permanent disability, several others, especially civilians, have been displaced from their homes and deprived of the means of their livelihood. In the face of this challenge, we must not relent, but continue to show resilience. We must continue to pray for divine intervention as we work hard to promote peace amongst all people in our communities,” the Governor said. Also speaking, Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Home Affairs, Mrs. Toyin Awoseyi, thanked Governor Ambode for his continuous support for the welfare and wellbeing of members of the Armed Forces. She urged widows of fallen heroes not to despair, but take solace in the fact that the freedom the nation enjoys today was through the deprivation of some homes of their loved ones. “May God continue to be your strength, your shield

and comforter. You are not alone as the administration of Governor Akinwunmi Ambode will continue to make efforts to support you and your families. The sacrifice of our heroes who paid the supreme price while protecting our cherished sovereignty will continue to be remembered and deeply appreciated,” Awoseyi said.

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### **Ambode seeks peace among Nigerians**

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The Governor of Lagos State, Akinwunmi Ambode, has called on Nigerians to always give peace a chance and embrace dialogue in conflict resolution.

Ambode noted that one of the best ways to appreciate members of the armed forces who lost their lives in the defence of the sovereignty of the country was to always ensure that conflicts were resolved amicably.

Ambode spoke in Lagos as the 2018 Armed Forces Remembrance Day came to a close on Monday.

The governor, who was represented by the Deputy Governor, Dr Oluranti Adebule, inspected the guards of honour mounted by the army, navy, air force, police and the Nigerian legion immediately the ceremony started.

He said, “January 15 has remained sacrosanct in the political history of the country as the day in 1970 marked

the day in which Treaty of Surrender, which ended the three-year bloody civil war in the country, was signed.”

The governor, who commended members of the armed forces for always demonstrating courage to protect the sovereignty of the country, urged Nigerians to eschew violence while resolving their differences, adding that the nation and its people would gain a lot if there was peace in the land.

“One of the ways to do this is to engage the services of the ex-service men and women, some of whom have suffered physical disabilities while defending the territorial integrity and the unity of the country,” the governor added.

The governor urged government at all levels to prioritise people-oriented programmes that would bring development to the grass roots.

Notable personalities, who also performed the laying of wreath include Speaker of Lagos State House of Assembly, Mudashiru Obasa; Chief Judge of Lagos State, Justice Opeyemi Oke; and Oba of Lagos, Rilwan Akiolu.

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### **PSP operators, LASG seek more time for resolution**

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The Lagos State Government and operators of Private Sector Participation (PSP) in the waste management sector on Wednesday asked a Lagos High Court in Igboere for more time to resolve the dispute leading to a

suit on the implementation of the Cleaner Lagos Initiative.

The CLI is a new waste management policy of the government established to address challenges in the solid waste management in the state.

The PSP operators had sued the government and a firm contracted to implement the scheme, Visionscape Group, to contest the decision to disband them.

At the last adjourned date, parties had informed the court of their readiness to settle the matter out of court.

When the case came up on Wednesday before Justice Oyekan Abdullahi, the counsel for the PSP operators, Tosin Adesioye, from the Chambers of Egun Adegboruwa & Co, told the court that parties in the suit had made progress in settling the matter.

The lawyer applied for two more weeks to perfect the terms of settlement.

The counsel for the government, Mr. Saheed Quadri, confirmed that discussions were ongoing, adding that parties had met many times.

Quadri, who is the Director of Civil Litigation in the state Ministry of Justice, said, “Settlement has reached an appreciable stage. We ask for a short adjournment for parties to conclude on the amicable resolution.”

Abdullahi commended the lawyers for the parties and subsequently adjourned till January 29, 2018

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**LASG advises residents to shun violence**

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The Lagos State Government has urged residents of the state to desist from all forms of violence and explore effective communication to resolve their differences.

The Senior Special Assistant to Governor Akinwunmi Ambode on Community Development, Alhaji Tajudeen Quadri, said violence was a dent on the state.

Quadri spoke at a public enlightenment campaign on 'The Prevention and Management of Domestic Violence and other Social Vices' organised by the Ministry of Local Government and Community Affairs at the Ibeju-Lekki Local Government secretariat, a statement said on Sunday.

The SSA, who was represented by a member of the Community Development Advisory Council, Mr. Ayoku Owolawi, said those who engaged in uncivil practices would face the law.

“The Lagos State Government believes that when there is peace, there will be development. The responsibility of government is not only to make law and provide social amenities, but also to ensure that the welfare of the people is adequately cared for,” he said.

The Chairman, Ibeju-Lekki LGA, Olorunkemi Surakat, emphasised the need to always protect the rights of all, especially children in accordance with the child rights law.

In her lecture on 'Child Rights in Lagos,' a director from the Ministry of Justice, Mrs. Omotola Rotimi, urged residents to participate in the fight against child abuse.

She warned that it was criminal to abuse a child either physically, emotionally, psychologically or verbally.

Mrs. Onipede Adesola of the Ministry of Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation advised those who engaged the service of maids to be kind to them and know their relations before employing them.

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**LASG won't demolish market for theatre...says Abule-Ijesha leaders**

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The leadership of Kayode Market in Abule Ijesha community, Lagos State has said the state government has rescinded its decision to use the market as the site for an arts theatre.

The Iyaloja of the market, Alhaja Aderemi Thomas, stated that the market executive had met with the state Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on the project.

Thomas in a statement on Tuesday added that Ambode had assured traders that the market would not be demolished for the arts theatre project.

The statement read, “On Thursday, January 11, 2018, the Iyaloja of the market pleaded with the governor at a town

hall meeting in Ikeja, and the governor responded that the market would no longer be demolished.

“He also said that the state government will find another alternative for the proposed project.”

Thomas was further quoted as saying that the claim that the Babaloja of the market, Mr. Nojeem Ajadi, supported the demolition of the facility was not true.

“What the Babaloja of the market said was that we are not against the siting of the project in Abule-Ijesha community, but we do not support our market being demolished. This is the only market in the community,” the statement added.

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### **Ambode seeks improved dispute resolution**

Published January 25, 2018

Lagos State Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Wednesday inaugurated the governing council of the Citizens Mediation Centre, urging members of the council to provide free and effective alternative dispute resolutions.

Ambode, at the inauguration held at the Lagos House in Ikeja, said his administration would continue to ensure the growth and expansion of the CMC in recognition of the important role the centre played in mediating in disputes.

The governor said the centre was apt for a populous and economically buoyant state like Lagos for easier and faster resolution of matters.

He said, “The CMC serves as an alternative dispute resolution centre providing a non-adversarial forum for the mediation and settlement of disputes between parties who voluntarily agree to the mediation of the disputes by mediators.”

Ambode, who said the members were chosen based on their track records, urged the council to be diligent and demonstrate integrity in discharging their duties.

The governing council is chaired by Justice Olayinka Gbajabiamila (retd.) and has Mrs. Oluwatoyin Ogunsanya, Mrs. Omololu Adesina, Mrs. Amanda Asagba, Mr. Iskil Lawal, Mr. Tokunbo Jaiye-Agoro and Mrs. Yinka Odukoya, as members.

Earlier, while introducing the members, the state's Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Mr. Adeniji Kazeem, recalled that the CMC was established in 1999 as a unit under the Directorate of Citizens' Rights of the Lagos State Ministry of Justice before it emerged as an entity by law in 2007 to provide speedy free legal services irrespective of tribe, race and religion.

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### **Ambode's wife urges unity, religious tolerance**

Published January 25, 2018

The wife of the Governor of Lagos State, Mrs. Bolanle Ambode, has asked Nigerians to unite despite religious differences, adding that this will engender peace in the society.

Ambode spoke on Wednesday at a prayer session for the state and the country organised by the Fatima Charity Foundation.

Commenting on the theme of the programme, 'The Practice of Islam in a Multi-Religious Society', she noted that religious diversity should deepen understanding and strengthen social bonds.

She said, "We must come to terms with the fact that it is the will of God that we belong to different faiths. What is expected of us is to see ourselves as brothers and sisters and live together in peace, unity and harmony.

"We must show love to one another. We must be tolerant and be our brother's keeper. This, I believe, is what every religion preaches and which we must strive to uphold at all times."

Earlier, the President of the foundation, Chief Bintu Fatima-Tinubu, asked Nigerians to complement the efforts of government in building a better society by advocating good morals.

The Chairman on the occasion, Senator Musiliu Obanikoro, said the programme was timely, stressing the need for peace, love and fear of God among Nigerians.

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**Lagos, one of most recognised sub national economies in the world – CPC**

On January 29, 2018

Director General of the Consumer Protection Council (CPC) Mr. Babatunde Irukera on Monday said that the Lagos State economy has emerged as not only one of the largest sub national economies in Africa but also one of the most recognised sub national economies in the world. Irukera made the submission when he led a delegation of the CPC, top officials from the Nigerian Association of Chambers of Commerce, Industry, Mines and Agriculture (NACCIMA) and United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) on a courtesy visit to Governor Akinwunmi Ambode at the Lagos House in Alausa, Ikeja. The CPC boss, while noting that Lagos was strategic to Nigeria's growth and development, said the State had become a model for other States in Nigeria and a force to reckon with in the global space. "Lagos State is one of the largest sub national economies in Africa and one of the most recognised sub national economies in the world. That is something, because it means that the economy of Lagos is far larger than many countries in the world. To lead that kind of a State is an incredible thing because in many respects you are leading a sub national entity that is greater than many nationals all over the world. So, you actually have Presidents that are actually smaller than the Governor of Lagos," he said. Irukera, who said they were in Lagos to flag off advocacy on the National Quality Infrastructure Project, noted that the choice of Lagos was due to its strategic positioning in terms of housing the bulk of production and importation activities in Nigeria and also for the fact that majority of complaints received by the CPC comes from consumers in the State. He said the National Quality Infrastructure Project was a partnership between the Federal Government and UNIDO to sensitise citizens about demanding quality and also ensuring the manufacturers of goods and services respect appropriate

quality standards. While commending the State Government for setting up the Consumer Protection Agency (CPA), Irukera lauded the Governor for providing quality leadership which according to him has raised the bar of governance in Nigeria. “The fact that we recognise your record as an individual and in the period that you have led Lagos State demonstrates that beyond recognizing what the issues are, you are right on board and working on the issues. “While people might excuse the proscription of their rights by their government, they certainly will never excuse a government that cannot protect it from other private citizens and you have demonstrated that you recognise that as an important thing and you have taken a fundamental step to that,” Irukera said. Responding, Governor Ambode charged the CPC to look beyond the rights of people to have quality products and services and beam its searchlight on other key sectors which have direct impact on the standard of living of Nigerians. “The kind of services that we provide in terms of transportation; is it the kind of thing that our people should have, should we just label them and say that is what their own lifestyle should be? These are things that we should find some platform to talk about,” Governor Ambode said. While pledging support for the 'National Quality Infrastructure Project' the Governor said the campaign would ensure that the right of Lagosians and Nigerians in general to quality goods and services is guaranteed, adding that concerted efforts must continue to be done by all stakeholders to ensure that Nigerians are only exposed to the best. He said his administration had already queued behind the advocacy with the setting up of the Lagos State Consumer Protection Agency (CPA), chaired by consumer rights advocate and lawyer, Mrs Olufunmilola Falana. “I am very excited that the

Consumer Protection Council is on this advocacy. We are excited also that barely three weeks ago, we were also able to set up our own agency and with a charge that they must commence operation immediately to be able to do that missing part between the ordinary Nigerian citizen and the product of goods and services in this country. Governor Ambode had earlier in his opening remarks said he had initially wanted to cancel the visit due to the demise of his Special Adviser on Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives, Mr. Deji Tinubu last week Thursday who ought to have coordinated the visit by the CPC delegation. “We should have cancelled this courtesy visit but again you know the business of government will always go on because we had actually agreed about two weeks earlier that we would receive the Consumer Protection Council. As at this morning, it should have been Deji that should have been sitting beside me here, because we are yet to have a Commissioner for Commerce. This was one of the last assignment that he was actually doing on Thursday to clear this visit. So, in his memory, we had to ensure that we do this courtesy visit. That's how government business is. I don't want to start Monday on a solemn note, so I do this courtesy visit with all sincerity and all sense of responsibility”, Governor said. Among those present at the visit include the National President, NACCIMA, Iyalode Alaba Lawson; Chief Technical Adviser, UNIDO, Dr. Shaukat Malik; Deputy Director, Federal Ministry of Industry, Trade & Investment, Mr. Adamu Moh'd Abdulhamid and Chairman, Lagos State Consumer Protection Agency, Mrs. Funmilola Falana.

R e a d m o r e a t :  
<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/01/lagos-one-recognised-sub-national-economies-world-cpc/>



## **APCOM lauds Ambode, Bamigbetan**

On January 31, 2018

The Association of Practitioners of Community Media in Nigeria (APCOM) has praised the Lagos State Governor Akinwunmi Ambode and his Commissioner for Information Kehinde Bamgbetan for giving community media a voice in the state. Speaking during a press conference and media launch of the association, which took place in Lagos, APCOM, headed by the Publisher Ilupeju Today, Dayo Akintobi, said many of the practitioners have benefited from the Lagos State Community Media Forum, created by the then Special Adviser to Governor Ambode on Communities and Communications Bamgbetan and this has practically led to the formation of APCOM. Akintobi said the official registration of the association by the Corporate Affairs Commission CAC, under the Allied Matters Act, 1990 of the Federal republic of Nigeria took place on December 14, 2017. He said other executive members of the association are the Publisher Kosofe Inside Out (General Secretary), the publisher Agenda community Newspaper Austin Uche-Ejike (Treasurer), the Publisher Surulere Watch Chinedu Nwandu (Public Relations Officer), the Publisher Alimosho Mail Abel Lazarus (Financial Secretary), the Publisher Inside mainland.com Odion Aleobua (Vice President), the Publisher Itesiwaju Eko and Festac Weekly Yomi Adejumo (Welfare/Social Secretary) and the Publisher Isolo Voice Ozioma Ebirim (Assistant Secretary) among others. The pioneer President said the body is committed to serving the information needs of its

particular community and doing it diligently, professionally, ethically and truthfully, which is most important at this point in time. According to him, members will collectively work together to strengthen the information sector at both local and international levels. He said, "APCOM will seek to strengthen awareness for the community media sector within the wider media landscape and continually pursue avenues of cooperation with our ;;mainstream media" brethren in the promotion of cultural diversity, freedom of expression, and democratization of communication at all levels," Akintobi stressed that the association is a professional, membership-based and membership is open to all active community media practitioners who accept the aims and objectives of the association, "It is a non-profit association governed by Part C of the Company and Allied Matters Act, 1980 of the Federal republic of Nigeria and registered as a corporate body by the Corporate Affairs Commission on the 14th day of December, 2017," Also speaking, Chinedu Nwandu said APCOM collaborate with the mainstream media to ensure prompt and efficient dissemination of information across the nation.

R e a d m o r e a t :  
<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/01/apcom-lauds-ambode-bamgbetan/>

## **Lagos Assembly passes budget of N1.046trn into law**

On January 31, 2018

THE Lagos State House of Assembly, yesterday passed the state's 2018 appropriation bill of N1,046 trillion into law. The passage followed the adoption of the report and

recommendations of the House Adhoc Committee on Budget and Economic Planning, headed by Gbolahan Yishawu. The house approved N347. 039 billion as total recurrent expenditure from the consolidated revenue fund. It also approved N699. 082 billion as the total capital expenditure from the development revenue fund for the year ending December 31, 2018. Yishawu, while presenting the committee's report, said that efforts should be made to reduce total overhead cost of the state. The lawmakers, who took turns to commend the nine-man ad hoc committee for a job well done, however, called for quick consideration of the Private-Public Partnership (PPP) scheme. The Acting Chairman, House Committee on Physical Planning and Urban Development , Setonji David, said: “there are so many arrangements going on in Private-Public Partnership, PPP, that the house does not know about.” The Deputy Majority Leader, Muyiwa Jimoh, said PPP should be on its own and not operate under any ministry. The Speaker of the House, Hon. Mudashiru Obasa, also commended Yishawu and members of the committee for thorough scrutiny of the budget within a s h o r t t i m e f r a m e .

R e a d m o r e a t :  
<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/01/lagos-assembly-passes-budget-n1-046trn-law/>

### **Why Lagos opted for electronic real estate system — AG**

On February 1, 2018

THE Lagos State Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, AG, Mr Adeniji Kazeem, has said the state

decided to develop an Electronic Real Estate Litigation System, ERELS, to curb sharp practices and reduce litigation in the real estate sector. Beside, the commissioner said the state government intends to reduce litigation in properties and to ease the process of doing business in the sector. The AG, who spoke while unveiling ERELS, in Ikeja, said the electronic system was designed to provide easy access to real estate information especially on the status of such property. \*Kazeem-Adeniji-Lagos-AGF Represented by the Solicitor General, Mrs Funlola Odunlami, Kazeem said the system was designed in line with the administration's drive to promote information technology in the state. According to him, “the world we know today is at the click of a button technology driven and the Lagos State Government is certainly in trend with the time. We have been working endlessly to ensure that Lagos is not left in the dark ages. This is why several initiatives and steps are being taken to make Lagos State as technologically driven as possible.” The Attorney General said the system “will offer end-users the platform for “filing a 'Lis-Pendens' (pendkng cases) entry which may be uploaded on the 'Lis-Pendes online system, thus giving actual and constructive notice to the public and innocent purchasers”. Kazeem described the real estate sector as one which records a very large turnover within the economy of the state, adding, “with the vision of becoming the largest economy in Africa, it is expected that the level of economic and commercial activities in Lagos State would experience an unprecedented level, height a n d p a c e . ”

R e a d m o r e a t :  
<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/02/lagos-opted-electronic-real-estate-system-ag/>

## **Court orders final forfeiture of LASG official's N28.5m, properties to FG**

### **On February 1, 2018**

A Federal High Court sitting in Lagos, yesterday, ordered the final forfeiture of N28.5 million and some properties belonging to Mr. Jamiu Anifowoshe, a Director of Finance in the Public Works Department of Lagos State, to the Federal Government, for being proceeds of unlawful activities. Property ordered to be forfeited include: six flats of three bedroom, another six flats of two bedroom, and six flats of one bedroom, located at Adewale Osiyeku Street, Offin-Ile Igbogbo-Ikorodu, Lagos. Also affected are four units of duplets, located at 6, Tunde Gabby Close, Dopemu Area, Pako Bus Stop Agege, Lagos. Trial judge, Justice Rilwan Aikawa, also ordered final forfeiture of a semi-detached three bedroom flat and one unit of three bedroom apartment located at Cranbel Court, Citiview Estate Arepo, Ogun State. Also seized is a plot of land situated at Queen's Garden Estate off Lagos-Ibadan Expressway. Justice Aikawa granted the order in his judgment in an application by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, against the director. The judge had earlier granted an interim order forfeiting the money and the properties to the Federal government. Justice Aikawa also directed the Federal Government to take administrative step to ensure that both the money and the property were transferred to the Lagos State Government in view of the affidavit before the court. However, the Director through his lawyer, Wole Okenile said they were appealing the judgment in the next 24 hours. Particularly, the director said he was appealing against the forfeiture of six flats of three bedroom, another

six flats of two bedroom and six flats of 1 bedroom, located at Adewale Osiyeku Street, Offin-Ile Igbogbo-Ikorodu, Lagos, which he claimed to have acquired before assuming office of the Director in the Ministry. After reviewing arguments of counsel, Justice Aikawa said Section 17 of the Advance Fee Fraud and other related Offence Act, Number 14, 206, empowers the court to grant an order of forfeiture of property reasonably suspected to be proceeds of crime to the Federal Government. The judge said that the respondent in the case did not file any counter-affidavit to challenge the plaintiff averments, but was only represented by a counsel who made oral application asking the court to set aside its earlier order of interim forfeiture, on the ground that the applicant failed to prove beyond reasonable doubt that the properties in contention were stolen. Justice Aikawa added that Okeniile, lawyer to the respondent, while making his oral submission said that the onus of proof is on the applicant (EFCC). On the side of Lagos state Government, which has filed an application for joinder, the judge said that the state filed an application to show cause that the money belonged to it and that the court has inherent power to vary its order despite the provision of Section 17 of Advance Fee Fraud and other related offences.

Read more at :  
<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/02/court-orders-final-forfeiture-lasg-officials-n28-5m-properties-fg/>

## **LAGOS RELEASES N5.5BN TO CONTRACTORS FOR 181 INNER ROADS**

February 1, 2018

### ...Project To Be Delivered Within Six Months

The Lagos State Government on Thursday said it has released the sum of N5.563billion to contractors to flag off the construction of the 181 roads spread across the 20 Local Governments and 37 Local Council Development Areas (LCDAs) in the State.

In a statement by the State's Commissioner for Works and Infrastructure, Engr. Ade Akinsanya, the Government said the construction of the 181 council roads was in fulfillment of the promise by Governor Akinwunmi Ambode to open up more inner roads across the State following the successful delivery of the 114 roads in September 2016.

According to Akinsanya, the roads would be constructed in phases, noting that phase one will see the construction of one road each in the 20 LGs and 37 LCDAs of which contractors have been mobilised to move to site immediately.

The Commissioner said the sum of N5,563,697,382.00 released was 30 percent payment for the construction of the 57 roads while the total cost of the roads stands at N18,545,657,940.00.

“The roads will be done in phases; already funds for phase one have been released. This phase involves 57 roads cutting across the 20 Local Governments and 37 Local Council Development Areas.

To enhance immediate mobilization to site, 30 percent of the funds have been given to all the contractors upfront. This is in line with the magnanimity of Governor Ambode's

administration to ensure service delivery all year round,” Akinsanya said.

He said due process was observed in awarding the contracts, adding that bids were opened on November 1, 2017 after which they were evaluated and considered.

He said there are 57 contractors involved in the first phase of the construction with a mandate to deliver in six months.

“Governor Ambode is totally committed to ensuring that Lagosians continue to enjoy good governance. There are many projects going on simultaneously across the State and the roads to be constructed will further open up the LGAs and LCDAs for economic prosperity,” Akinsanya said.

The Commissioner, however, urged residents to continue to pay their taxes promptly to enable the Government to meet up with its target to complete all ongoing projects in the State this year.

### **Lagos Assembly confirms Ambode's commissioner nominees**

On February 1, 2018

The Lagos State House of Assembly on Thursday confirmed Gov. Akinwunmi Ambode's four commissioner nominees and one Special Adviser. The approval followed the adoption of the report of its 16-man ad hoc committee for the screening of the nominees and their physical appearance on the floor of the House. Wasiu Eshinlokun-Sanni, the Chairman of the Screening Committee and Deputy Speaker of the House, had on Tuesday presented the committee's report to the House. Eshinlokun-Sanni

said that the commissioner and special adviser designates had been screened and passed for the House confirmation. The House approved the nominees after the Speaker of the House, Mr Mudashiru Obasa, conducted a voice vote on each of them. Obasa directed the Clerk of the House, Mr Azeez Sanni, to communicate the approval of the House to the governor. NAN reports that Mr Akeem Fahm was confirmed as the Commissioner-Designate, Ministry of Science and Technology while Mr Ladi Lawanson-Akinwale was cleared as the Commissioner-Designate, Ministry of Transportation. Mr Segun Banjo was cleared as the Commissioner-Designate, Ministry of Economic Planning and Budget while Mrs Olayinka Oladunjoye was approved as Commissioner-Designate, Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives. Mr Hakeem Sulaiman, Ambode's choice for Special Adviser, Community and Communication was also cleared. The lawmakers also confirmed the appointment Mrs Toyin Okenla as a member of the Lagos State Sports Commission. The House adjourned its plenary session until March 19. (NAN)

Read more at  
<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/02/lagos-assembly-confirms-ambodes-commissioner-nominees-2/>

### **Lagos City Marathon 2018: LASTMA announces traffic diversion**

On February 1, 2018

As part of efforts to ensure a hitch-free Lagos City Marathon scheduled to take place on Saturday, February 10, 2018, the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA) has announced traffic diversion on the affected

routes during the race. A statement issued on Wednesday by the Authority, said that the event will kick-off at 6am from the National Stadium, Surulere and terminate at Eko Atlantic City, Victoria Island, thus necessitating traffic diversion. The statement advised motorists and commercial vehicles to use alternative routes as listed below: From Eko Bridge, motorists shall be diverted through Costain to connect Ebute-Metta, Orile, Nigerian Breweries and Bode Thomas through Apapa Road (now Moshood Abiola Way). From Alaka Estate, motorists shall be diverted through Iponri or Iponri Estate. Motorists from Masha inward journey to Stadium shall be diverted to Shitta Roundabout for onward movement through Falolu and Adeniran Ogunsanya Roads to their various destinations. Motorists from Apapa/Orile-Iganmu to Funsho Williams shall be diverted through Apapa Road to continue their journey. On Ikorodu Road, traffic from Ojota inwards Fadeyi, Funsho Williams is allowed; there will be a restriction for motorists who want to link Gbagada through Town Planning Way, Ilupeju to Third Mainland Bridge (Marathon Route). From Apapa – Oshodi Expressway (i.e from Mile 2) motorists shall be diverted through BOC Gases/Armed Forces Resettlement Center on the service lane through Agege Motor Road. Traffic will also be diverted through Town Planning Way before Anthony – Oke. (Note that Gbagada inward 3rd Mainland Bridge will be closed to traffic from Anthony – Oke). From Old Toll Gate to Alapere, Ogudu, motorists shall be diverted through Gbagada, Oworonshoki-Oshodi-Apapa Expressway and navigate their journey to destinations. From Ajah to Ozumba Mbadiwe Road through Lekki, traffic shall be diverted through Admiralty Way, Lekki Phase I. Motorists shall be diverted through Alexandra Road from Cable Bridge while Bourdillon Road will be

temporarily closed to traffic. From Awolowo Road, motorists shall be diverted through Falomo Bridge to connect Ozumba Mbadiwe Road while Falomo Roundabout inwards Bourdillon will be temporarily closed and Akin Adesola Street inwards Bar Beach will also be temporarily closed to traffic. From Bonny Camp to Ozumba Mbadiwe Road, traffic shall be diverted through Old Mr. Biggs Junction to Kofo Abayomi Street. The statement added that all adjoining streets and feeder roads to the dedicated routes of the race would be temporarily closed to ensure the safety and security of participants. It also implored Lagosians plying the affected routes to exercise patience and obey traffic management officials deployed to the identified routes for a successful exercise

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<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/02/lagos-city-marathon-2018-lastma-announces-traffic-diversion/>

### **Lagos Assembly passes Bill to establish TESCOM, others**

On February 1, 2018

The Lagos State House of Assembly on Thursday passed a bill to establish the state's Teaching Service Commission for the Control and Management of Teaching Service Matters. The passage followed the second and third reading of the bill on the floor of the House after Lanre Ogunyemi, the acting Chairman, House Committee on Education presented the stakeholders' reports on the bill. The proposed law is entitled: "Bill for a Law to Provide for the Establishment of the Lagos State Teaching Service Commission for the Control and Management of the

Teaching Service Matters and for Connected Purposes". The Speaker of the House, Mr Mudashiru Obasa, who conducted a voice vote before passage, directed the Clerk of the House, Mr Azeez Sanni, to forward the clean copy to Gov. Akinwunmi Ambode for assent. The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the proposed law was borne out of the need to further strengthen the education sector. The 56-Section and five schedules bill repealed the Lagos State Post-Primary Teaching Service Law Cap. L54, Laws of Lagos State of Nigeria, 2015. The bill is also to take care of teachers and ensure that only professionally qualified teachers will be teaching in Lagos State in order to prevent infiltration of quacks into the teaching profession. The bill properly validated the creation of the six education districts in the state. It also provides for the establishment of the Lagos State Teaching Service Commission Board, consisting of five full-time members who shall be appointed by the Governor. The bill, among other things, empowers the commission to exercise control over all the education districts by coordinating the management of the districts. It also establishes the Teachers Registration Unit to register teachers in the state. Ogunyemi said that the bill would strengthen educational institutions and take care of the teaching and non-teaching staff as well as protect members of the commission. He said that the bill would provide uniform guidelines and control of post-primary institutions in the state to bridge the gaps observed in the state educational system after the creation of the six education districts. TESCOM was scrapped in 2005 and replaced with six education districts across the state. ( N A N )

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<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/02/lagos-assembly->

## **Motorists, commuters groan as mixed reactions trail Lekki toll hike**

On February 2, 2018

FOLLOWING the toll review along Eti-Osa/Lekki-Epe Expressway, by Lekki Concession Company Limited, LCC, motorists and commuters, yesterday groaned as they spent several hours on long queues on the road. The LCC recently announced a hike in toll at the Admiralty Circle Toll Plaza and the Lekki-Ikoyi Link Bridge Toll Plaza, which took effect from February 1. The toll review elicited angry reactions, yesterday, from Lagosians, who ply the route. However, officials of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority, LASTMA, deployed to the area had a tough time controlling vehicles as a result of standstill traffic at the toll gates. Refusal by most motorists to pay the fares resulted in long queues leading to traffic gridlock along the axis. Other motorists, who were impatient, were seen taking alternative routes. One of the motorists, Mr. Ayinla Hakeem, who expressed anger over the review, said: "This is unfair. This government should please have a human face. This is not what we voted for. We do not deserve this inhuman treatment in this harsh economic situation." Another motorist, Mrs. Aita John, said: "Our income has not increased. Why should Lagos State government make life unbearable for people? Transporters will increase fares and so on. It will have multiplier effects. Not this time of the year. Are they looking for campaign money for election from the masses? The toll is too much even the initial toll was too much let alone this new one. This is unfair by

Lagos State Government.

### Mixed reactions trail review

Meanwhile, mixed reactions have trailed the toll review. While National Union of Road Transport Workers, NURTW, assured commuters that there won't be an increase in transport fares, it welcomed the toll review. The NURTW chairman in Jakande, Alhaji Taofeek Oluwa, while addressing newsmen in Lagos, however, urged the LCC not to renege on its agreement. Oluwa said: "Following the announcement of the toll review at the Admiralty Circle Plaza and the Lekki-Ikoyi Link Bridge Plaza by the Lekki Concession Company, LCC, there will be no fare increase." Oluwa also stated they had been carried along by LCC in their decision making. He said: "It is encouraging that LCC carried the union along as one of the critical stakeholders consulted during the engagement process for the toll review which resulted in the minimal increase in toll charged the branded commercial buses. "From February 1, branded commercial buses popularly called 'Danfo' which previously paid N80.00 would be paying N90 for e-Tag payments and N100 for cash payments. "As long as LCC honours its agreement of our mutual understanding at the stakeholders' meeting, we can confidently support LCC. "We assure commuters that they will not suffer any increase in the fares paid to board the branded commercial buses coming into or going out of Eti-Osa/Lekki-Epe Expressway. The NURTW is happy to endorse the toll fare review," Oluwa said.

### Lawyer faults hike

Faulting the decision to review the toll, Lagos lawyer and rights activist, Mr. Egun Adegboruwa argued that there were pending court actions over the creation of the toll

gates filed in 2011. Adegboruwa, in a telephone chat with Vanguard, said: “The government has a duty to obey the rule of law since there are cases pending in court on the creation of the toll gates. So, any decision to increase the toll being collected while the case is still on will amount to executive recklessness. “I expected that the state government will convene a meeting of stakeholders to discuss any possible increment or policy that will affect the masses negatively. “We are in a period of recession; the expectation of the people is that the toll will come down, rather than an increase because there are no alternative routes in this area. “So we have no choice than to pay the levy. My advice to the state government is to tread with caution and call Lekki Concession Company, LCC, to order. Government or public Infrastructures are not established for profiteering.”

New tariff endorsed by stakeholders—LCC

Justifying the review, the Managing Director of LCC, Mr. Mohammed Hassan, said the feedback and recommendations received during the series of consultations held in December 2017 with stakeholders in Eti-Osa Local Government area and its environs considerably influenced the new toll. Hassan said: “Since the commencement of tolling in December 2011, the toll had remained the same despite the continuous increase in the cost of operations to ensure that the toll plazas and the road infrastructure are well maintained. The toll review has also become necessary to enable the company meet its loan obligations to its local and foreign lenders, considering the fact that foreign exchange rates have continued to increase astronomically in the last couple of years. LCC cannot continue to operate or provide the services required from us if we do not review the toll.”

Lagos govt keeps mum

When contacted, Lagos State Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Mr. Kehinde Bamigbetan could not be reached for comment as his telephone line was busy. At press time, he was yet to respond to a message sent to his mailbox.

Read more at:  
<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/02/motorists-commuters-groan-mixed-reactions-trail-lekki-toll-hike/>

### **Ambode's achievements realisation of Tinubu's vision – Ebietomiye**

On February 3, 2018

Mr Olawale Ebietomiye, a stalwart of the All Progressive Congress (APC) in Lagos state has lauded the Lagos State governor, Mr Akinwumi Ambode for his giant strides in developing the state since he assumed office. Akinwunmi Ambode Ebietomiye who is aspiring to represent Amuwo Odofin Federal Constituency under Lagos State, gave the commendation in a statement issued in Abuja on Saturday. He therefore endorsed the governor to run for a second term in office in view of his achievements so far. The said that the governor had recorded outstanding performance in key sectors, stressing that he would work assiduously to ensure that the governor emerged victorious at the poll in 2019. He said the governor had impacted on the lives of the people of Lagos with projects that had direct bearing on their lives, adding that such a governor must be encouraged to continue in office. Ebietomiye added that, no one would want to sacrifice performance for an untested candidate in the 2019 general election, adding that the governor had



proved his mettle and must be reelected to continue the good work. He said it was cheering that Ambode had turned Lagos state into a huge construction site, as projects such as road are ongoing in almost every part of the state. The APC stalwart said that the governor's achievements since assumed office was a realisation of the vision bequeathed to him by Sen Tinubu Ebietomiye said he would also be seeking the mandate of the people of Amuwo Odofin Federal Constituency to represent them at the House of Reps to complement the good work of Gov. Ambode. He lauded the commitment of Sen Bola Tinubu to the vision of APC despite the myriad of challenges and distraction confronting it. Ebietomiye said that Tinubu had always shown consistency and focus in party politics, stressing that his commitment and support to the APC would eventually pay off. The House of Reps aspirant said that the challenges confronting the country at the moment would soon fizzle out, considering the doggedness and determination of President Muhammadu Buhari to confront them headlong. He called for caution and restraint from comment that could jeopardize the peace of the country arising from the activities of herdsmen, adding that it would soon be brought under control.

Read more at:  
<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/02/ambodes-achievements-realisation-tinubus-vision/>

### **Lagos revs up economy, to deliver 3,000MW in three years**

On February 3, 2018

The Lagos State Government has perfected plans to bring about a quantum leap to the State's economy in 2018 through the Embedded Power Supply Project and the review of the Land Use Charge Law. The power project, aimed at delivering an estimated 3,000 Megawatts to homes and industries, is expected to uplift the economy of Lagos which is Nigeria's industrial hub, while the revised Land Use Charge Law has been designed to improve the value of property in the State.

The State's House of Assembly had last week announced the passage of two bills expected to provide the legal framework for the programmes by enacting the Lagos State Embedded Power Supply Law 2018 and the Lagos State Land Use Charge Law 2018. Both laws are expected to be signed this week by the State Governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode. Speaking on the development, Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Mr Kehinde Bamigbetan said the two strategic laws were part of the grand plan of the present administration to boost the economy and make life easier and comfortable for the people. He said: "The Embedded Power Supply programme will provide the enabling environment for the private sector to generate not less than 1000 mega watts every year in the first phase of three years by using gas to produce power and distributing the electricity to consumers. "As enabler, the Lagos State Government will guarantee the off-take of the generated power. "This new product is expected to expand the distribution network and increase metering capacity of the electricity distribution firms in Lagos State including Eko Distribution Company and Ikeja Electricity Distribution Company." Bamigbetan said to ensure return on investment by participating companies and encourage more electricity

companies to invest in the embedded power sector, the law has been arranged to provide the framework for the government to support the firms in the collection of tariffs and enforcement of contracts. Speaking further, the Commissioner said: "A novel feature of the law is the introduction of provisions for the prosecution and sentencing of those who tap electricity illegally or use the power produced through the embedded power system without entering into contracts with the companies. Besides, the Land Use Charge Law is considered as the answer to the agitations of residents for a transparent process of determining rates. Under the revised law, estate valuers authorised to assess and value tenements will ensure that the data are reliable and the indices are explicit. The revised law also exempts tenements owned by non-profit organisations, religious bodies and public cemeteries and burial grounds.

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<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/02/lagos-revs-economy-deliver-3000mw-three-years/>

### **Lagos to establish customer-centre**

On February 4, 2018

Lagos State government says it is making a case for a customer-centre public service to ensure a good relationship between public servants and customers, saying it will improve the quality of service delivery in public service. The state government, during a training programme organised for senior executives, hinted that public service organisations that do not understand customers' changing needs, will receive complaints that

require additional resources to solve. Speaking on behalf of Governor Akinwunmi Ambode, the Commissioner, Lagos State Ministry of Establishments, Training, and Pensions, Dr. Akintola Oke, quoting McKinsey and Company, said, "Transforming service delivery begins with understanding citizens' needs and priorities".

Read more at :  
<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/02/lagos-establish-customer-centre/>

### **LASG to rake in N7bn annually from waste bin branding**

On February 4, 2018

An environmental support services firm, Breval Tulip has said that Lagos State Government will earn over N7billion annually from its proposal to the state on commercial waste bin branding. Executive Director, Corporate Services, BrevalTulip, Mrs. Busayo Binuyo said this during a presentation to the management of the Lagos State Advertising Agency, LASAA on the untapped benefits of waste bin branding. Speaking at the meeting, Mrs Binuyo said her company is specifically focused on commercial and industrial waste bin distribution and branding and is hoping to help the state increase its internally generated revenue through branding of the waste bins. She said, " We as an environmental support service company is focus primarily on industrial and commercial waste bin distribution and branding. This aspect of waste management in Lagos state is currently open to commercial operators and we are hoping to take advantage of this to contribute our quota to the vision for a

cleaner Lagos. “ Currently we have over a million waste bins and dumpsters which we are ready to deploy exclusively to commercial and industrial areas. What we are offering specifically is a combination of hi-tech receptacles and revenue through branding. “Our waste bin containers are made with environmentally friendly high density polyethylene to prevent degradation due to long exposure to harsh tropical weather. The containers are uniquely equipped with trackers to pin point their location and signal the appropriate waste disposal agency when they are full. “ Our bin bags come in different colors to enable users sort their waste into the appropriate bag. We believe that this will further help the state waste recycling programmes since the waste collected would have been sorted out by the users through our color bags. “ Binuyo who noted that the business of cleaning Lagos is a collective responsibility of all stakeholders hinted that Brevatulip is at an advanced stage of perfecting plans with some commercial waste operator to also deploy dumpsters to markets. She also stated that her company has put up an alternative plan to pick up waste on their branded bins in situations where the appropriate waste management agency delays in picking the waste. On the uniqueness of Breval Tulip waste branding model, she said: “What we have added to this spectacular waste bin prototypes is a branding opportunity. We are offering brand owners an unusual opportunity to reach their target audience by advertising their brands on our waste bins. We believe that this is an idea that will benefit users, brand owners and the state. “For the waste bin user, this proposal means that they will simply get the waste bins and bags free of charge as advert payments would have covered the cost of the bins. For the brand owners, this definitely presents a rare opportunity to reach their target

audience who use the waste bins everyday. For the state, we see another huge opportunity for Lagos State for further shore up its revenue through payment for the adverts on the waste bins. “ When our one million waste bins and dumpsters are fully deployed, we estimate that the state will make over N7 billion in advert revenue from waste bin branding alone.” Binuyo added that her company is also in talks with other stakeholders in the state waste management project to ensure that the idea is not sabotaged or hijacked.

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### **Ambode demands best from new cabinet members**

By NAN

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Gov. Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos State on Monday swore in new members of his cabinet, demanding from them `nothing but the best` .

“Given the cosmopolitan nature of our state and the peculiar challenges of a mega city, we cannot afford to rely on the status quo approach to providing solution to new and emerging issues.

“As you settle down to your new assignments, I demand nothing but the best from you,” Ambode told the new cabinet members.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the five

new members include Mrs Olayinka Oladunjoye as Commissioner for Commerce, Industry and Cooperatives; Mr Segun Banjo as the Commissioner for Budget and Economic Planning and Mr Oladipo Lawanson as the Commissioner for Transportation.

Others are Mr Akeem Fahm, Commissioner for Science and Technology, and Mr Omoyele Sulaiman, the Special Adviser to the governor on Community and Communications.

Ambode charged them to, as a matter of necessity, adopt new methods to achieve greater efficiency and increased productivity.

The governor told the new appointees to immediately hit the ground running and bring themselves up to speed with the mandate of their Ministries and agencies, as well as key into the immediate priority for the year, which is the completion of all ongoing projects.

“This, however, does not preclude the initiation of new projects that are considered highly essential and critical to the general well-being of our people.

“We are committed to sustaining this goodwill by upholding our policy of inclusion and implementing programmes and projects that will positively and directly impact on the livelihood of all our people,” he said.

Ambode said that one of the approaches of his administration had been to infuse innovation and

creativity into governance.

He said the appointment of the new cabinet members was made to be in tune with the pace and set goals of his administration in reinvigorating and reenergising government machinery.

The governor commended the former members of the state executive council for their dedicated service and contribution to the achievements so far recorded by his administration.

He also commended the state House of Assembly for ensuring due diligence and speedy confirmation process for the members of the cabinet.

Oladunjoye, on behalf of the appointees, assured the governor that they would key into the vision and mission of the government.

NAN reports that the governor had on Jan.11 carried out a cabinet reshuffle, dropping three commissioners and appointing five new ones.

### **Chaos at Lekki Toll Gate**

February 6, 2018

Chiemelie Ezeobi writes that the recent increase in fares at the Lekki and Ikoyi toll gates has caused untold hardship for motorists resulting in loss of man hours

At the Lekki toll gate along Admiralty Way in Lagos, chaos reigns supreme. Although there might be bits and pieces of traffic snarls on that axis at rush hours, it was always a moving traffic.

All that changed about five days ago and the reason is not far-fetched. The Lekki Concession Company (LCC), the managers of the toll gate had increased the toll fare at the end of January. The increment came a month after an earlier bid to increase the fares failed.

As it is, residents and motorists have continued to complain about the traffic congestion the toll fee collection is causing and the lack of adequate alternative routes and the resultant effect is that the Lekki-Victoria Island Road has continually been on lock down due to the excessive traffic gridlock caused by the new Lekki-Ikoyi toll gate fare that started February 1.

As monitored by THISDAY, the traffic often stretches from the toll collection barricades all the way back to the Mobil headquarters building and even past it, compounding the already terrible traffic situation in the Lagos metropolis.

However, officials of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), deployed to the area are having a tough time controlling vehicles as a result of standstill traffic at the toll gate. Even additional help from the police hasn't done much good either.

It would be recalled that the concessionaire LCC

commenced toll fees collection on the Lekki Admiralty Plaza on December 19, 2011 after a protracted battle with residents of Etiosa LGA.

The reviewed rates

LCC had revealed their plan to increase the toll gate fare on Admiralty toll gate and Lekki-Ikoyi Link Bridge toll gate effective from November 8, 2017.

With these new prices, Saloon car owners who usually pay N120 at the Admiralty toll gate will now pay N200. At the Ikoyi Link Bridge toll gate, they will pay N300 instead of N250. Also, buses from N80 to N100 and SUVs will now pay N250 against the previous N150 at Admiralty toll gate and N400 at the Link Bridge, which used to be N300.

At the Lekki-Ikoyi Link Bridge, saloon cars now pay N300 from N250; sports utility vehicles (SUVs), mini vans, and light trucks now pay N400 from N300. Motorcycles will now pay N200.?

LASG temporary mediation

Following the furor the announcement caused, the Lagos State Government was forced to mediate and they halted the implementation of the Lekki toll gate fee. LCC was asked to stop the implementation to allow for more consultation of all stakeholders

LCC braves the odds

However, on January 27, 2018, the

Lekki Concession Company Limited braved the odds and again announced that it will increase the toll tariffs being charged at the Admiralty Circle Toll Plaza on Lekki-Epe Expressway and the Lekki-Ikoyi Link Bridge Toll Plaza with effect from Thursday, February 1, 2018.

The LCC said in a statement that the upward review followed extensive consultations held with stakeholders in the Eti-Osa/Lekki-Epe Expressway of Lagos State. Although details of the new rate were not disclosed in the statement, the firm said N100 would be paid by any driver of a mini commuter bus using the Lekki-Epe toll plaza, which is an increase of N20 over the N80 currently being charged.

The Managing Director, LCC, Mr. Mohammed Hassan, said the feedback and recommendations received during the series of consultations held in December 2017 with stakeholders in Eti-Osa Local Government Area and its environs considerably influenced the new toll fares to be paid by motorists plying the expressway and the Ikoyi Link Bridge.

The LCC's earlier attempt to raise the fares on November 8 last year had received public outcry, which made the state government to prevail on the firm to suspend the action.

#### NURTW's promise

Given that the increase also affected commercial buses, there was an initial fear that it will affect the cost of transportation. Allaying such fears, the National Union of

Road Transport Workers (NURTW) assured commuters that there will be no increase in transport fares, despite the toll review by LCC.

NURTW chairman in Jakande, Alhaji Taofeek Oluwa said: "Following the announcement of the toll review at the Admiralty Circle Plaza and the Lekki-Ikoyi Link Bridge Plaza by the Lekki Concession Company, LCC, there will be no fare increase.

"It is encouraging that LCC carried the union along as one of the critical stakeholders consulted during the engagement process for the toll review which resulted in the minimal increase in toll charged the branded commercial buses.

"From February 1, branded commercial buses popularly called 'Danfo' which previously paid N80.00 would be paying N90 for e-Tag payments and N100 for cash payments. As long as LCC honours its agreement of our mutual understanding at the stakeholders' meeting, we can confidently support LCC.

"We assure commuters that they will not suffer any increase in the fares paid to board the branded commercial buses coming into or going out of Eti-Osa/Lekki-Epe Expressway. The NURTW is happy to endorse the toll fare review."

#### Lagosians react

As expected, the increment and the resultant effect did not go down well with motorists who ply that route.

Oge Chukwu, a medical doctor who lives on the mainland but works on the Island said, "This is not even funny. I just saw the banner this morning. The annoying part is that our income has not increased, but they want us to pay more to cross the toll plaza.

"Why will the Lagos State Government make live unbearable for people. Although I have my own car but I heard transporters have vowed to increase fares too. All these things have multiplier effects."

Princess Akan said, "It's too early in the year for this. On my way back from work on Friday, there was mad traffic. My home to office that should not take me more than 30/40mins without traffic took almost two hours.

"I don't normally even pass the toll. I pass the alternative route but the alternative route was also at a standstill so I decided to take the toll gate.

"It was the worst mistake of my life. Initially I thought the increase shouldn't be more than N30 but it was N200 and this didn't still mean that side was free.

"Calculating it, N400 to come and go is ridiculous. Governor Ambode should do something as it is causing a real traffic gridlock.

"What way Lagos state? What way Nigeria? Things are already difficult for people. Government is supposed to make things easier for their citizens. Instead ours is to keep making things impossible. With time even the cost of transport will increase."

Ugegbe Chike said, "People who don't want to pay toll use the alternative route. To use the alternative, you either turn at second roundabout or first roundabout and access through either Pinnacle Oil or Oniru Market.

"Now, the problem is that the traffic in these two places blocked motorists who are just going straightway. It was chaos yesterday. I spent two hours in that mess.

"My dad said he spent five hours because he was going to the mainland. Don't forget that there is another toll down Admiralty (Ikoyi Bridge) they all joined forces to attack anyone trying to access the alternative route. And alternative was busier than usual as a result of this avoidance."

#### Ikoyi Suspension Bridge

In all these, the Lekki-Ikoyi Suspension Bridge was not left out as the traffic snarl that holds motorists hostage for hours, has defeated the aim of the hitherto laudable project.

At the Lekki-Ikoyi Link Bridge, saloon cars now pay N300 from N250; sports utility vehicles (SUV), mini vans, and light trucks now pay N400 from N300. Motorcycles will now pay N200.

The idea ab initio was to ameliorate the terrible traffic snarl that often characterise the Lekki, Victoria Island and Ikoyi axis on Lagos Island, as well as connect these areas together.

Thus, the suspension bridge, the first of its kind in Africa, was borne, conceived and executed to a finish. The bridge which was designed to serve as a by-pass to reduce the length of time criss-crossing Lekki to Ikoyi or vice versa through Falomo Bridge, Alfred Rewane Road, Independence Bridge and Ahmadu Bello Way.

Before its inauguration, the then state Commissioner for Works and Infrastructure, Dr. Kadri Hamzat, at an interactive session with newsmen had said bridge was expected to decongest traffic in Lekki area.

He said: "The bridge is designed to serve as a strategic by-pass and to reduce the travel time along Falomo Bridge, Alfred Rewane Road, Independence Bridge and Ahmadu Bello Way. The project will raise the property value along the corridor."

However, two years and more into the inauguration of the road and the commencement of toll collection, the aim has so far been defeated by some challenges, which still

exist with no sign of change in the nearest future.

THISDAY checks revealed that besides the exorbitant fee paid as toll fare, motorists and residents alike groan under the traffic congestion, thus defeating the initial aim of decongesting traffic on the island.

Commuters and road users who spoke to THISDAY lamented that the road has created more hardship rather than ameliorate their pains. Mr. Wale Akingbode, a motorist who commutes from Lekki to the mainland through the suspension bridge, said the traffic snarl itself was draining.

He said, "One would have thought that with the exorbitant amount we shell out on a daily basis, we would have ease of driving. The reverse is the case especially for those of us that work in the morning and come back in the evening during the crazy rush hours. Just on Thursday, I spent precious time in the traffic when I should have been at work.

"I think the problem is the fact that the bridge is not wide enough to take about four or three cars at the same time, coupled with the impatience of the drivers. All these contribute in prolonging a few minutes trip into a journey."

Comparing the toll gate leading to Ajah with that of Ikoyi in terms of the price. He said part of their angst was the fact that the toll at the Lekki-Ajah axis was just N120 before



and N200 per passage now, and so they do not understand why the one in Ikoyi should be double the price.

However, another motorist who declined to disclose his identity said the traffic snarl was not always bad, adding that it was only during rush hours that the traffic stretches to the Bourdillon axis.

He said: "Look at today for instance, there are few cars on the bridge but there are days you will get there and you'll think there is a car sales going on. That is Lagos traffic for you; so unpredictable."

### **LASU no longer using Ojuelegba, Anthony campuses – Spokesman**

On February 6, 2018

The Lagos State University (LASU) says it has phased out external programmes at Ojuelegba and Anthony Village Campuses and is no longer in business with its former partners on the premises. LASU spokesman, Adekoya Martins, told newsmen on Tuesday in Lagos that the off campus buildings at Ojuelegba and Anthony Village in Lagos did not belong to the university. NAN reports that LASU had in 2017 phased out its external campus programme and replaced it with Open and Distance Learning and Research Institute (ODLRI) which was approved by the National University Commission (NUC) last month. Martins said LASU had since relocated its School of Communication from Ojuelegba to its Ojo main

campus after vacating the building. He explained that the Ojuelegba building, which formerly housed its School of Communication, was donated to LASU by Late Alhaji Adebola Adegunwa but the change of ownership could not be effected. "For now, LASU does not have business with those buildings which belong to the former partners of the university. "The owners are, however, free to use their buildings for whatever they wish to use it for," he said. Martins further said that LASU would soon erase its name and identity from the said buildings to dissociate the university from them.

Read more at :  
<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/02/lasu-no-longer-using-ojuelegba-anthony-campus-spokesman/>  
**Lagos residents call for relocation of tankfarm**

On February 6, 2018

The Ibassa Ijgun-Egba Youth Association in the Ojo Local Government Area of Lagos State has pleaded with the state government to remove tank farms from the community, due to incessant fire incidents. The association's reaction came against the backdrop of last Wednesday's fire that razed an oil tank farm belonging to Stallionaire Oil at Ijgun, Satellite town, Lagos State. The Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, LASEMA, said that prompt response by the emergency responders prevented the fire from getting out of hand. However, the Chairman of the association, Mr Taofeeq Odunewu, told newsmen in Lagos that the presence of the tank farms had put residents of the community at 'perpetual risk'. He said that the operators of the tank farms had failed to build a central fire station and fire-fighting facility in the event of a fire outbreak, adding, "The oil depots did not carry out

environmental impact assessment, EIA, before commencing their operations. “We have more than 12 tank farms operating in the community, some of which are A.A. RANO, Emadeb Energy, Wosbab, Chipet Nig. Ltd., Star Oil and Gas and Bond Global Energy Ltd. “Others are Mao Petroleum Company, Stallionaire Nig. Ltd., First Deep Water, Menj Oil and Ocean Pride Oil. All these tank farms did not have a fire-fighting boat in case of fire in their depots. “This is the third time that fire incident will occur in the oil depots located here. We are appealing to the Lagos State Governor, Akinwumi Ambode to relocate the oil depots from our community because our people are not safe. Government should not wait until an explosion from the tank farms consumes us,” Odunewu added. Also speaking, the Secretary of the association, Mr. Sefiu Wakili, said that the only road constructed by the state government in the community had been destroyed by heavy-duty trucks owned by the tank farms. Wakili said that on two occasions, tankers had fallen on the road and almost resulting to fire incidents. “If not the Lagos Fire Service that came to our rescue, many lives would have been lost in the incidents.” Wakili also pleaded with the Lagos State government to dualise the Mumin Adio Badmus road, describing the road as a death-trap, due to the petroleum tankers plying it. Meanwhile, the Department of Petroleum Resources, DPR, has shut down the depot to carry out inquest on the cause of the incident. According to the Lagos Zone Unit of the agency, “Whenever things like this happen we send a team that goes for the preliminary fact-finding; thereafter, a panel of inquest would be set up by the safety people for an accident inquest. “The objective of such inquest is to find out the immediate and the remote cause of the fire, whether there are safety issues and what triggered the

incident if appropriate safety measures were carried out to prevent the accident and then ultimately to explore ways and means to prevent recurrence in the future. “It's after the inquest that appropriate sanctioning will be made, either to withdraw the depot license or fine the depot.”

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<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/02/lagos-residents-call-relocation-tankfarm/>

### **LASG promises to build fire service station**

On February 6, 2018

The Lagos State Government on Tuesday assured residents of Ibassa Ijegun-Egba, Satellite Town in Ojo Local Government Area that it would build fire station and other facilities in the area. Mr Olawale Oluwo, the State Commissioner for Energy and Mineral Resources, gave the assurance during the inspection of Stallionaire Depot that was destroyed by fire on Jan. 24. Oluwo, along with officials of the Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR) in Lagos led by Mr Wole Ayosoyoye, the Zonal Operations Controller, also visited other depots located at Ijegun Ibassa-Egba. According to him, Ijegun-Egba Community has been known for petroleum activity because more than 10 tank farms were located in the area. He said that his ministry would look at the safety, security and environmental hazard that this would cause the residents. “I am still coming back to this community; I will be here with officials of the ministries of works and environment and fire service men. “We will check on how government can assist the residents in the provision of good roads, building of a fire service station and safety of residents because they are paying taxes. “I will bring in more

ministries to look at the community and see how they can help to develop this area. "Location of these depots has impacted negatively on the living condition of residents and the state government alone cannot continue to watch them. "We will ensure that their safety is guaranteed and that all roads in the area are reconstructed," he said. In his remarks, Ayosoyoye urged tank farm operators to maintain safety and security of their depots during and after operations. He said that the fire incident at Stallionaire Depot on Jan. 24 was very unfortunate. He said that the quick intervention of the state fire service and other relevant agencies saved the situation from escalating further. The DPR zonal controller said that the department would begin cluster monitoring of depots in Lagos to ensure that they observe safety measures in accordance with DPR guidelines. Ayosoyoye said that DPR had set up an inquest to know the cause of the fire incident. Out of 12 depots in the area, only two depots, Emadeb and First Royal, have petrol in their stock. Trucks were seen loading the product, while other depots were still expecting petrol from the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC). Commenting, Mr John Okwuode, the Operations Manager of Emadeb, said that they received 30 million litres of petrol from NNPC on Feb. 2, but their stock now remained 11 million litres. Okwuode said that they were expecting more supply of the product from NNPC before the end of the week. Also, Mr Laoye Olawuyi, the Operations Manager of First Royal, said that the company had over 12 million litres of petroleum left out of the 30 million supplied by NNPC. (NAN)

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## **Lagos launches advocacy to engender growth mindset in public service**

On February 6, 2018

The Lagos State Government on Tuesday inaugurated a special advocacy campaign to engender a growth mindset among civil servants and imbue them with the right skills and attitude to contribute to the efforts to fast-track development and set the State on the path of sustainable and inclusive growth. With them are Head of Service, Mrs. Folasade Adesoye (right) and Commissioner for Establishment & Training, Dr. Akintola Benson (left). Speaking at a press briefing held at the Bagauda Kaltho Press Centre in Alausa, the State's Commissioner for Establishments, Training and Pensions, Dr Akintola Benson Oke said the advocacy, which will initially last between three to six months, would be deployed to fight red tapism, complacency and all forms of attitudes that tend to delay progress and development in the civil service. He said adequate arrangements have also been firmed up to sustain the advocacy for a longer period with the ultimate aim of instilling a growth mindset in all civil servants in the State. He recalled that since assumption of office, the State Governor, Mr Akinwunmi Ambode had invested heavily in the transformation of the public service through trainings and workshops designed to bring about improved productivity, deepen knowledge, expand horizon, as well as re-evaluate and sharpen the vision and focus of public servants, saying that the new advocacy is designed to consolidate on the gains of the previous arrangements.

According to Oke, “We are convinced that by having individual officers of the Lagos State Public Service inculcate the 'growth mindset,' we can attain a truly effective, productive and transformational public service that will surpass the expectations of all stakeholders. “In practical terms, our advocacy will be to challenge and encourage all officers of the Lagos State Public Service to embrace 'growth mindset' such that the objectives of advancing the economic potentials and moving the State forward can be realised.” Also speaking, Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Hon Kehinde Bamigbetan said the advocacy would mainly focus on two tracks of training and communication, and also make civil servants to see the people as customers that must be treated with respect and dignity. The training track, according to Bamigbetan, is meant to ensure that civil servants are trained in skills that will give them right capacity and attitude to take a different view of their services and redefine their work in terms of the content they deliver to the public and customers who patronize the services of government, while the communication track would enable public servants reorganize their thought processes to change their perception and perspective of what they are supposed to do and therefore give them a more proactive and progressive attitude to the people. He said: “Basically, what we are saying is that government is a service centre and the customer they say is the king. So, for Lagos State, a very industrial environment, a very commercial environment, the most advanced cosmopolitan city in this country, we also have highly sophisticated citizens who deserve services at optimal level. This, we hope and believe, will enable us to change the attitude so that every civil servant sees the man on the street as his customer and with this, we would have also recorded major

landmark in organizational behaviour which will be something for people to come and study in years to come.” On his part, Director General, Lagos State Office of Transformation, Creativity and Innovation, Mr Toba Otusanya said the advocacy was intended to change the orientation of public servants as the State moves from standard mega city to an emerging smart city. He said: “As a State, we are actually moving from standard mega city to an emerging smart city and if we are doing that, it basically means that we need to actually develop public servants of the 21st century; public servants that are smart; public servants that are able to actually cut through red tape; public servants that can think outside the box; public servants that have all the necessary skills to be able to challenge the status quo and proffer solutions and bring new ideas to the table. “Every time we talk about the public service, some of the things we speak about is that the public service is the engine room of government and it basically means that if the engine is not functioning well, as we all know, a car cannot function properly. “So, it is a change in paradigm and it is not out of place because if you look at what is happening in international circles, and you look at some of the countries in the world that are doing exceptionally well with their public service like Singapore, Dubai and so on, they have shown that all of these things are actually possible with the right attitude and that is what the Lagos State Government is embarking on to transform the public service and take it to the next level.”

Read more at :  
<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/02/lagos-launches-advocacy-engender-growth-mindset-public-service/>

## How Police arrested couple over Lagos baby factory

February 6, 2018

The Lagos State Police Command has arrested a man and his wife for running a baby factory at Igando area of Lagos. According to Lagos State Commissioner of Police, CP Imohimi Egdal, the suspects, Adeola Adebayo; 50 and Rita Adebayo; 40 were arrested for harboring pregnant women and selling their babies without their consent. “Following information given by members of the press on the operation of a baby factory at No. 1, treasure palace road, Ikotun/Igando. The police swung into action and Adeola Adebayo with his wife, Rita Adebayo were arrested. Three victims who were pregnant were also rescued. “They harbour young pregnant girls till they give birth and take their babies away. The information we got is that they sell their babies without the consent of the mothers.” he said.

### Suspects account

Mrs. Adebayo who hails from Ohafia LGA in Abia State but is married to a Lagosian denied the allegation saying she had only one pregnant woman who is her son's wife living with her. Adebayo said she owns a shop where she sells provision and drinks in wholesale saying the allegation is the handiwork of detractors. The 40 year old woman said her husband's family, – Osumba Family- had a protracted land dispute with the Bekunimaba Family in Igando and that it is the Bekunimaba family that is using the police against them. In her words, “I am a business woman who runs a shop. I have an 18 year old son who had impregnated a girl who now lives with me. The girl has two children already. My son is far away in Cameroon. The other ladies who they are saying were found in my house

do not live with me. One of them is a girl that was brought to me by my sales person when I told her I needed another salesperson. On noticing she was pregnant, I objected to her working with me. She then told me she had a family crisis as her husband was constantly abusing her. She begged me to help her and out of sympathy I pleaded with my sister to allow her stay at her place. The children who were found in my house are my grandchildren. I believe this whole story of a baby factory emanated from the Bekunimaba Family who are having land dispute with my husband's family.” A police source who also went on the raid of the said baby factory had spoken with our correspondent in confidence. He said the suspects own the house where they carried out the atrocities. He disclosed that the suspects had been running the illegal orphanage since 2006, saying the police found just a child of about five years old in the house and the three pregnant women.

### Victim's account

One of the victims, Favor Osikweme; 19, who is six months pregnant told pressmen that she was introduced to the baby factory by her friend called Lepa. “Although I was not told it is a baby factory. I was staying with my friend called Lepa when she told me that her place is too small and that she will take me to where I will deliver my child. I have been there since Dec. 2017. The woman told my mum that I am working with her but we didn't negotiate about payment for my child.” she said. Another rescued victim, Precious Emmanuel said that she was worried after getting pregnant for a foreigner and was introduced to the baby factory by her sister. “I was taken to the woman by my sister after getting pregnant for a foreigner. The woman then promised to settle me as soon as I deliver my

baby.” she said.

Read more at :  
<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/02/police-apprehended-couple-operating-baby-factory-lagos/>

### **Gov. Ambode pledges support for military operations**

February 7, 2018

Gov. Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos State on Wednesday said his administration would continue to support operations of the Nigerian Army against kidnapping, oil bunkering and other security challenges in the state. Ambode spoke at the Lagos House, Alausa, when he received the new General Officer Commanding, 81 Division of the Nigerian Army, Maj. Gen. Enebong Udoh, on a courtesy visit. He said a lot had been achieved in securing the state in the last 32 months. The governor said the State Government would always support military operations designed to ensure residents go about their social and economic activities without let or hindrance. He said as a government, security had been the major pillar of his administration, upon which the economic growth of the state was built. Ambode said he remained committed to sustaining the successes recorded so far. “I want to also say that I am going to scale up the activities of 'Operation Mesa' and I welcome the idea to set up new Army units that tackle issues that relate to kidnapping, smuggling and all the vices that we have. “I am also very excited that we will soon have the presence of the Army in most of those areas that we are having troubles, such as Ikorodu, Epe, among others, so that we take security down to the people,” he said. The governor said it was gratifying that Udoh was

coming at a very significant time in the state, being an election year. According to him, this calls for security to be kept 24 hours daily, considering the cosmopolitan nature of the state. He expressed optimism that the new army chief would immediately join in the efforts to build on past successes and enhance security in the state. Ambode commended all the security agencies in the state, and restated his commitment to support them to ensure security of lives and property. Earlier, Udoh commended the governor for the massive support extended to security agencies, and in particular the Nigerian Army. He said the development had greatly facilitated their operations in preventing and combating crimes in the state. Udoh also thanked the State Government for swiftly responding to the ocean surge which affected Bonny Cantonment recently. He sought further assistance of the governor in areas of operational vehicles, facelift for military formations in the state and support for special teams set up to combat illegal oil bunkering, kidnapping, among o t h e r s . ( N A N )

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<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/02/security-gov-ambode-pledges-support-military-operations/>

### **Order banning LG traffic officials from Lagos roads still in force – On February 7, 2018**

The directive of the Lagos State Government ordering Local Government traffic officials to vacate roads in the State and desist from controlling and enforcing traffic laws is still very much in force. General Manager of Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA), Mr

Olawale Musa has said. Addressing motorists and commuters at the agency's head office in Oshodi who had come to complain about the excessive activities of Local Government traffic officials who operate in mufti, Musa said for the avoidance of doubt, the order is still operational on all roads in the State. The complainants had besieged LASTMA's office to report the activities of Local Government traffic officials operating in mufti who were fond of arresting and towing their vehicles to Local Government offices and facilities. According to them, many motorists have become victims of the said Local Government traffic officials' arbitrariness, lack of respect for rule of law, assault, and illegal apprehension of vehicles, outright extortion and humiliation across the State. One of the motorists, Otunba Olawale Yunusa, who spoke on behalf of the complainants, said if left unchecked, the activities of the said Local Government traffic officials were capable of disrupting free flow of traffic, socio-economic progress of the State, as well as undermine government's efforts toward boosting tourism and security. Responding, Musa said LASTMA had been inundated with motorists' complaints about the activities of such unscrupulous elements, saying that the ban on the activities of Local Government traffic officials across the State was a government response to clarion call to curb their nefarious activities. According to him, "The Local Government traffic officials are in the habit of displaying lack of professionalism in their conduct; they are improperly tutored in the act of managing traffic; they are ill-structured and dis-organised, and they lack respect for motorists and members of the public. "Many of them are attached to aprons of vested narrow interest and coupled with the fact that the whole arrangement is more of job for the boys and therefore operate in anything goes manner."

While assuring members of the public that the proscription of the activities of the said LG traffic officials by the current administration stands, Musa enjoined motorists accosted by such officials not to yield to their intimidation and demand for money irrespective of location being taken to. He said: "We have been consistent in our position that no other government official at the State and Local Government level is assigned statutory responsibility of controlling and managing traffic in the State outside the traffic officials of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority (LASTMA). Therefore, motorists and commuters should not yield to demand of any individual not in LASTMA uniform to take advantage of them." Besides, the LASTMA boss said the agency was determined to sustain and improve on the existing tempo, reduce travel time and maintain discipline among the traffic officials. He said over 12 people have been arrested by a special team set up to curb such nefarious activities in the last one month, just as he advised motorists to report anybody not in LASTMA uniform attempting to arrest or extort cash from them to the nearest police station or any other law enforcement Agency. It would be recalled that the State Government, in an effort to improve traffic control, had recruited additional traffic officials and provided LASTMA with additional patrol vehicles, power bikes, training of personnel and materials of controlling and managing traffic.

Read more at :  
<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/02/order-banning-lg-traffic-officials-lagos-roads-still-force-lastma-gm/>

## **APC govt to end Apapa-Oshodi traffic gridlock before December- Amuwo-Odofin LGC**

On February 7, 2018

Members of Amuwo Odofin Local Government Council in Lagos have said the All Progressives Congress (APC) government in the state has promised to rid the traffic gridlock along Apapa-Oshodi Expressway before the end of this year.

The council members, who paid a courtesy visit to Vanguard yesterday, pointed out that the APC-led Lagos State Government is working seriously on the issue because motorists are being robbed and cars damaged by criminals. Council Leader, Mr Abimbola Oshodi, explained that the road is full of dirt because trailer drivers turned the road to their park and litter the whole area. He said: "When you look at those areas where the trailers are parked, you will see that they are very dirty. Though this Apapa/Oshodi traffic gridlock has been on for long, but we just came into government.

We have registered our appeal to government at both levels for the needful to be done because we are both elected into office and we want to represent our people well. "I am directly disturbed with this as the Councillor of the area. We cannot keep watching people robbed or raped as a result of the traffic gridlock at Apapa/Oshodi Expressway. Recently, a man that was in a hospital ambulance on emergency died in the traffic. We may not be in government for years, but we are concerned about it." Majority Leader, Mr. Michael Ojomo, pointed out that the federal government has given the contract to fix the Apapa/Oshodi Expressway to a group of companies and

they have started working. "We are looking at how to manage vehicular movement in the area.

We will like a situation whereby companies that are mainly affected to come together and design a strategy for trailers not to park indiscriminately on the Expressway. By 6pm everyday thugs walk about the traffic-jammed areas, rob people and destroy property because they will smash your windscreen to gain entrance," he stated. According to him, one of the causes of traffic gridlock at Apapa/Oshodi Expressway are tank farms in the area. "If the trucks are properly arranged in a way that they enter one after the other, instead of parking on the road, there would not be such traffic gridlock on the road. Something needs to be done," Ojomo added. Mr. Ayodeji Adebayo, on his part, stressed that they are deeply concerned because it is affecting lives. "People are dying as a result of this and businesses are collapsing. We are here as a team from Amuwo Odofin LGA to register our dissatisfaction against the traffic gridlock along Apapa/Oshodi Expressway, which has been there for years. People are being robbed and women raped as a result of the gridlock. Members of the community are suffering, so we can no longer be silent," he said.

Read more at :  
<https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/02/apc-govt-end-apapa-oshodi-traffic-gridlock-december-amuwo-odofin-council/>

## **Police Debunks Viral Video of Rampaging Herdsmen in Lagos**

February 7, 2018



Following the viral video of an alleged attack by herdsmen along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, the Lagos State Police Command Wednesday debunked the claims.

In a statement made available to Thisday by the state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Chike Oti, the command described the story as falsehood.

The statement reads; “The attention of the Lagos State Police Command has been drawn to audio messages, pictures and text messages making rounds on the social media platforms especially on whatsapp, about herdsmen attacking people along Lagos/Ibadan expressway.

“The Lagos State Police Command hereby debunks the story as false, baseless and a calculated attempt to destroy the peaceful co- existence among different tribes in the state as nothing of such happened along that axis.

“The Commissioner of Police Lagos State, CP Imohimi Edgal, wishes to use this medium to warn those who use the social media space to spread rumours capable of breaching the peace and harmonious existence in the state, to desist from such acts or be prepared to face the consequences of their actions.

“He urged the members of the public to go about their lawful endeavours and ignore the rumour as they are generated by mischievous elements who have the intention of disturbing the peace of Lagos state.

“The Lagos State Police Command hereby assures

Lagosians of its continued resolve to keep Lagos state safe at all times.

“The command also urges members of the public to key into the Community Policing platform provided by the state Commissioner of Police as directed by the Inspector General of Police.”

### **Lagos abattoirs clean, safe says Suarau**

On February 7, 2018

The Lagos State Commissioner for Agriculture, Mr. Oluwatoyin Suarau has described the state of abattoirs and slaughter slabs in Lagos as clean, safe and secured. In a statement made available to Vanguard from his office at Alausa, Ikeja while reviewing reports of the Monitoring, Enforcement and Compliance Unit on abattoirs, seizure of stray animals, monitoring of meat transportation and regulation of veterinary premises, he noted that the present administration takes the issue of food security seriously and is leaving no stone unturned to ensure that foods made available to residents for consumption are hygienic and wholesome.

Highlighting measures put in place by the State government to ensure that only wholesome meat and meat products are consumed in the State, the Commissioner said that the State government had upgraded existing slaughter slabs in Ikorodu, Matori, Ilaje and Ejigbo to semi mechanised abattoirs while the Oko Oba Abattoir and Lairage Complex, Agege has been rehabilitated to ensure that operations at the complex meets international standard . He added that the State

Government has also banned the use of motorbikes for meat transportation within and outside abattoirs stressing that the Ministry of Agriculture is continuously enforcing this ban in all abattoirs and slaughter slabs. “We are also enforcing the use of specialised meat vans for meat transportation within the State and permit me to note that there has been an upgrade in the means of transportation from the previous Eko air cool to Eko refrigerated meat van” “This still remain the only approved means of meat transportation in the State.. We are also enforcing the use of specialised vehicle for live animal transportation”, Suarau said.

The Commissioner stated that the State government has also commenced the development of mini modernised Abattoirs at various locations across the State through Public Private Partnership arrangement. Said he, “The present administration of Mr Akinwunmi Ambode is encouraging public private partnership in the meat value chain by licensing more private investors to establish mechanized and semi-mechanized slaughtering and processing facilities.” Suarau noted that the State government is also training and re-training butchers and live cattle dealers drawn from various abattoirs and slaughter slabs in the State on current trends in abattoir management.

This he said is part of effort aimed at ensuring and maintaining a hygienic and conducive environment within abattoirs and wholesomeness in the red meat value chain business. Reiterating that the State Government had declared zero tolerance on illegal abattoirs and slaughter slabs, illegal transportation of meat and cattle, unregistered veterinary premises and stray animals,

Suarau noted that government will continue to close down abattoirs and slaughter slabs that are not established in compliance with the relevant laws governing meat slaughtering in the State. He vowed that the State government will not condone any act of illegality and harmful health practices in any of the abattoirs in the State and as such has deployed sizeable numbers of veterinary officers, animal workers to abattoirs to ensure that the minimum set standard for animal slaughtering and processing is adhered to.

The Commissioner added also that the State Government will continue to train butchers, dislodge illegal abattoirs, seize stray animals and monitor how meat is transported to and from abattoirs and slaughter slabs in the State. “Government will continue to monitor abattoirs and slaughter slabs in the State and will not hesitate to close down abattoirs and slaughter slabs that are unhygienic and not compliant with the relevant laws governing meat slaughtering in the state” Suarau said.

He added that the State government established the monitoring, enforcement and compliance unit on abattoirs, seizure of stray animal, monitoring of meat transportation and regulation of veterinary premises in order to develop the red meat value chain, restructure and sanitize abattoirs and slaughter slabs in the State for improved operations and promote a healthy environment for red meat business. According to him, the need to introduce forceful intervention arose to bring about a healthy change in abattoir operations. This was what informed setting up of the Unit adding that since the unit started enforcement activities, many butchers and cattle marketers have been arrested for offences bordering on

illegal operations while illegal abattoirs and slaughter slabs have been dislodged.

Source: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/02/lagos-abattoirs-clean-safe-says-suarau/>

### **Ambode signs 7 bills into law, to provide 24-hour power**

On February 8, 2018

Lagos State Governor, Mr Akinwunmi Ambode on Thursday signed seven important bills into law among which is the law to guarantee 24-hour power supply in line with the vision to attain a 24-hour economy and make the State globally competitive.

The Laws are Lagos State Electric Power Reform Law, Amended Land Use Charge Law, School of Nursing Law, Cooperative College Law, Cancer Research Institute Law, Amended Customary Court Law and the Yoruba Language Preservation and Promotion Law. Speaking on the import of the new laws, the State's Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Mr Adeniji Kazeem said the development was a great day for the State as it signposts the commencement of the journey to further advance the dividends of democracy to the people.

He said: "This is a great day; the Governor has just signed these bills into law and this shows that the House of Assembly is working in tandem with the Executive. It also shows that Lagos is working.

These laws are going to benefit the people of Lagos State

and this is what the people are looking for in terms of the dividends of democracy." Giving details on the benefits of the Power Sector Reform Law, the State's Commissioner for Energy and Mineral Resources, Mr Olawale Oluwo said the law would allow the State Government to intervene in major areas of the power value chain to the overall benefit of the people.

He said: "One, the law puts the government in a position to be able to extend our guarantee to private sector participants who will come and generate power for us and by this guarantee, we are putting the balance sheet of our State on the table and assuring investors that as they generate power, they will get paid. "Second, is to help the distribution companies to upgrade their infrastructure because if they generate the power and their infrastructure is still where it is today, clearly they will not have the capacity to carry the incremental power.

The third area of intervention is that it empowers us to be able to open up the gas market in Lagos so that we can have gas on a consistent basis and that is how we can attain the 24-hour power supply." Speaking further, Oluwo said the law would also enable the State Government to collaborate with the distribution companies to collect tariff from customers efficiently in a way that the said guarantee would not crystallize, while in the area of enforcement, the law will prevent power theft. According to him, "What has happened today is that the first power theft law in Nigeria has been signed today by Governor Ambode and this is the first time any government in Nigeria will institutionalise the power theft law. "It criminalizes power infraction.

What we have seen before is that people tamper with and

bypass meters and at the end of the day they are arrested and nothing happens but the new law provides for jail terms as well as fines and all sorts of forbearance such that if you tamper with electrical installations, if you import fake electrical materials into this State, you are liable to be prosecuted,” Oluwo explained. Speaking on the other laws, the State's Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Mr Kehinde Bamigbetan said the signing of the laws aptly confirmed the commitment of Governor Ambode to institutionalize and enshrine good governance.

“Among the bills is the Amended Customary court Law which is very important because for a long time the Customary Court system in the Local Government has been shut down because of the bill and with this revision, the Customary Court in Local Government will spring back to life and that means that many of the activities in the Local Government which require arbitration and dispute resolution which had been in abeyance so far will now come back in full stream.

“Another one is the Yoruba Promotion bill and for the first time it will become normal for you to be admitted into any of our tertiary institutions with a credit in Yoruba language and Yoruba will now become a major requirement for you to engage in normal business communication in Lagos State. This is a clear and conscious commitment to the position which Lagos State prides Yoruba language as the cultural vehicle for us to be able to articulate our position and it also shows that Lagos has furthered recognised the importance of language as a vehicle for development,” Bamigbetan said.

Source: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/02/ambode-signs-7-bills-law-vows-provide-24-hour-power-supply/>

### **Lekki toll: Communities urge residents to remain calm**

On February 8, 2018

Community Development Associations in Eti-Osa Local Government Area and Eti-Osa Local Council Development Area have appealed to residents to allow peace to reign to enable the Ambode administration focus on delivering development to the people. Responding to the anxiety among residents over the plan by a disaffected group to protest against the recent hike in tolls at the two toll gates managed by the Lekki Concession Company, the communities noted that an alternative route exists for those who do not wish to patronize the toll gates. A statement signed by the Chairman, Eti-Osa Local Government Area, Community Development Committee, Prince L.D. Moshood and his counterpart in Eti-Osa East Local Council Development Area, Mr. Ayinde Ariwaja urged parents and guardians to ensure that their innocent children are not drafted into any action that will lead to the disturbance of public peace. Noting that the Akinwunmi Ambode administration had embarked on many people-oriented projects which have made life of the common people meaningful, the community noted that toll increase involved consultation of stakeholders such as Community Leaders, National Union of Road Transport Workers and Chiefs in the areas. “We participated in the consultation which led to the new charges and our intervention led to the reduction of the rates earlier proposed. We believe it is a sacrifice to make to have a road that is well maintained to

ensure free flow of traffic, reduce many hours spent and ensure safety of passengers and motorists,” the leaders were quoted as saying. The Community leaders recalled the chaotic situation of the road and the insecurity of lives and properties on the Ozumba Mbadiwe – Epe- Ajah Road which led to the clamour for the Lagos State government to intervene. “That intervention which involved fund from private investors enabled the State to respond to our yearnings and give us a first class corridor compared to anywhere in the world”. They said they would continue to engage the management of the LCC to ensure that it responds more urgently to the needs of the communities by embarking on corporate social responsibility projects in health, education and capital development.

Source: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/02/lekki-toll-communities-urge-residents-remain-calm/>

### **Lanre Shittu Motors supports Ambode's cleaner Lagos initiatives with JAC trucks**

On February 9, 2018

Foremost truck marketing company in Nigeria, Lanre Shittu Motors Ltd has lent its support to Governor Ambode's Cleaner Lagos initiative.

The renowned truck marketing company which markets JAC heavy duty trucks in Nigeria supplied the dump compactors and heavy duty trucks for refuse disposal in Lagos which is managed by Visionscape Sanitation Company. Handing over the trucks at the company's premises in Lagos on Tuesday, the Executive Director,

Lanre Shittu Motors, Mr. Taiwo Shittu commended Lagos State government for its drive in keeping the state clean and working with a company like Visionscape which is reputed for delivering world class service. According to him, “Visionscape is a multinational company which has what it takes to deliver the task given to it by Lagos State government” adding “Just give the company two months, Lagos State will be cleaner than before”.

Explaining the choice of JAC vehicles for the task, Shittu said: “Visionscape officials visited our company to check the quality of vehicles and our backup capabilities. They wanted to know the quality of vehicles, the value added, after sales delivery and our flexibility. And they discovered that Lanre Shittu has the capability to deliver their needs because waste disposal requires strong equipment and backup”. “Lanre Shittu, he further noted “is a one-stop shop for what Visionscape wanted because apart from supplying quality JAC trucks, we have outstanding after-sales back up for any truck purchased from us . Most people in the trucking business know Lanre Shittu for what we are. We don't toy with quality products and aftersales services”. Comparing JAC heavy duty trucks with others in the market, he said: “The chassis of JAC trucks is in a class of its own with stronger axles and ranks among the best available across the globe.” The ceremony according to Mr. Shittu marks the take off of a business relationship as more trucks will be made available in the next phase.

“This order is the first phase. We are willing to replicate what we did with Mark Motors with JAC vehicles in Nigeria by turning the brand to a household name. The beauty of everything here is that JAC heavy duty trucks are

assembled in Nigeria and Visionscape is bent on patronising made in Nigeria brands” he noted. He however, pointed out that being assembled in Nigeria does not in anyway make JAC trucks inferior. “JAC competes with leading European and American truck makers in terms of quality. With JAC backed by Lanre Shittu Motors, you'll never be stranded on the road, he added.”

To this end, the Executive Director said JAC, Lanre Shittu Motors and Visionscape will deliver excellent services to Lagosians adding that “everything is not about profit, as JAC is after growth of their business in Nigeria. Already, Lanre Shittu Motors has retrained 100 truck drivers for effective delivery. “We have positioned ourselves well for the business, as no company understands truck business in Nigeria like Lanre Shittu. We know the importance of downtime,” he added.

The JAC trucks for waste management are special vehicles as some of them are built in such a way that they can be loaded from all sides as the truck moves slowly, to s a v e t i m e .

Source: <https://www.vanguardngr.com/2018/02/lanre-shittu-motors-supports-ambodes-cleaner-lagos-initiatives-jac-trucks/>

### **Lumos Partner Lagos City Marathon**

February 9, 2018

Local athletes participating in the 2018 Access Bank Lagos City Marathon can now look beyond the medals and the monetary gifts already being offered those who

will emerge winners in the pulsating 42km race Saturday.

Lumos Nigeria, a leading solar-powered Mobile Electricity Service provider announced its donation of 20 units of Lumos Solar Power systems, comprising of an indoor unit, a solar panel and 2 DC bulbs, valued close to N300,000 to each of the first 10 Nigerian men and women winners of the marathon.

The Solar Power System can power the basic items such three electric bulbs, rechargeable fans, 21 inch to 32 inch LED television sets, laptop computers, phone chargers and other small home appliances.

It can also be used to power the needs of small businesses such as neighbourhood stores, poultry farms, pharmacies, barbers shops and nail studios just to mention but a few.

According the Vice President, Marketing, Lumos Nigeria, Olufemi Ashipa, the organisation, a Community Partner to the marathon, will also provide free WI-FI internet for the participants and guests at the starting point and finish line, as well as free mobile phone charging services at the marathon.

“We are very pleased to be associated with the 2018 Access Bank Lagos City Marathon, undoubtedly one of the leading Marathon events in Africa,” Ashipa said.

“For us at Lumos Nigeria, our involvement aims to inspire and support the runners while empowering people through mobile electricity at work and at play; we are passionate about lighting up Nigeria, one family, one small business and one community at a time, as such, the

marathon connects with one of our core values, passion for excellence. Hence, we have decided to reward the top 10 indigenous male and female winners at the event.”

This year's Lagos City Marathon will attract more than 45,000 participants who have already registered to take part in the 10km race.

Meanwhile, a staggering number of 125,000 amongst whom include notable international marathoners, have registered to partake in the 42km-long marathon.

### AMBODE MOVES TO TACKLE APAPA TRAFFIC GRIDLOCK

Lagos State Governor, Akinwumi Ambode in the Facebook photograh below commences the execution of another project designed to free Apapa-Oshodi Express Way of articulated trucks which have caused perpetual traffic gridlock along the road for several years.



Akinwunmi Ambode  
August 5 at 6:21 PM ·

We flagged off the reconstruction and expansion of the BAT truck terminal in Orile to accommodate 1000 trucks. We will collaborate with the Nigerian Ports Authority and other stakeholders to ensure the Apapa gridlock and truck menace becomes a thing of the past.



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**Idowu Isiaq** Well done sir...We're calling your attention once again to the abandoned road projects @ Deen close, Wewe Str, Ekujimi /Raimi Str in Sari Iganmu (Apapa Iganmu LCDA). Residents of these areas can't be pleased with the state govt , the current states of these roads is a complete disaster.

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**Holy Michael Opeolu** Good rail route system for onward delivery of fuel and other cargo will free Lagos road of trucks and not expansion of trailer parks. How have they utilize Ogere trailer park to ease traffic and carnage on Lagos roads?. Advise FG to develop other ports in Nigeria instead of much concentration on Lagos port.

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**Lala Dee Lala** Your excellence sir, we need you to work more on the way people of Lagos are fond of dropping refuse on the road of Lagos..Because is given Lagos bad look..#ItesiwajuEkojewalogun

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**Dolap O Odumosu** Your excellence sir,please help us do something on our road in Agbiede agric ikorodu,Agbiede major road is a link between Asolo bus stop on Isawo road and ita oluwo bus stop on ikorodu sagamu express road,sir you can see that this is a very important road that can link the road coming from arepo inward Isawo road to sagamu express way via AGBEDE major road,sir please help us look into it Agbiede road is very bad.

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**Joel Nakevu** Good Sir, but I add that it would be great to see your work in Ojokoro i.e. the inner streets from Ijaiye Bus-stop to Kola Bus-stop and even beyond. The people there feel detached from the state. They feel detached from governance. Only the major roads...[See More](#)

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**Djwinners de Best** Ambo Lekan Si Ikorodu-Itoke road is very paramount sir please reconstruction and expansion the road too, God bless u sir.

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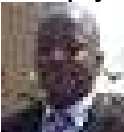


**Olusegun Adeeko** That will be nice ,that area is always locked up with lots of traffic jam.weldone Mr Ambode.The gov.

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**Oyebode Rotimi Nathaniel** As I will like to commend your efforts in many areas, the situation is so bad in the area of Waste Management, it has defaced the city and also taken away the beauty and glory of the roads infrastructures. Sir, a stitch in time saves Nine, before it leads to epidemic, something urgent must be done ! More strength.

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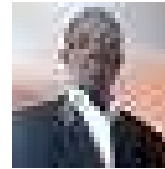


**Sunday Adewale** Lets get rid of the Waste menace before it becomes hydra headed Monster unleashing unmanageable problems in the smart Metropolis. It's an urgent problem that must be handled with utmost urgency sir.

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**Zubby Okonkwo** Enforcement is key. Those drivers are highly indisciplined.



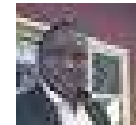
**Kenny Odesanya** What is wrong with all the LAGBUSES now, i don't understand. They have turned to molue

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**Olasunkanmi Atanda** "We will, we will".. No more rhetorics. Just get it done.



**Busola Oshinsanya** God got your back my Working Governor



**Omoboriowo Omo Oba Ademola** Ambo lekan si please sir try to help us in Agbowa Ikosi are we not part of EPE ni because I think you have forgetting us in that area please And please

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**Sunday Adewale** Action Governor, keep Lagos moving...

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**Oredoyin Adaetuhtuh** Well done sir, pls don't 4get Ikorodu-Itoikin road, God bless u sir.



**Hassan Mariam Omolara Ekundayo** Weldone sir Sir ikotun n environment need you . God bless you ...[See More](#)

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**Nwankwo Tochukwu Chinwuba** Sir, please badagary express, from ojo down needs attention, God bless you



**Hungbo S. Mautin** What is happening to badagry sir.... Nothing is happening here

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**Abayomi Adewumi** this is good ideal. May God bless ur efforts

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**Samson Adediran** Please sir remember us at isheri osun at dat same ikotun-ijegun road dat leads to jakande-ijegun road oo... God bless you sir n more grace 2ur elbow sir. Ambode lekan si....

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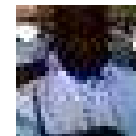


**Sammy Blaq** This is leadership, unlike mediocre that occupy other states



**Oluboba Adeyinka Ezekiel** Apapa still unaccessible

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**Adeola Gbadamosi** God bless AMBODE.



**Socrate Okanlawon Aristotle** Please remember badagry express road



**Ashmark Akanmu** Great



**Oyepeju Wasiu Idowu** nice move sir



**Kayode Sunday Emmanuel** Election is next year .... It is well



**Nigeria Independence Day Parade - NYC** <3Nigeria



**Agbabiaka Okokomaiko** Good job



**Friday Achong** Beautiful. I hail u here, but how soon?



**Aderibigbe Suleiman** Well done sir



**Olusola Eniola** always spot on



**Bhadmus Taiwo Ibrahim** Thanks so much



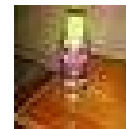
**Akinropo Abraham** Lagos Legacy. Keep it up.



**Hassan Folake Akindipe** Eku ise sir



**Temitope Soy** Great mind.



**Adebayo Adebawale** Good job sir



**Timothy Adebisi** Well done sir



**Saka Saheed Akanni** U ar weldone



**Mutiu Afolabi** Olasunkami try to call me







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# CHAPTER FOUR

## HIGHLIGHTS OF NEWS ABOUT LAGOS

### 4.0 INTRODUCTION

The current edition of Lagos Open Parliament is the outcome of painstaking research on the activities of the Lagos State Government for the period November 2016 to February 2018. It is an attempt to assess the performance of the state government in different areas of governance. The following compilation of media reports is based on studies carried out within the period mentioned above.

### 4.1 INSTRUMENTS USED

The instruments used to conduct this research were questionnaires, print and electronic media reports, eye witness accounts and interviews. The three methods that were applied include surveying, content analysis and observations.

### 4.2 NEWSPAPER REPORTAGE AND ANALYSIS ON LAGOS STATE (NOVEMBER 2016-FEBRUARY 2018).

DATE NEWSPAPER PAGE	HEADLINES	ISSUES
NOV 2,2016 The punch, Page6	Ambode wants Lagos special status bill revisited.	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos State on Tuesday appealed to the Senate to revisit the bill seeking allocation of one percent of the Federal Government revenue to Lagos.
NOV 2,2016 The punch Page6	Lagos rewards 18 public servants.	The Lagos State Government on Tuesday rewarded 18 outstanding public servants with Governor Akinwunmi Ambode urging the state's workers to raise the bar of performance and be role models for other public servants in the country.

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NOV 3,2016 The punch Page6	LASG to redevelop Adeniji Adele Estate, resettle residents.	The Lagos State Government says it plans to redevelop Adeniji Adele Estate, phases one to four, which was built over 35 years ago, but now in a deplorable condition.
NOV 4,2016 The punch Page6	Lagos Badagry Expressway ready in 2019.	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos State on Thursday said the Lagos Badagry Expressway would be ready in 2019.
NOV 4,2016 The punch Page 6	LASG asks council to increase revenue generation.	The Lagos State Government has urged the sole administrators in the 57 local council development areas to increase revenue generation.
NOV 7,2016 The punch Page 6	Ambode pledges support for arts and culture	The Lagos State Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode has said his administration will continue to promote arts and culture in the state adding that residents should use same to showcase their potentials
NOV 8,2016 The punch Page 6	LASG to create 100,000 new businessmen by 2019	The Lagos State Government says, by 2019, no fewer than 100,000 new entrepreneurs would have been created from the ₦25b Lagos State Empowerment Trust Fund.
NOV 9,2016 The punch Page 6	LASG inaugurates policy to aid youths	The Lagos State Government says it has integrated the needs of youths into the state's development plan to make them independent
NOV 11,2016 The punch Page 6	LASG seeks high performance in LGs	The Lagos State Government says it plans to ensure smooth running of the state local government administration through effective networking
NOV 11,2016 The punch Page 6	Investors trooping to Lagos	The Lagos State Government on Thursday said foreign investors with a number of new investments were trooping to the state, making it the preferred choice destination for investment.
NOV 14,2016 The punch Page 6	Ambode calls for support of SMEs to boost economic growth.	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos State says Nigerians must channel efforts towards the promotion of small and medium scale enterprises (SMEs) to boost economic growth
NOV 14,2016 The punch Page 6	LASG urges investors to embrace CSR in Lekki	The Lagos State Government has advised investors in the Lekki Free Trade Zone to improve on their corporate social responsibility to host communities saying this is one way to secure their multibillion dollar investments in the area

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NOV 14,2016 The punch Page 32	Lagos seeks permanent site for trade fair	The Lagos State Government is in search of a permanent site for the annual Lagos International Trade Fair. Governor Akinwunmi Ambode disclosed this during the celebration of the Lagos State Day as part of the activities marking the end of the trade fair on Sunday
NOV 15,2016 The punch Page 6	Demolitions will bring development to Epe-LASG	The Lagos State Government on Monday said the demolition of houses to pave the way for the Epe-Marina project and other urban renewal infrastructure projects was in the interest of residents of the Epe area of the state
NOV16,2016 The punch Page 6	Ambode makes retired DIG Ajao safety agency chairman	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos State on Tuesday approved the appointment of a retired Deputy Inspector –General of Police, Israel Ajao,(retd) as the Chairman, Board of the Lagos Neighborhood Safety Corps
NOV 16,2016 The punch Page 6	LASG trains workers in public fund management	Workers in the employ of the Lagos State Government have been asked to be transparent in handling tax payers' money and utilize it for the welfare of the people
NOV 16,2016 The punch Page6	Lagos records progress in securing state	The Lagos State government says advances have been made by the present administration in the state in protecting lives and property of Lagosians
NOV 16,2016 The punch Page24	Lagos to get oil derivation fund from Doc	The Lagos State Governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode has said that the state expects to get its first derivation fund next month following the first export from the Aje oil field located offshore Lagos. Ambode disclosed this on Tuesday in Lagos at this year's annual International Conference and Exhibition, Lagos State branch of the Nigerian Association of Petroleum Exploration States.
NOV 18,2016 The punch Page 6	We will stamp out crime in Lagos says Ambode	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state said on Thursday that the Administration would stamp out kidnapping and violent crimes. The Governor spoke at the grand finale of the 2016 Community Day celebration at the police college, Ikeja.

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NOV 18,2016 The punch Page 6	Lagos adopts Boston model to clean waterways	The Lagos State government says it plans to adopt the Boston model to clean up the waterways and tackle other environmental issues in the state. Governor Akinwunmi Ambode stated this after a series of meeting with Boston Mayor Walsh and the Executive Director of Massachusetts Water Resources Authority in the United States Paul Levcy, on Thursday
NOV 21,2016 The punch Page 6	Quick justice will boost Economy	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state has said that the judiciary has a strategic role to play in the state's vision to maintain its status as the investment hub of West Africa
NOV 21,2016 The punch Page 6	LASG wants traditional rulers to fight insecurity	The Lagos state government has urged traditional rulers in the state to complement Government's efforts by leading the war on insecurity in their communities
NOV 21,2016 The punch Page 6	Lagos promotes 8,617 Teachers	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state has approved the promotion of 8,617 public primary school teachers. The Executive Chairman of the Lagos state Universal Basic Education Board, Dr. Ganiyu Sopeyin on Sunday explained that the promotion had cleared the backlog of promotions inherited in the state primary schools.
NOV 22,2016 The punch Page 6	Lagos to host 50,000 international athletes	The Lagos State Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode says the state is preparing to host about 50,000 athletes from across the world for the 2nd Edition of the Access Bank Lagos City Marathon billed to hold on February 11,2017.
NOV 22,2016 The punch Page 4	Lagos Police recovers arms cache	The Commissioner of Police in Lagos state Mr. Fatai Owooseni, on Monday, announced the Recovery of caches of arms in the Festac town area of the state. Owooseni said the recovery was made on the 6 <sup>th</sup> avenue adding that two AK-47 rifles, 24 –AK magazines, one brownina pistol and magazine

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NOV 23,2016 The punch Page 6	Lagos offers jobs to 514 horticulturists	The Lagos state Government offered automatic employment to 514 newly trained horticulturists in the state. A total of 514 youths from the 57 local government and local council development areas have been in training for the three weeks as horticulturists
NOV 23,2016 The punch Page 6	LASG promises to fight corruption in civil service	The Lagos state Government says it is set to fight corruption in the civil service through forensic accounting. The Commissioner for Establishment, Training and Pension, Dr. Benson Oke said this on Tuesday at the opening of a two-day workshop on forensic accounting for 50 Accountants and Auditors in the civil service in Ikeja.
NOV 24,2016 THE PUNCH Page 6	Community policing will boost crime Fighting – Ambode	The Lagos State Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode says the fight against crime will be enhanced if community policing is adopted to complement the police and other law enforcement agencies.
NOV 24,2016 THE PUNCH Page 6	LASG moves to make island safe for yuletide	The Lagos State Government says major steps have been taken to ensure a safe and secure business environment in the central business district on the Lagos Island during the yuletide
NOV 24,2016 THE PUNCH Page 6	Lagos to prosecute event centres owners for safety breach	The Lagos State Safety Commission has reiterated its commitment to the full enforcement of its establishment act, which imposes responsibilities on events and social center owners in the state to ensure the safety of citizens using their facilities
NOV 25,2016 THE PUNCH Page 6	LASG to woo investors with ICT	The Lagos State Government says it will use information and communication technology to attract foreign direct investment into the state. The Government in a statement on Thursday told participants at a three-day workshop in the Badagry area, organized by the office of the Oversea Affairs and Investment (Lagos Global)

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NOV 25,2016 THE PUNCH Page 6	LASG resolves Lekki trade zone dispute	The Lagos state government has said it will permanently resolve the dispute in the Lekki Free Trade Zone with a committee to resettle displaced residents that has been put in place
NOV 25,2016 THE PUNCH Page 10	Lagos inaugurates Epe masterplan	The Lagos state Government, on Thursday, inaugurated the Epe masterplan with a promise to turn the ancient town to another Dubai in Nigeria. The Government added that the new plan captured farming and tourist sites as well as airports and other multi-billion naira projects.
NOV 25,2016 THE PUNCH Page 10	Ambode urges NB to uphold excellence	The Lagos State Governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode has commended the Nigeria Breweries PLC for its commitment to the economic prosperity of the state and nation
NOV 25,2016 THE PUNCH Page 10	Lagos to usher in Christmas with street party	This year's Christmas is coming with a special package for Lagosians as it will be ushered in with a street party The Lagos state Government said on Thursday that the concert tagged the Lagos Street Party which would usher in the yuletide period, would be the first of its kind
NOV 28,2016 THE PUNCH Page 6	Lagos to fight domestic violence for 16 days	The Lagos state Government said it has earmarked 16 days of activism to end all forms of violence against women and children. The coordinator, Lagos State Domestic and Social Violence Response Team (DSVRT), Titilola Vivor Adoniyi on Sunday said the state will be partnering with Access Bank for a decisive action to end the violence
NOV 28,2016 THE PUNCH Page 6	340,634 registered voters for Lagos bye-election - INEC	The Independent Electoral Commission has said 340,634 registered voters would participate in the December 3 bye-election in the Ifako Ijaye Federal Constituency of Lagos State
NOV 28,2016 THE PUNCH Page 6	Lagos residents waste three of 10 years in traffic	At least three of every 10 years spent in Lagos is lost to traffic; a survey by a Lagos based transport firm, Planet Project has shown. It therefore means that residents of Lagos, Nigeria's Economic capital, spends an average of 7 hours 20 minutes in traffic everyday.

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NOV 29,2016 THE PUNCH Page 6	Lagos to divert VI traffic for street party	The Lagos State Government will divert traffic on Victoria Island as a result of the Lagos-street party holding on Saturday and Sunday Tiamiyu Savage and Bishop Oluwole Streets would be cordoned off during the street party which would hold on Ahamadu Bello way
NOV 29,2016 THE PUNCH Page 6	Assembly urges Ambode to beef up security	The Lagos State House of Assembly has called on Governor Akinwunmi Ambode to beef up security in the state and arrest growing cases of kidnapping, especially in Ikorodu and Epe
NOV 29,2016 THE PUNCH Page 35	Lagos empowers correctional home inmates	The wife of the Lagos State Governor, Mrs. Bolanle Ambode has advised students in higher institutions not to neglect vocational and entrepreneurial skills, According to her, being self reliant is an additional advantage to their careers and academic pedigree. Mrs. Ambode said this on Saturday while commissioning a newly selected correctional centre for junior boys at Birrel Street, Yaba Lagos
NOV 30,2016 THE PUNCH Page 6	Lagos seeks productivity boost in public services	The Lagos state government has said that the culture of waste must stop if productivity must increase in its public services. It added that it had taken steps to actualize this by engaging civil servants in International Organization for Standardization (ISO) training
NOV 30,2016 THE PUNCH Page 12	Lagos plans N813b budget for 2017	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state has presented the 2017 budget proposal of N813b to the State House of Assembly saying his administration will continue with infrastructural renewal of the state.
NOV 30,2016 THE PUNCH Page 24	Lagos to phase out PSP in waste management	The Lagos State Government has disclosed its plan to phase out private sector operators and invest about N85b in domestic waste management in the next five years. The Commissioner for Environment, Dr. Babatunde Adejare said the investment would involve a public private partnership with some world renowned waste management companies

NOV 30,2016 THE PUNCH Page 25	Lagos partners CIBN to boost financial tourism	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state has said the state will collaborate with the Chartered Institute of Bankers of Nigeria in hosting the 22nd Edition of the World Conference of Banking Institutes in a bid to promote financial tourism in the state
DEC 1,2016 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Ambode wants local artisans to outdo foreign experts	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state has said his administration will boost the skills of artisans in the state to make them have an edge over their foreign counterparts.
Dec 2,2016 The Punch Pg 6	LASG begins housing initiatives, bans Okada near banks.	The Lagos- state government has commenced its new housing initiatives - Rent To Own and rental housing policies.
DEC 5,2016 The Punch Pg 6	Lagos moves to float N60b bond	The Lagos- state government says it is set to go to the capital market to float a N60b bond for infrastructural development. The government explained that the bond was the first tranche of the N500b bond that the Lagos State House of Assembly approved for the governor Akinwunmi Ambode-led administration a few months ago.
Dec 7,2016 The Punch Pg 6	Investment in education not a waste Ambode.	The Lagos State governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, says the massive investment of his administration in education is not a waste. He explained that education was one of the critical tools to combat poverty and secure a better future for the state.
Dec 7,2016 The Punch Pg 6	Ambode's wife urges Lagosians to remember less privileged	The wife of the Lagos State governor, Mrs. Bolanle Ambode, has enjoined Lagosians to extend the hand of love to the less privileged during the vuletide.

Dec 8,2016 The Punch Pg 19	Alagbado residents appeal to Ambode	Prince Abioye Ade, No 4 AIT road, Alagbado, gave kudos to governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state on the recent opening of 114 roads in the state. 'We the inhabitants of Igbehin Adun street, off AIT road, Alagbado, however appeal to him to use his good offices to help us tar the road in our area, because of its usefulness to the residents.'
Dec 9,2016 The Punch Pg 6	Lagos unveils 4,355 Apartments for residents	The Lagos state government has unveiled 4,355 housing units for residents across the three senatorial districts of the state. The state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode who spoke at the inauguration of the scheme in Epe, on Thursday, said the housing policies recently introduced were to make life more comfortable for residents irrespective of their status, tribe and income.
Dec 9,2016 The Punch Pg 6	Democracy will aid economic growth, says Ambode	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode says there is need for strong democratic institutions in Nigeria, adding that this is critical to economic growth and development.
Dec 9,2016 The Punch Pg 30	Our rice will be sold N13,000 per bag- Ambode	The Lagos- state government has pledged to make rice available to residents at a reduced cost of N13,000 per 50kg bag. The Lagos state governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode disclosed this on Thursday during the 2016 Agricultural summit organized by the Agricultural Sectoral Group of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industr.



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Dec 12,2016 The Punch Pg 6	Lagos seeks good hygiene in abattoirs	The Lagos state government says it is committed to developing the red meat value chain in the state adding that the Oko-Cba Abattoir and the lairage complex in Agege, are being rehabilitated for improved operations.
Dec 14,2016 The Punch Pg 36	Ambode lists benefit of 'code Lagos'	The governor of Lagos state, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode has explained the rationale for introducing 'code Lagos', an initiative to make technology programming an every day affair among the young people in the state from primary to tertiary school level.
Dec 14,2016 National mirror Pg 10	Ambode seeks more support to tackle insecurity	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state on Tuesday called for greater support from individuals and corporate organizations in the state to improve the security of lives and property in the former federal capital. Ambode made the call in Lagos at the 10th Town Hall Meeting on security where he was represented by his deputy, Dr. Idiat Adebule.
Dec 13,2016 The Punch Pg 6	Help stop quacks, LASG tells NMA	The Lagos state government has called on members of the Nigerian Medical Association and other regulatory bodies in the medical profession to complement the government's effort to curb the activities of quacks in the state.
Dec 13,2016 The Punch Pg 6	Lagos to train youths in agro – business	The Lagos state government says it is set to partner the National Images Incorporation to train 5,700 youth in agro business.

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Dec 14,2016 The Punch Pg 6	Ambode promises improved security	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state says his administration will continue to ensure that security agencies, especially the police, are well equipped for the task of safeguarding the lives and property of Lagosians.
Dec 15,2016 The Punch Pg 6	LASG demands outstanding performance from teachers	The Lagos state government has urged public school teachers in the state to always put in their best in discharging their duties.
Dec 20,2016 The Nigeria Tribune Pg 32	Despite recession, Lagos generated more revenue in 2016- Ambode	The Lagos state governor Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, on Sunday, hailed tax payers in the state for performing their civic obligations saying the state raked in N287 billion from internally generated revenue (IGR) for the year under review as against the N268 billion generated in 2015.
Dec 20,2016 The Nigeria Tribune Pg 33	Ambode donates N5m to widows of fallen heroes	Lagos state governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, has announced a donation of N5 million for the upkeep of the welfare of widows of members of the Nigerian Armed Forces, who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. He called on corporate organizations to continue to donate generously towards their welfare.
Dec 16,2016 The Punch Pg 12	Lagos sets up panel on free education registration scam	The Lagos state government has constituted a panel to investigate the alleged extortion of money from parents by the heads of some public primary and secondary schools in the state.

Dec 21,2016 The Punch Pg 6	Lagos spends N1b to train 15,000 workers	The Lagos state government says it has spent N1b to train no fewer than 15,000 public servants this year. The Commissioner for Establishment, Training and Pensions, Dr. Benson Oke, stated this on Tuesday during the opening of a three-day specialized training, organized by the state government in collaboration with Vitech Trainer.
Dec 21,2016 The Punch Pg 6	Ambode pledges improvement in children welfare	The governor of Lagos state, Akinwunmi Ambode has promised to improve the welfare of children in the state. He appealed to parents and guardians to play their roles by bringing up the children with the fear of God.
Dec 21,2016 The Punch Pg 6	Govt plans calendar for festival in Lagos	The Lagos state government on Tuesday said it planned to create a festival calendar in order to make the state an entertainment hub on the continent of Africa.
Dec 21,2016 The Punch Pg 37	Stop attacking LASTMA officials LASG warns residents	The Lagos state government has warned people against attacking officials of Lagos State Traffic Management Authority during lawful discharge of their duties.
Dec 20,2016 The Punch Pg 6	Lagos records N287bn IGR	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state says despite the economic recession in the country, the state has recorded more internally generated revenue in 2016 than it did in 2015.

Dec 20,2016 The Punch Pg 6	Support slain military officers' families	The governor of Lagos state, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, on Monday called for support for families of members of the Nigerian Armed Forces, who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty.
Dec 23,2016 The Punch Pg 6	Lagos plans five elderly care centres	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, says as part of his administration's commitments to the welfare of pensioners and senior citizens in the state, five elderly care centres will be constructed in 2017.
Dec 26,2016 The Punch Pg 6	Lagos will be third largest economy in Africa soon- Ambode	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode on Saturday stated that one of his administration's objectives was to propel Lagos state to become the third largest economy in Africa.
Dec 26, 2016 The Punch Pg 29	Lagos settles pension benefits worth N1.9bn	Lagos state government said it paid N1.9bn pension benefits to 495 retirees in December under the contributory pension scheme. The state government also paid insurance benefits worth N170m to relatives of deceased workers in the state.
Dec 29,2016 The Punch Pg 6	Ambode ready to grant amnesty to cult members	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode has said the government is ready to grant amnesty to those willing to renounce their membership of cults and turn a new leaf.
Dec 29,2016 The Punch Pg 6	Govt advises politicians	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode on Wednesday called on political office holders in Lagos state and Nigeria at large not to renege on their electoral promises, urging them to put the interest of the people first.

Dec 30,2016 The Punch Pg 6	Ambode commissions Badagry bridge	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state on Thursday commissions Imeke-Aido bridge, a major link bridge in the Badagry area of the state, saying it would boost tourism and enhance movement of goods and services.
Dec 30,2016 The Punch Pg 6	LASG promises community driven Govt	The Lagos state government has assured residents of the state of improved and community driven government that will ensure that Lagosians enjoy meaningful dividends of democracy.
Dec 31,2016 The Punch Pg 6	Lagos to create 800,000 jobs	The Lagos state government says it will create 900,000 jobs over the next two years through its N25b Employment Trust Fund. A statement by governor Akinwunmi Ambode through his Chief Press Secretary, Habib Aruna, on Friday, said 300,000 of the job slots would be direct while the remaining 600,000 would be indirect.
Jan 1, 2017 The Punch Pg 4	New year resolution: Ambode, Bellc pledge humility	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, and his Niger state counterpart, Abubakar Bellc, have pledged to make provision of services to the humanity and fear of God, their new year resolutions. Ambode said, "my resolution for 2017 is to give more to the less privileged. It has always been my belief that people in the high places should cater for those who are not as privileged as them.

Jan 2,2017 The Punch Pg 6	Immunize your children against diseases	The wife of the governor of Lagos state, Bolani Ambode, has advised mothers in the state to immunize their children against killer diseases. She said the government had provided primary health care centres across the state to ensure that babies born in Lagos were well protected.
Jan 2,2017 The Punch Pg 6	Ambode promises to create more opportunities	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state on Sunday said the new year would present limitless opportunities for all residents. Ambode who spoke at the grand finale of the 2016, One Lagos fiesta at the Bar Beach front, Victoria Island to usher in the new year, said he was committed to showcasing the progress the state had made so far.
Jan 2,2017 The Punch Pg 28	Lagos targets N500b in bond programme	Lagos state government is targeting N500b in bond programme as it steps up effort to boost infrastructural development in the state.
Jan 3,2017 The Punch Pg 32	LASG targets alternative resolution to land dispute	The Lagos state government has expressed its desire for a quick resolution to land related disputes within the state.
Jan 5,2017 The Punch Pg 39	Lagos signs executive order against child abuse	The Lagos state governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, has signed an executive order on safeguarding and protecting child's rights in the state. A Statement made available to our correspondent quoted the state Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice, Mr. Adeniji Kazeem as saying that the order was signed by Ambode on December 16, 2016.

Jan 4,2017 The Punch Pg 39	Lagos to improve more road junctions around abounds	The Lagos state government says it will embark on massive improvement of more road junctions and remove problematic roundabouts this year, to improve the traffic situation in the Lagos metropolis.
Jan 9,2017 The Punch Pg 6	Ambode attributes Lagos growth to God	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state says the steady growth of the state in all sectors is due to God's intervention. The governor who spoke on Sunday at a special thanksgiving services for the new year, held at the Lagos House in Ikeja added that with divine direction, the state would continue to move up.
Jan 10,2017 The Punch Pg 6	Ambode signs 2017 budget. promises improved economy	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state has signed the N812.998bn 2017 appropriation bill into law, saying the money will be used to consolidate the economic gains of the last 18 months and propel the state further into the path of prosperity.
Jan 6,2017 The Punch Pg 6	Oshodi interchange on course, says LASG	The Lagos state government says work has commenced on the Oshodi transport interchange. It added that when completed, the project would have international bus terminals, shopping malls, local bus interchange and other facilities that would enhance a city life style.
Jan 13,2017 The Punch Pg 6	Ambode plans tech hub in Lagos	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, says plans are ongoing to transform the Sabo Industrial Estate in the Yaba area of the state to a technology hub and another silicon valley.

Jan 13,2017 The Punch Pg 6	'Environmental Impact Assessment mandatory for Lagos projects'	The Lagos state government says it is mandatory for contractors to secure Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) report before embarking on projects in the state.
Jan 13,2017 The Punch Pg 38	Ambode directs schools to adopt child protection policy	The Lagos state government has directed schools, health facilities, orphanages, and recreational centres in the state to adopt a child protection policy to safeguard children against all forms of abuses.
Jan 14,2017 The Punch Pg 44	We will make Lagos Africa's commercial hub - Ambode	Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has said he remains committed to transforming the state from Nigeria's commercial hub to being the centre of commerce and tourism in Africa.
Jan 16,2017 The Punch Pg 6	We must remain united to honour fallen heroes	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state on Sunday said the country must remain united in order to honour our fallen heroes who laid down their lives for the unity of the country.
Jan 16,2017 The Punch Pg 6	Lagos builds road to reduce traffic	The Lagos state government says the construction of the phase two of Alapere dual carriage road has started. The government said the project would decongest traffic in the area as well as free traffic that spills to other areas.
Jan 16,2017 The Punch Pg 42	Lagos plans Lekki, koyi, VI clean-up	The Lagos state government has revealed plans to begin the second phase of its cleaning of the inner streets of parts of Lekki, Ikoyi and VI. The exercise, which is expected to begin in a fortnight, will be done through the special committee on the clean-up of Ikoyi, Victoria Island and Lekki.

Jan 18,2017 The Punch Pg 6	LASC eyes entertainment to boost economy	The Lagos state government will leverage on the vast opportunities in entertainment tourism to boost the gross domestic product of the state. The state Governor, Mr Akinwunmi Ambode disclosed this on Tuesday at the Lagos House, Ikoja, when he received artistes who performed at One Lagos Fiesta (OLF) adding that he would promote talents in the state to compete global v.
Jan 17,2017 The Punch Pg 6	LASG allays fear over bomb	The Lagos state government on Monday said a suspected explosive substances, allegedly dropped in manholes along the streets of Agege area of the state, were piles of rubbish. It was gathered that residents and visitors in the Agege area had to scamper to safety following the scare.
Jan 18,2017 The Punch Pg 6	Fight domestic violence, Ambode tells female Lawyers	The wife of the governor of Lagos state, Mrs Bolanle Ambode, has asked members of the International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) to fight the trend of violence against women and children.
Jan 19,2017 The Punch Pg 6	LASG seeks improved assessment of schools performance	The Lagos state government, on Wednesday, said it would not relent at ensuring quality education in private and public schools in the state. The Deputy Governor, Dr Idiat Adebule who spoke at the 2017 conference of quality assurance evaluators in the state, stated that the government wants to make education accessible to every child in Lagos.

Jan 20,2017 The Punch Pg 6	Lagos plans to construct 181 new roads	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, says the construction of 181 roads in the 57 local government and local council development areas of the state has been approved for 2017. The governor, who spoke at the first quarterly town hall meeting for 2017- the sixth in the series- held at the Ajelogo market road, Akinode, mile 12, added that the process for the award of the contract would commence next week.
Jan 20,2017 The Punch Pg 18	Ambode should tackle Lagos water crisis	For cities that literally sit atop water, Lagos should ordinarily not encounter too much difficulty meeting the water needs of its population. While the state has made remarkable progress in the transformation of much of its physical infrastructure, the same cannot be said about the provision of access to safe drinking water and sanitation.
Jan 23,2017 The Punch Pg 6	LASG pledges commitment to electrification of Badagry communities	The Lagos state government says the delay in the supply of electricity to some communities in the Badagry West Local Council Development Area is due to some challenges in connecting the areas to the national grid. The state Commissioner for Energy and Mineral Resources Mr. Wale Oluwo, stated this on Friday during an interactive session with community leaders, youths and other stakeholders held at Suntan Beach, Badagry.

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<p>Jan 24,2017 The Punch Pg 6</p>	<p>Lagos to extend deworming to private schools</p>	<p>The wife of the Lagos state governor, Mrs. Ambode Bolanle, has said efforts at deworming school children would be extended to private schools in the state. Ambode also urged parents and teachers to teach pupils the benefits of hand washing. She said children will fall ill less, if they were directly educated by parents and teachers on health habits and personal hygiene.</p>
<p>Jan 25,2017 The Punch Pg 6</p>	<p>LASG urges residents to protect infrastructure</p>	<p>The Lagos state government has asked residents to maintain infrastructures in the state, urging them to report anyone caught vandalizing the facilities. The Special Adviser, Office of the Civil Engagement, Mr. Kehinde Joseph, gave the advice on Tuesday at the Alimosho Federal Constituency town hall meeting.</p>
<p>Jan 25,2017 The Punch Pg 6</p>	<p>LASG urges civil servants to maintain professional standard</p>	<p>The Lagos state government says public servants must work with the highest professional standard in the course of discharging their duties. This call was made by the Acting Head of Service, Mrs. Folashade Adesoye who told procurement officers in the state that if they maintained probity, the government's public procurement management system would gain public trust.</p>

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<p>Jan 26,2017 The punch Pg 7</p> <p>Jan 26,2017 The Punch Pg 34</p>	<p>LASG forming economic advisory committee</p> <p>Soyinka, Ambode to open Lagos art expo</p>	<p>The Lagos state government on Wednesday created a 12-member Lagos Economic Advisory Committee.</p> <p>Nobel laureate Prof. Wole Soyinka and the Lagos state governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, will on Friday declare the first Lagos art expo open. The event, holding at the Eko Hotel, Victoria Island, Lagos state government is in honour of the deceased art patron and businessman, Chief Rasheed Gbadamosi.</p>
<p>Jan 27,2017 The Punch Pg 6</p>	<p>Ambode tells youths to create jobs, wealth</p>	<p>The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has presented cheques worth over one billion Naira to beneficiaries of the Lagos state employment trust fund, telling them to create jobs, make money and contribute to the growth of the Lagos economy.</p>
<p>Jan 27,2017 The Punch Pg 6</p>	<p>LASG activates platform to chat with Lagosians</p>	<p>The Lagos state government on Thursday said it had inaugurated a mobile application to facilitate interaction between the government and the citizens.</p>
<p>Jan 27,2017 The Punch Pg 6</p>	<p>LASG stops LAWMA from collecting waste bills</p>	<p>Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state has directed the Lagos state waste management authority, to stop the collection of waste bills adding that all payment should be remitted to the coffers of private sectors participation (PSP) operators.</p>

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Jan 30, 2017 The Punch Pg 6	Lagos inaugurates team to sanitize meat production	The Lagos state government has inaugurated a monitoring, enforcement and compliance unit to sanitize red meat value chain in the state.
Jan 31, 2017 The Punch Pg 6	Lagos inaugurates feedback portal	The Lagos state governor Akinwunmi Ambode, on Monday, inaugurated the Citizens Management Relations (CMR) portal to help the government get feedback on its policies and welcome suggestions on how things can be done better.
Jan 31, 2017 The Punch Pg 6	Ambode appoints three permsecs	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has approved the appointment of 3 permanent secretaries in the state's public service.
Jan 31, 2017 The Punch Pg 6	LASG creates platform to support SMEs artisans	The Lagos state government said on Monday that it would partner with Service City and Microsol to create a platform to support operators of small and medium scaled enterprises and artisans in the state.
FEB 6, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 8	24 Arrested for operating illegal abattoirs, cattle market.	The Lagos state government has arrested about 24 butchers and cattle marketers for offences bordering on illegal operations. The arrest, according to the Commissioner for Agriculture, Mr. Oluwatoyin Suarau, is a fallout of the government's clampdown on illegal abattoirs, slaughter slabs and cattle markets.
FEB 6, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 8	Domestic violence: Lagos appoints NURTW members ambassadors.	The Lagos-state Government says some officials of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) have been appointed as ambassadors of the campaign against rape, domestic violence and child abuse.

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LASG needs \$30b for big projects.	Lagos state	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos-state says not less than \$30b would be needed to adequately deliver 30 big infrastructural projects over the next five years. The governor who spoke on Monday shortly before inaugurating a 12-member Economic Advisory Committee at the Lagos house, Ikeja, said the projected figure represented about N66b per annum whereas the provision for capital projects, in the 2017 budget was pegged at N500b (about \$1.6bn).
LASG seeks new strategies for growth	Lagos state	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state says the state has remained resilient and progressive in the face of human and natural challenges. Ambode who listed the challenges to include transportation, security, ocean surge, flooding, high unemployment rate, growth of slums and housing deficits, added that positive partnerships will help the state to address the challenges.

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FEB 8,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	LASG wants stoppage of fraud	The Lagos state Government on Tuesday said it has decided to checkmate fraud and corruption in the public services. It added that no fewer than 200 workers were being trained in forensic analysis and fraud detection in work places.
FEB 8,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Lagos to train youths in leadership skills	The Lagos state Government has said its newly inaugurated Ibile Youth Academy will produce youth ambassadors.. According to the state government, the academy will run for five days annually and is expected to train 500 youths across five youth centres in the state in leadership skills.
FEB 10,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 39	Ambode to invest on culture as tool for prosperity	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state has said that his administration will henceforth pay more attention to the development of the cultural and creative sector. According to him, the potential in the industry, the boundless energy and creativity that many practitioners exude, makes it wise to invest more in the idea.
FEB 12,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 10	Lagos pays N597m to 148 retirees.	The Lagos state Government has continued the payment of retiree's entitlement by paying another set of 148 retirees from the main stream civil services, local Government and State Universal Basic Education Board, Teachers Establishment and Pension office and other parastatals of Government.

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FEB 13,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Catfish farmers produced 50 tons, say LASG.	The Lagos state Government says no fewer than 50 tons of cat fish have been harvested at the maiden harvest of the cage culture system of fish farming introduced to empower 60 youths on the Agbowo-Ikosi beach in the Ikosi-Ejirin Local Council Development Area of the state.
FEB 14,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	BRT, LAG bus fares increase from March 1.	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos-state has approved 20 to 50 percent rates increase for BRT, LAG BUS and other franchise buses with effect from March 1, 2017. At a news conference hold on Monday at the Bagejca Kaltho Press Centre, Alausa, Ikoja, the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, Lagos Metropolitan area, Transport Authority, Abiodun Dabiri said the increase was necessitated by the economic downturn in the country which had affected the transport sector drastically.
FEB 14,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Lagos insists on accountability, transparency.	The Lagos state Government says it will not back down in ensuring that the state's workforce especially directors in the state public services, embrace accountability and transparency in the discharge of their duties.
FEB 15,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	LASG challenges workforce on 100RC.	The Lagos State Government says the state's admittance into the 100 resident cities of the world comes with its own peculiarities, including the ability of the public servant to solve problems.



FEB 15,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Govt destroys ₦10m pirated films, equipment.	The Government of Lagos –state has destroyed illegal movies and equipment worth ₦10m. The Executive Secretary of Lagos State Film and Video Censors' Board, Mr. Dele Balogun, on Tuesday said the movies included pirated and unclassified local and international movies as well as duplicating machine which are seized in a raid on some area of the state.
FEB 16,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Lagos targets generation of 3000 mw by 2022.	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state on Wednesday said the quest by the country to achieve energy security could no longer be left to the federal government alone.
FEB 17,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Lagos procures vehicles for VIS urges more enforcement.	The Lagos state government has procured 36 vehicles and 20 power bikes for the state's Vehicle Inspection Services, urging the agency to improve enforcement and reduce challenges in the transport sector.
FEB 17,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	LASG preaches productivity to work force.	The Lagos state Government has urged public servants to be productive, saying such attitude has a lot of benefits. The Commissioner for Establishment, Training and Pension, Dr. Benson Oke, observed that since the time public servants had to serve was limited. They ought to make their period with the state worthwhile.

FEB 17,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Ambode, Ikpeazu, Obascki lament unemployment, urge support for youths.	The Lagos State Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode and his Abia state counterpart, Dr Okirie Ikpeazu on Thursday expressed concern over the rising unemployment rate in the country and called for an urgent action to stem the tide.
FEB 19,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 5	Lagos state Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode on Saturday advised Nigerians to pray for the progress of the country	Ambode gave the advice at the 2017 denominational divine services entitled "Grace in Recession" at shepherded hill Baptist Church Obanikoro, Lagos.
FEB 20,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Lagos, Ogun, recorded over 50 disasters in three days.	The National Emergency Management Agency says over 50 disasters were recorded in Lagos and Ogun states between Friday and Sunday. The NE/MA spokesperson, South West zone, Ibrahim Farinloye, said the disasters ranged from fire incident to vehicle accident.
FEB 21,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Lagos approves part payment for pilgrims.	The Lagos state Government says it has introduced a part payment plan for intending pilgrims to holy land to cushion the effect of the current economic crunch in the country.
FEB 22,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Lagos urges directors to be emotionally intelligent.	The Lagos State Government says Directors in its employment must be emotionally intelligent for better performance and good leadership. The Govt added that such would enable them to relate well with their subordinates

FEB 23,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Ambode, Magu, blame corruption for Nigeria's woes	The wife of the Lagos state Governor, Mrs. Ambode and the Acting chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, Ibrahim Magu, on Wednesday, said corruption was one of the major factors responsible for the current state of the Nigerian economy.
FEB 23,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Lagos promises building approval in 24days.	The Lagos State Government has vowed to go after property developers and owners without proper title documents. The State Government also stated that delays in building plan approval could no longer be used as an excuse adding that building plan approval presently takes 24 days instead of a year.
FEB 24,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Ambode seeks residents' support for cleaner Lagos	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state has called on residents to make Lagos the cleanest city in Africa. He explained that such would make the state more attractive to investors and tourists and help Lagos to achieve its dream of being Africa's third largest economy.
FEB 27,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	LASG: seeks improvement in meat value chain	The Lagos state Government says there is need for change in the red meat value chain to get the best of meat produced from abattoir in the state.
FEB 27,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Lagos hails self on traffic control	The Lagos state Government says its approach to traffic management in the last two years has been yielding results.

FEB 28,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	LASG to crush 4000 motorcycles	The Lagos state Government on Monday said it has concluded plans to crush and recycle over 4000 impounded commercial motorcycles
FEB 28,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Lagos calls for another look on special status	The Lagos state Government on Monday reiterated its appeal to the National Assembly to revisit the issue of special status for the state
FEB 28,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Govt empowers 3000 widows senior citizens, others	The Deputy Governor of Lagos state Dr. Idiat Adebule has said improving the economic opportunity of women is the major key to poverty rejection and economic growth
MARCH1,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	CCTV buses will replace danfos says LASG	The Lagos state Government said on Tuesday that buses with closed circuit Television Cameras would replace yellow buses (danfos) in the state adding that the Government will not take jobs out of the hands of commercial buses drivers.
MARCH1,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Lagos promises improved security in Epe	The Lagos state Government has said it is working hard to improve security in the state adding that measures are being put in place to check the menace of kidnapers in the Epe area.
MARCH2,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Ambode signs bill, salutes Adebeye at 75	The Lagos state Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode on Wednesday signed the Environmental Management and Protection Bill into law, expressing optimism that it would boost the safety of residents

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MARCH 2, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Lagos moves to take over National Stadium	The Lagos state Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, says that his administration is ready to take over the National Stadium Surulere, from the federal government and transform it into a world class sporting centre.
MARCH 2, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	LASG wants cleaner Lagos	The Lagos state Government says there is more work to be done to make the state cleaner. The Commissioner for Establishment, Training and Pensions, Dr. Benson Oke, said this at the opening of a Two-Day Workshop in Ikoja tagged, Strategic Communication for a Cleaner Lagos, organized by the ministry in conjunction with Messrs XLS Consulting.
MARCH 2, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Open letter to Ambode	I write firstly to commend the Governor of Lagos State, Akinwunmi Ambode, for the good work he has been doing in the state since he assumed office particular in Badagry and its environs
MARCH 3, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Mentorship will boost public services delivery- Ambode	The Lagos state Governor Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode has urged senior civil Servants in the state to mentor younger colleagues in order to ensure consistent and efficient service delivery
MARCH 3, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	LASG says industrial policy review will be all inclusive	The Lagos state government has said it is currently reviewing the Industrialization policy to make it more inclusive and representative of the need of the real sector
MARCH 3, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Lagos VIOs and Motorists	The Vehicles Inspection Officers caught my wife at Ajah recently and fined her 20,000 Naira on the pretext that the vehicle paper had expired.

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MARCH 6, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Ambode urges discipline in security agencies	Security operatives must always be disciplined, respect the rule of law and give priority to professionalism while discharging their duties, says the Lagos state Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode.
MARCH 6, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Lagos recorded 2,252 rape cases in 2 years	No fewer than 2,252 rapes cases were reported at the Mirabel Sexual Assault Referral Centre in two years and seven months, the punch has learnt
MARCH 7, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Ambode urges leaders to emulate Awolowo	The Lagos state Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has asked political leaders to exemplify the noble character and ideas of late Chief Obafemi Awolowo in tackling the challenges faced by the community
MARCH 8, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Lagos replans Onikan Marina area for tourism	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state says his administration will transform some landmark sites in the Marina and Onikan areas of Lagos Island into a world class recreation and tourism centre.
MARCH 8, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	LASG promises sanity in auctions	The Lagos state government says it will move the practice of auctioneering to the pedestal it deserves. The State Government added that it will continue to play its part by ensuring that it provides the environment required for professionals to practice their trades.
MARCH 9, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Fashola's ministry frustrating us	The Lagos state Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has said his administration's efforts to reconstruct the International Airport Road from Oshodi is being frustrated by the Federal Ministry of Works, Power and Housing

MARCH9,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Social media killing productivity in civil service	The Lagos state government has said that social media is killing productivity in the civil service.
MARCH9,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Speak with one voice. Adebule tells women	The Deputy Governor of Lagos state, Dr. Idiat Adebule, has called on women to speak with one voice to stop all forms of discrimination, domestic violence and gender inequality against them.
MARCH 9,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 43	Stake holders welcome Ambode's new tourism project	For many years the national museum in Onikan, Lagos, has been a ghost of its old self. The facility which houses a lot of historical and cultural objects, has suffered neglect while there have been occasional cases of theft. The fact that it had been run to underperform makes it easily comparable to the national theatre, which is also a burden on the mind of many cultural investors and workers
MARCH13,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Lagos commits N30b to new transport plan	The Lagos state Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode has said the proposed bus reform initiative aimed at giving the residents of the state an integrated public transportation system will start this year with a sinking fund of N30b.
MARCH13, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 9	Bank drags Ambode to court over property	Access bank of Nigeria has sued the Lagos state governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, for allegedly allocating a piece of land belonging to a former chief of naval staff, Vice Admiral Ishaya Ibrahim (retd). The contentious land is located at No.7 Ojora Street, Ikovi Lagos

MARCH13,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 14	Ambode urges support for new environmental policy	The Lagos state Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has assured Lagosians that the cleaner Lagos initiative which reviewed the state's environmental laws will reduce rather than increase hardship being faced by the people.
MARCH14,2017 THE PUNCH PG.6	Lagos community panics over return of militants	Residents of Isawo in Ikorodu, Lagos State, say they now live in fear following the return of the militants who have been terrorizing them in the area.
MARCH14,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 15	Ambode, Daura advise security officers on patriotism	Lagos state governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode has urged security officers to be diligent, patriotic, disciplined and dedicated. Ambode, who was represented by his deputy, Dr. Idiat Adebule, in his goodwill message, called on security officers to be guided by the rule of law while pledging the state's support for their services.
MARCH15,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Lagos seeks N60b to improve public schools	The Lagos state government on Tuesday, said about N60b was needed to give public schools in the state a face lift and to establish new schools.
MARCH16,2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	50% of patients in Lagos suffering from waterborne diseases...LASG	The Lagos state government has said 50 percent of residents who visit public hospitals in the state do so because they suffer from waterborne diseases adding that, the regulation of domestic and industrial water consumption has been intensified.

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MARCH 16, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Ambode seeks leadership training in states	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has said that government at all levels must embrace leadership development to move the nation forward
MARCH 16, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Lagos stops construction on new Lekki garden estate	The Lagos state government has stopped further construction of about 100 buildings on the Lekki gardens phase 3, in the Olokanla area, Lekki.
MARCH 17, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	We must not disappoint Nigerians	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state has asked other All Progressive Congress governors to find indigenous ways of meeting the expectations of the electorate. The governor spoke in Ikeja, Lagos, during the opening ceremony of the meeting of secretaries to state governors, in the APC controlled skills states.
MARCH 17, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	LASG seeks synergy in public offices	The Lagos state governor has said team work and work place synergy are needed for the realization of government's visions
MARCH 17, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 40	Majekodunmi hails Ambode on new environmental law	A renowned environmentalist, Mr. Desmond Majekodunmi, says governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state did well by signing into a law, a new environmental bill for the state.
MARCH 18, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 43	AI condemns demolitions at Lagos community	Amnesty International has condemned the demolition of Otodo, a Lagos riverine community, by the state government, describing it as illegal and a violation of a court ruling. The organisation accused the state government of forcing thousands to flee their homes and called on governor Akinwunmi Ambode to stop the action.

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MARCH 20, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	LASG hunts producers of bad water	The Lagos state government says it is collaborating with the Association of Table Water Producers to fish out producers of "unwholesome table and sachet water" in the state.
MARCH 20, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 37	LASG to create opportunities in waste management	The Lagos state government has said that the newly enacted Environmental Management and Protection law will provide investment opportunities for residents.
MARCH 21, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Ambode urges states to explore areas of strength	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Monday, said states need to learn from one another and explore their areas of strength to engender economic development.
MARCH 21, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	LASG wants workers to get modern skills	The Acting Head of Service, Lagos state, Mrs. Folashade Adedoye, has advised newly appointed head of administration of local government and local council development areas in the state to acquire modern skills for quality public service delivery.
MARCH 12, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 57	Ambode's expresses frustration over Airport road	Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has expressed his frustration over the non-cooperation of the Works and Housing Ministry concerning the fixing of the International Airport Road.
MARCH 21, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 14	LASG trains 540 in fishing	The Lagos state government says it has trained 540 fishermen in the riverine areas of the state in the safe use and maintenance of 4-stroke outboard engines for fishing.

MARCH 22, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Lagos seals 100 table water factories	The Lagos state government, on Tuesday, said it had sealed over 100 table water factories across the state over the production and distribution of substandard drinkable water in the state
MARCH 22, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Ambode counsels workers to be honest	The Lagos state governor Akinwunmi Ambode, has asked civil servants in the state to embrace honesty, trust, humility, and discipline, to ensure productivity in the public services
MARCH 23, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Lagos to remove more roundabouts in Lekki	No fewer than three more roundabouts will be removed in the Lekki-Ajah corridor to ease vehicular movement, the Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode said on Wednesday
MARCH 23, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 37	Badagry NBA urges Ambode to open new court	The Nigerian bar association, Badagry branch has appealed to the governor of Lagos state, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode to inaugurate the modern high court complex built in Badagry by the state government
MARCH 24, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	LASU hotel to be private sector driven – Ambode	The Lagos state governor, on Thursday said the plans by his administration to build a 6,000-bed hotel within the campus of the Lagos state university, Ojo, would be driven by the private sector
MARCH 24, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Lagos to meet SDG targets	Lagos state government says it has decided to meet its Sustainable Development Goals, adding that they have the capacity to impact positively on the living standard of the people

MARCH 24, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 28	Ambode advises Lekki Trade Zone on new Investors	The governor of Lagos state, Akinwunmi Ambode, has urged the management of Lekki Free Zone Development Company to continue to seek more foreign and local investors to take advantage of the huge fund and investment potentials of the free trade zone
MARCH 25, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 31 MARCH 26, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 7	LASG unveils new policy on environment  Fashola visits Ambode, governor says visit historic	Expectations as Lagos government introduces new environmental policy  Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Saturday, lauded his predecessor in office and Minister of Power, Works and Housing, Mr. Babatunde Fashola, for his achievement during the eight years he spent as governor of the state.
MARCH 27, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Lagos urges youths to embrace job volunteering	The Lagos state government has addressed youths seeking jobs to embrace available volunteering jobs within their areas of interest as a leverage that will make their dream job reliable
MARCH 27, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	LASG attributes achievements to staff development	The Lagos state government has said development of workers in the state through a series of training is responsible for the achievement of the state
MARCH 28, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Ambode inaugurates neighborhood corps with 199 cars	The Lagos state governor Akinwunmi Ambode, on Monday, inaugurated the operation of the Lagos Neighborhood Safety Corps, pledging to enhance security of lives and property in the state
MARCH 28, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	LASG gives 14-day ultimatum to illegal structure occupants	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state has approved the enforcement of the cleanup on inner streets of Ikoyi, Victoria Island and Lekki, saying occupants of illegal structure in the area have 14 days to relocate

MARCH 30, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Ambode inherited a debt burden	A national leader of the All Progressive Congress, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, on Wednesday, said the Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, inherited a burden of debt from the previous administration
MARCH 31, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Workers' training prevents debts says LASG	The Lagos state government says it invests in the training of workers in the state to ensure proper management of resources and prevent loss of governmental revenue
MARCH 31, 2017 NEWS, NATIONAL TELEGRAPH PAGE 33	Ambode tasks workers on efficiency, transparency	Lagos state governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, yesterday charged workers in the state to stop needless delay in processing of documents and other things that require government's endorsement.
MARCH 29, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 49	HIV: Lagos to be free by 2030	The Lagos State government through its HIV/AIDS control agency has revealed plans in line with the global agenda, to make the state free of the disease by 2030
MARCH 29, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 55	School owner tasks Ambode	The Proprietor of Balad Private schools, Ikorodu, Lagos, Bello Alade, has urged the Lagos state Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode to build a stadium in Ikorodu, to help develop sports in the state.
APRIL 3, 2017 THE PUNCH PAGE 6	Ikoyi cleanup: LASG warns traders, wants park relocated	The Lagos state government says activities of stall owners in the Giwa Army Barracks hinder free flow of traffic along Kingsway Road, Ikoyi, adding that the car-

The Punch March 29, 2017 Pg 49	HIV: 90% of Lagosians must know status by 2020	The Lagos state government through its HIV/AIDS control agency has revealed plans in line with the global agenda, to make the state free of the disease by 2030.
The Punch March 29, 2017 Pg 55	Ambode tasked by educationist	The proprietor of Balad Private Schools, Ikorodu Lagos, Bello Alade, has urged the Lagos-state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, to build a stadium in Ikorodu to help develop sports in the state
The Punch April 5, 2017 Pg 6	LASG to clear shanties for modern abattoir	The Lagos-state government says it is set to remove shanties at the Oke-Oba Abattoir
The Punch April 4, 2017 Pg 6	Be friendly to residents: Ambode tells workers	The Lagos State Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Monday, told workers in the state to exhibit good interpersonal relationship in the discharge of their responsibilities to enable members of the public have hitch-free transactions.
The Punch April 4, 2017 Pg 6	LASG to tackle unemployment through rural finance	The Lagos-state government says it will explore rural financing institutions (RUFN) to address unemployment at the grassroots.
The Punch April 6, 2017 Pg 6	LASG plans agency for health insurance	The Lagos-state government on Wednesday revealed its plan to establish an agency to manage the state's health insurance scheme
The Independent Newspaper April 5, 2017 Pg A10	Ambode tasks UBEC on improved standard of education	Akinwunmi Ambode-Lagos state governor, has charged members of the Universal Basic Education Commission (UBEC) to play a useful role in giving quality policy direction that would guide the Commissioner of Education to implement policies that will improve the standard of education across the country.

The Punch April 6,2017 Pg 6	Sanitation: Government decries state of Lagos markets	The Lagos state government has expressed dissatisfaction over the state of some markets in the state saying they pose a threat to the Clean Lagos initiative.
The Punch April 7,2017 Pg 6	Lagos terminates tourism hotel contract	The Lagos state government says it has terminated the contract for the construction of a 48-bedroom hotel at the Up Chalets in the Badgry area of the state
The Punch April 7,2017 Pg 6	LASG to train one million in ICT	The Special Adviser to Governor Akinwunmi Ambode on Education, Mr. Oba Felay Bank-Olemoh said on Thursday that one million residents would be trained in information technology through Code Lagos program.
The Punch April 8,2017 Pg 10	Lagos targets third largest African economy spot	The Lagos state government says it has developed plans to grow its economy to the third largest in Africa within the next four years.
The Punch April 10,2017 Pg 6	Ambode kick-starts Lagos@ 50. pledges support for entrepreneurship	The Lagos-state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has commenced the Lagos @ 50 celebrations with a movie premiere titled Wakaa the Musical, assuring youths of the government's resolve to boost the state's economy through support for entrepreneurship.
The Punch April 10,2017 Pg 23	Lagos residents appeal to Ambode	Residents of Igbehin Adun street, off AIT road, Alagbado, have congratulated governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state on the recent opening of the roads in the state.

Independent April 9,2017 Pg A2	Traditional leader commends gov Ambode's road development initiative	The traditional leader of Odo Tomu community in Epe, Lagos state, Ola Okunowo, has commended the Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, for his road development initiative.
The Punch April 11,2017 Pg 6	Amboce asks workers to assist LASG to solve problems	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode has asked civil servants in the state to assist the government in solving problems the government is facing.
The Punch April 11,2017 Pg 6	LASG promises to reform justice sector	The Lagos state government on Monday acknowledged the need for reforms in the administration of justice saying it would be implemented to enhance justice in the state.
The Punch April 12,2017 Pg 6	Ototo-gbame demolition: Group demands compensation for residents	A non governmental organization, Spaces for Change, has called on the Lagos state government to compensate residents of Ototo-gbame area of the state for the demclition of their houses.
The Punch April 12,2017 Pg 6	Amboce urges residents to embrace health care services	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has advised residents of the state to patronize the free health care services provided by the state government to know their health status.
The Punch April 13,2017 Pg 6	Amboce seeks reform in politics, economy	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Wednesday, urged leaders in Africa to reform political processes to strengthen democracy and ensure the economic transformation of the continent.



The Punch April 14,2017 Pg 6	LASG educates residents on kidnapping	The Lagos State government on Thursday enlightened residents on safety measures against kidnapping. It also sensitized the people to the law prohibiting the crime in the state.
The Punch April 14,2017 Pg 26	Lagos wants more oil blocks allocated to investors	Following the commencement of oil production in Lagos last year, governor Akinwunmi Ambode has called on the federal government to give investors access to some of the unallocated oil fields in the state.
The Punch April 14,2017 Pg 39	Lagos faces water shortage of 500m gallons daily- Ambode	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, says the state is battling with a shortage of 500m gallons of water supply on a daily basis.
The Punch April 16,2017 Pg 16	Vehicle inspectors excesses in Lagos	Many motorists in Lagos live in dread of the vehicle inspection services officers primarily because of the belief that anyone caught in their web will pay a huge price.
The Punch April 19,2017 Pg 19	Residents want Ambode to visit Meiran	Residents of Meiran and their neighbouring community hereby call on governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos-state to pay an unscheduled visit to the ongoing construction work on Meiran Road, in the Alimosho Local Government area.
The Punch April 20,2017 Pg 6	Lagos VIS impounds 3,619 vehicles	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Wednesday, said the state's Vehicle Inspection Services impounded 3,619 rickety vehicles from Lagos roads in the last three months.

The Punch April 21,2017 Pg 16	Rainfall: LASG cautions against blocking of drains	The Lagos state government has cautioned residents of the state against dumping of refuse in crainage channels to avert any flood disaster in the state.
The Punch April 21,2017 Pg 16	Lagos to resettle Shangisha landlords in new scheme	The Lagos state government says it has commenced negotiations with members of the Shangisha Landlords Association with a view to allocating 548 plots of land awarded to them by the supreme court.
The Punch April 21,2017 Pg 20	You can't execute Rev. King, others Falana tells Ambode	Human rights lawyer, Mr. Femi Falana (SAN) has asked governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state to commute the death penalty imposed on those on the death row in the prisons instead of executing them.
The Punch April 21,2017 Pg 29	Pensioners send SOS to Ambode	The Senior Citizens of the Lagos Water Corporation have cried out to the Lagos State governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, "to help direct the management of the water corporation to be pay their pensions as at when due."
The Punch April 21,2017 Pg 19	Lagos tackles FG in court over N50 stamp duty	The Lagos state government has approached the Supreme Court to challenge the collection of N50 stamp duty by the federal government on every N1,000 transaction conducted by customers in all commercial banks operating in Lagos state.

The Punch April 21, 2017 Pg 35	Ambode advises banks, others on economic growth	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state has challenged commercial banks in the country to facilitate economic growth by designing projects for other sectors of the state's economy thereby supporting made in Nigeria goods.
The Punch April 15, 2017 Pg 12	Lagos disburses N1.7bn to 1,400 SMEs	The Lagos state government said it had disbursed N1.7bn to 1,400 entrepreneurs in order to solve unemployment especially among youths in the state.
The Punch April 22, 2017 Pg 5	Lagos to build new hospitals in 2017	The Lagos state governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, has said that plans are underway to commence the construction of three new ultra modern general hospitals in 2017 to improve health care delivery in the state.
The Punch April 21, 2017 Pg 11	Lagos seeks forex, interest rate coverage	Lagos state governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, yesterday called for convergence in foreign exchange rates and interest rates reduction.
The Punch April 20, 2017 Pg 12	Lagos monarch lauds Ambode over Ojodu-Berger road pedestrian bridge	Lagos State governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has received kudos for constructing a bridge at Ojodu - Berger linking Lagos-Ibadan expressway.
The Punch April 20, 2017 Pg 30	I will complement Ambode	An Alimosho Local Government chairmanship aspirant on the platform of the All Progressive Congress (APC), Tunde Sorupe, has pledged his loyalty to residents of of the council for the purpose of developing the area and complementing Governor Akinwunmi Ambode efforts to turn Lagos to a mega city, if he wins the forth-coming election.

The Punch April 22, 2017 Pg 5	LASG denies demolishing Berger Market	The Lagos state government has denied any involvement in the demolition of Berger retail market in Ojota area of the state. It said media reports linking it to the exercise were untrue.
The Punch April 24, 2017 Pg 6	LASG seeks crime reduction through religious teaching	The Lagos state Deputy Governor, Dr. Iciat Adebule, has asked parents to inculcate religious teaching in youths to stem the growing rate of crime and social unrest in the country.
The Punch April 24, 2017 Pg 46	Icon to recognize Obasanjo, Ambode, others	Former President Olusogun Obasanjo and Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos State are among the eminent personalities that would be honoured with the 2017 Mint Award of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Nigeria on Friday in Lagos.
The Punch April 24, 2017 Pg 47	LASG to invest N20b in housing	The Lagos state government has said it is planning to invest N20b in providing more houses under the Rent to Own scheme.
The Punch April 22, 2017 Pg 10	LASG organises Trade Fair for Alade Market traders	The Lagos state and Ikeja local governments are set to collaborate with traders at the Alade market to organize the first trade fair in the area.
New telegraph April 25, 2017 Pg 9	Our success is based on tourism ministry says Ambode	The successes of the administration of Governor Akinwunmi Ambode and the development of Lagos have been attributed to the creativity and drive of its ministry of tourism, arts and culture.

New telegraph April 25,2017 Pg 10	Lagos plans 20,000 housing units with PPP	Lagos State government yesterday said it planned to develop 20,000 housing units to bridge the housing defects gap which currently stands at three million in the state.
The Punch April 25,2017 Pg 6	LASG to spend N1.25b on workers training	The Lagos State Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has approved the sum of N1.25b for the training of civil servants in 2017.
The Punch April 25,2017 Pg 6	Lagos partners private sector on N200b housing estate	The new model plan of Ilubirin Housing Estate for residential and commercial purposes will gulp about N200b, the Lagos state government has said.
The Punch April 25,2017 Pg 6	Govt clears Series 2 bond, pays N57.5b	The Lagos state government on Monday said it had redeemed the state's N57.5bn Program One, Series Two bonds.
The Punch April 25,2017 Pg 4	Lagos calls for the re-opening of Queens College	The Lagos state government has recommended that the pupils of Queen's College, Yaba, should resume for academic activities.
The PUNCH April 26,2017 Pg 6	LASG to shut unregistered hotels	Lagos State Government has asked owners of hotels and clubs in the state to register or risk their facilities being shut.
The Punch April 26,2017 Pg 6	Lagos to produce more rice	The Lagos state government says it is set to expand the rice mills at Imota from 2.5 metric tonnes per hour to 16 metric tones per hour.

The Punch April 26,2017 Pg 37	Lagos rehabilitates 1,850 roads in 12 months	The Lagos state government says it has completed the rehabilitation of 1,850 roads in the last one year as part of measures to ensure free flow of traffic within the state.
The Punch April 26,2017 Pg 9	Lagos suspends permits for filling stations	The Lagos state government on Tuesday said it will no longer grant permits for the construction of filling stations till further notice.
The Punch April 27,2017 Pg 6		
The Punch April 28,2017 Pg 6	Lagos rescues 237 abandoned babies	The Lagos state government says no fewer than 237 abandoned babies were rescued across the state in the last one year.
The Punch April 28, 2017 Pg 6	Business proposals will be processed in four weeks – Lagos	The Lagos state government on Thursday said investors seeking to do business in the state could now use about four weeks to study, process and get approvals for genuine business proposals.
The Punch April 28,2017 Pg 6	Ondo, Lagos, meet over creation of agency	The Lagos state government says it is ready to support its Ondo state counterpart in the latter's drive to establish its own public procurement agency.
The Punch April 29,2017 Pg 42	Lagos seals collapsed building site, orders integrity test	The Lagos state government on Friday sealed off the building that partially collapsed at NICON town estate, off admiralty way, Lekki, last Thursday. It also ordered that integrity test be conducted on the structure.

The Punch May 1,2017 Pg 6	Govt cautions civil servants against misconduct	The government of Lagos state says civil servants in the state must shun all forms of professional misconduct in the discharge of their duties to the public.
The Punch May 1,2017 Pg 6	LASG acquires five hectares to fight kidnapping	The Lagos state government has acquired five hectares of land at Igbotu community to serve as a base for security operatives in the Epe area.
The Punch May 1,2017 Pg 29	Decentralize planning. ATOPCON tells Lagos	The Association of Town Planning Consultants of Nigeria, Lagos state has called on the state government to decentralize town planning processes by involving local government authorities.
The Punch May 3,2017 Pg 6	Ambode seeks quality research for economic growth	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, says the academic community should come up with quality research that will create a platform for economic growth.
The Punch May 3,2017 Pg 6	LASG saves N2.4b from stoppage of pilgrimage sponsorship	The government of Lagos state says it saved N2.4b from the stoppage of sponsorship of the holy pilgrimage to Saudi Arabia and Jerusalem in the last one year.
The Punch May 3,2017 Pg35	LASG targets 2,000 graduates for internship	The Lagos state government through the Ministry of Wealth Creation and Employment has commenced its internship training of 2,000 graduates in partnership with Maclay Consulting Limited.
The Punch May 2,2017 Pg 6	Danfo: Ambode says no job loss in transport sector	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state on Monday said the decision to phase out yellow commercial buses, popularly known as Danfo would not lead to job losses; it would rather create more jobs in the transport sector.

Daily Trust May 2,2017 Pg 25	Labour moves against demolition of shanties in Lagos	The United Labour Congress (ULC) and Federation of Informal Workers Organization of Nigeria (FIWON) yesterday criticized the Lagos State government over continuous destruction of shanties in the state without alternative settlements for the displaced residents.
The Nation May 2,2017 Pg 30	Lagos voters to collect PVC on Saturday	To ease the collection of permanent voters cards (PVC), the Lagos state government has created 245 Registration Area Centers (RACS) for the exercise. Eligible voters are to visit the centres on Saturday to collect their cards.
The Punch May 4,2017 Pg 6	LASG to support first Diaspora festival	The Lagos state governor Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode has promised to support the first Diaspora festival in the badagry area of the state.
The Punch May 4,2017 Pg 6	Ambode promises even development in Lagos	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state says residents will enjoy infrastructural projects in all parts of the state in order to ensure even development.
The Punch May 5,2017 Pg 6	LASG focuses on skills that make youths employable	The Lagos state government says it has created a platform - graduate internship scheme designed to develop the skills of graduates which are vital in securing employment.
The Punch May 5 2017 Pg 6	Lagos residents lose N16.6b property to disasters	The Lagos state government has said an estimated N16.6bn worth of property was lost to disaster in the state in the last one year.

The Punch May 5,2017 Pg 34	LASG fetes pupils with folklore quiz	The Special Adviser to the Lagos state governor on central business district, Mr. Agoola Dabiri, has said that the history of cultural heroes and heroines will inspire them and prevent the deterioration of edifices built in their honour.
The Punch May 8,2017 Pg 6	Lagos to turn open spaces to gardens	The Lagos state governor Akinwunmi Ambode has inaugurated a new recreation park in Badagry saying more degraded open spaces will be reclaimed and turned into community parks and gardens in all the 57 councils of the state.
The Punch May 8,2017 Pg 6	Ambode demands efficiency in public services	The governor of Lagos state, Akinwunmi Ambode, has asked public servants to improve on their efficiency to boost service delivery in the state.
The Punch May 8,2017 Pg 6	LASG redevelops Agboyi-Ketu	The Lagos State Government says a new masterplan for the Agboyi-Ketu area is ready with another development plan.
The Punch May8,2017 Pg 34	Lagos boosts infrastructure with N291b	The Lagos state government spent the sum of N291b on infrastructural development projects in the 2016 fiscal year, the Commissioner for Economic Planning and Budget, Mr. Akinyemi Ashade has said.
The Punch May 8,2016 Pg 38	Lagos to prioritise pensions, salaries	Despite the financial and economic constraints in the country, the Lagos state government says it has been up to date with the payment of pensions and salaries.

The Punch May 9,2017 Pg 6	Ambode calls for selfless service	The governor of Lagos state, Akinwunmi Ambode, has called for selfless in service delivery saying public servants should not seek gratification or commendation from the public
The Punch May 9,2017 Pg 6	FG's buildings have become criminal hideouts LASG	Lagos state government has said abandoned buildings belonging to the federal government on Lagos Island have become criminal hideouts.
The Punch May 9,2017 Pg 11	Ambode bans VIOs from Lagos roads	The Lagos state governor has ordered vehicle inspection officers to leave Lagos roads.
The Punch May 9,2017 Pg 44	Lagos pays N78.5b into workers' retirement savings accounts	As part of efforts to ensure that workers earn their pensions when upon retirement, The Lagos state government paid a total of #78.5bn into the retirement savings account of its employees as at the end of march.
The Punch May 10,2017 Pg 6	LASG adopts new plan to improve traffic	The Lagos state government says there is a need to construct multiple KY-BYS to decongest traffic in the Ketu area of the state.
The Punch May 10,2017 Pg 6	Lagos to criminalise power theft	The lagos state government on Tuesday said it was planning a law to criminalise power theft in the state.
The Punch May 10,2017 Pg 6	LASG meets hotel, club owners on noise pollution	The Lagos state government says prohibition of live band music at beer parlours, restaurants and hotels in the state, is not aimed at forcing the operators out of business.
The Punch May 12,2017 Pg 6	Ambode promises development in health sector	The Lagos state governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, has inaugurated the reconstructed 10-storey doctors' quarters at the General Hospital, Lagos and the refurbished Onikan Health Centre, saying infrastructural development was part of his promises to Lagos Island.

The Punch May 12,2017 Pg 6	LASG to fund disabled persons interested in SMES	The Lagos state government says the disbursement of funds to people living with disabilities, PID who are willing to go into small scale and medium enterprises will soon begin.
The Punch May 12,2017 Pg 35	Lagos inducts 5,436 teachers	The Deputy Governor of Lagos State, Dr. Idiat Adebule, has said that the 5,436 teachers deployed by the federal government to work in the state teaching services will reduce the teacher to pupil ratio and improve teaching effectiveness.
The Punch May 12,2017 Pg 36	No immoral book in our curriculum-LASG	The Lagos state government has said that it did not approve the use of any immoral text book for secondary schools in the state.
The Punch May 15,2017 Pg 6	Ambode seeks social club input into building Lagos	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, says social clubs in the state must come up with strategies to contribute towards building a sustainable economy for the state.
The Punch May 15,2017 Pg 10	Protesters accuse Lagos task force of illegal arrests	Members of human rights defenders and advocacy centres have marched to the office of the Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, to protest against alleged unlawful arrests of residents by operatives of the STF (STATE TASK FORCE).
The Punch May 16,2017 Pg 32	Lagos begins installation of free WI-FI at parks	The Lagos state government has commenced the installation of free WI-FI at parks and gardens across the state.

The Punch May 16,2017 Pg 6	LASG to curb gas flaring, youth restiveness	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, says his administration will address oil-spillago and gas flaring as well as youth restiveness that may arise from oil exploration in the state.
The Punch May 16,2017 Pg 6	Lagos pensioners get 11b in one year	The government of Lagos state on Monday says it had paid its pensioners over N11b in the last one year.
The Punch May 17,2017 Pg 6	LASG adopts policy to reward workers	The Lagos state government says it has instituted a policy to reward officers identified to have consistently met or exceeded set targets.
The Punch May 17,2017 Pg 6	Lagos at 50: Ambode calls for special prayer	The governor of Lagos state, Akinwunmi Ambode, has called for prayers from religious bodies, saying the prayers are essential for continued peace and harmony in the state.
The Punch May 17,2017 Pg 7	Shasha monarch begs Ambode for healthcare	The traditional ruler of Shasha community in Lagos state, Oba Babatunde Ogunronbi, has appealed to Governor Akinwunmi Ambode to extend the dividends of democracy to the community by building a market, healthcare centre and a library in the community.
The Punch May 18,2017 Pg 6	We will boost economy with infrastructure	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode, on Wednesday, inaugurated the Ajah and Abule-Egba Iyovers, saying it is the solution by his administration to challenges in the state.
The Punch May 18,2017 Pg 6	LASG seeks ways to end Ogun River flooding	The Lagos state government has urged stake holders to find an enduring solution to the perennial flooding of Lagos communities along the plains of the Ogun river.

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The Punch May 8,2017 Pg 6	Lagos supports agric with 500 hectares of land	The Lagos state government says it has acquired 500 hectares of land to support farming in the state.
The Punch May 18,2017 Pg 35	Lagos to expand water transportation	The Lagos state government is set to buy new boats and ferries as part of measures to improve water transportation and leisure in the state, the acting Commissioner for Transportation, Anofi Elecushi, has said.
The Punch May 19,2017 Pg 6	LG boss seeks infrastructural development in Apapa	The Sole Administrator of the Apapa Igannu Local Council Development Area, Oumide Olayomi, has urged the state government to tackle the lack of infrastructural facilities in the area.
The Punch May 20,2017 Pg 42	Tax payers deserve praise for Lagos projects	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, said several projects executed by the government were made possible because residents paid their taxes.
The Punch May 2,2017 Pg 6	Lagos agency seeks residents cooperation on safety	The Lagos state Safety Commission has urged Lagosians to support the state government's drive to eliminate hazards in local government and local council development areas.
The Punch May 24,2017 Pg 40	Lagos plans upgrade of Bariga, Ifelodun LCDAS	The Lagos state government has said it is upgrading Bariga and Ifelocun local council development areas which remain the largest and oldest slum in the state.
The Punch May 23,2017 Pg 6	LASG spends N11b on school repairs	The Lagos state government on Monday said over N1'5b has been spent to improve infrastructure in public schools across the state.

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The Punch May 23,2017 Pg 6	LASG terminates contract for Fourth mainland bridge	The Lagos state government says it has terminated the earlier contract with investors for the proposed 844m fourth mainland bridge project.
New Telegraph May19,2017 Pg 29	Ambode calls for national unity	Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has called on Nigerians, irrespective of political affiliations and ethnic differences to work hard for the unity of Nigeria and make the country a stronger nation.
The Punch May 24,2017 Pg 6	LASG seeks protection of plants, animals for tourism	The Lagos state government says it has blazed the trail in the conservation of biological diversity achievable through sustainable tourism.
The Punch May 24,2017 Pg 6	Lagos state government to plant three million trees every year	The Lagos state government says it is set to beautify the state by planting three million trees annually.
The Punch May 25,2017 Pg 6	LASG seeks support for people with disabilities	The Social Adviser on Social Development to the Lagos state governor, Mrs. Joyce Onafowokan, has called on the public to support people living with disabilities.
The Punch May26,2017 Pg 6	Ambode laments Lekki clash, warns communities	The Lagos state governor Akinwunmi Ambode has said the breakdown of law and order in two communities in the Lekki area of the state is unfortunate. He urged the warring parties to sheathe their swords.
The Punch May 28,2017 Pg 6	Lagos promises even development	The Lagos state government says the promise of bringing inclusive growth to every lagos community remains strong.

The Punch May 29,2017 Pg 6	LASG insists on security as priority	The Lagos state government says protection of lives and property remains a priority in the state.
The Punch May 29,2017 Pg 6	Lagos demands high productivity from workers	The Lagos state government has asked 220 new recruits into the state civil service to be highly productive.
The Punch May 30,2017 Pg 6	LASG promises new jobs	The Lagos state government says its desire to ensure a cleaner environment will also create jobs for unemployed youths.
The Punch May 30,2017 Pg 6	Ambode promises opportunities for all residents	The Lagos state governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, has said opportunities would be provided for every Nigerian irrespective of their ethnic, social, economic or religious identities.
The Punch May 31,2017 Pg 6	Ambode hails Muslims for supporting his administration	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has commended the muslim community in the state for supporting his administration.
The Punch May 31,2017 Pg 6	LASG promises improved water supply	The Lagos State Water Corporation has said efforts to improve water supply to residents have commenced.
The Punch June 1,2017 Pg 6	Lagos gets Osinbajo's nod to reconstruct international airport road	The Lagos state government said it has got the approval of the Acting president, Prof Yemi Osinbajo, to reconstruct the International Airport Road, from the Oshodi area.

The Punch June 2,2017 Pg 6	LASG vows stiff punishment for safety rule breakers	The Lagos state government says disregard for safety rules and guidelines will continue to attract stiff punishment in the state.
The Punch June 2,2017 Pg 6	Ambode restates commitment to make Lagos a megacity	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state has reaffirmed his administration's commitment to the ongoing reforms aimed at upgrading the state's infrastructure to meet its megacity status.
The Punch June 2,2017 Pg 24	Lagos lacks graduate unemployment with internship scheme	The Lagos state government has reiterated its commitment to increase the employability skills of graduates by creating opportunities for them to become empowered and employed.
The Punch June 2,2017 Pg 24	LASG rolls out placement test	The Lagos state government has said that it will henceforth deploy the Digital Innovation Question Paper for its placement test and other public examinations in the state.
The Nation June 2,2017 Pg 24	Lagos disowns fake nursing school advert	The Lagos state government has disowned what it describes as fake online advertisements on admission into its school of nursing.
The Nation June 2,2017 Pg 41	Lagos holds CBT exam for model colleges	The Lagos state government on Wednesday began its computer based test, CBT, for admission into the junior model colleges and upgraded schools. The exercise will end today.
The Nation June 2,2017 Pg 41	Ambode's wife for Anglican school	Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode and his wife, Bolanle, will be guests of honor at the synod of the Cathedral of St. Thomas, Badagry Anglican Communion which begins today.



The Punch June 5,2017 Pg 6	LASG asks world bank to invest in education, others	The Lagos state government has asked the world bank to consider investing in education, potable water supply and water transport saying it will bring dividends of democracy close to the people.
The Punch June 5,2017 Pg 40	Lagos pays N10 to retirees	The Lagos State Government has released N1.05b for the payment of accrued pension rights of retirees under the contributory pension scheme in the state's public service and local governments.
The Punch June 6,2017 Pg 6	Lagos bans transport union at Shogunle, Oshodi	The Lagos state government has suspended transport unionism at the seven branches of the National Union of Road Transport Workers in the Shogunle and Oshodi areas of the state.
The Punch June 6,2017 Pg 6	LASG, seeks harmony between Lagos, nature	The Lagos state Commissioner for environment Dr. Babatunde Adejare, on Monday, said governor Akinwunmi Ambode-led administration was committed to connecting Lagos to nature by promoting a harmonized approach to environmental management.
The Nation June 6,2017 Pg	Ambode's two years performance stirs controversy in Lagos PDP, NCP, LP, differ on achievement	For the first time since Nigeria returned to democratic rule 18years ago, the camp of the opposition parties in Lagos State appears to be divided over the performance of the incumbent governor and the ruling party.

The Punch June 8,2017 Pg 29	Lekki FTZ: Ambode woos investors with incentives	The Lagos state governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, has reached out to investors asking them to invest in the Lekki Free Trade Zone in exchange for tax and duty incentives.
The Punch June 8,2017 Pg 6	LASG releases 18 prisoners from life imprisonment	The Lagos state government on Thursday ordered the Nigeria Prisons Services to immediately release 18 inmates serving life sentences at the KiriKiri maximum prison.
The Punch June 14,2017 Pg 6	LASG targets 618 new houses	The Lagos state government has signed a memorandum of understanding with Brans and Hammers Limited to develop 618 housing units worth N10b in the Iganna area of Lagos.
The Punch June 7,2017 Pg 6	Food production key to economic development-LASG	The Lagos state government on Tuesday, said diversification of the economy, especially into food production would lead to growth.
The Punch June 8,2017 Pg 6	Science, tech needed to build megacity – Ambode	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state, on Wednesday, stated that science and technology were vital to realising the development of a megacity with a great vision.
The Punch June 8,2017 Pg 6	Traffic Radio seeks improvement on traffic management	The Lagos state government-owned Traffic Radio says authorities must always seek ways of improving traffic management in the state.
Daily dependent June 15,2017 Pg b15	Ambode commissions new court complex in Ajegunle	Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has commissioned a new court complex christened Sikiru Adagun court. It is at Mba road, Ajegunle, Apapa- Lagos.

The Punch June 5,2017 Pg 16	LASG tasks market leaders on hygiene	The Lagos state government has asked market leaders in Lagos Island to ensure a hygienic environment to prevent outbreak of diseases.
The Guardian June 15,2017 Pg 22	Ambode supports SMTS with N1b	Over 1430 business owners got about N925 million yesterday from the Lagos state government through the Lagos State Employment Trust Fund (LSETF) to grow their businesses.
The Punch June 13, 2017 Pg 6	Lagos urges employers to accept corps members	The Lagos state government has called on all employers of labor to accept members of the National Youth Services Corps posted to their organizations to enable them contribute their quota to the development of the nation.
The Punch June 13,2017 Pg 14	Honour June 12 heroes by being united, says Ambode	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state on Monday said the late winner of the June12, 1993 presidential election, Chief M.K. O. Abiola and others who laid down their lives in the struggle to enhance good governance in the country deserve commendation.
The Punch June 14,2017 Pg 6	1,438 Lagosians get N924.7m government loans	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Tuesday, presented cheques to 1,438 beneficiaries of the Employment Trust Fund scheme.
The Punch June 14,2017 Pg 6	Lagos plans for next 50 years says Ambode	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state says the state has started another 50 years journey to surpass the achievement of the last 50 years.

The Punch June 17,2017 Pg 30	Lagos arraigns suspected land grab kingpin	The Lagos state government on Friday arraigned one Kamorudeen Lamina, a land grab kingpin before a Special Offences Court sitting in Oshodi.
The Punch June 16,2017 Pg 6	LASG trains 12,000 students in entrepreneurship	The Lagos state government says it is set to organize internship for 12,000 students in the final and penultimate years across tertiary institutions in the state.
The Punch June 19,2017 Pg 6	LASG brings back Lake Rice	The Lagos state government, on Sunday, said it was desirous of achieving food security in the state adding that it was the reason Lake Rice was brought back to be sold from Monday.
The Punch June 19,2017 Pg 6	Lagos wants residents to fund security	The Lagos state government said all Lagosians can partner the government to improve security across the state by contributing to the Lagos State Security Trust Fund.
The Punch June 19,2017 Pg 6	Ambode urges directors to acquire skills	The governor of Lagos state, Akinwunmi Ambode, says there is the need for directors in the state's civil service to acquire effective management skills to serve the people better.
The Punch June 19,2017 Pg 41	Lagos firm to deliver 618 housing units	The Lagos state government has signed a memorandum of understanding with Messrs Brains and Hammers Limited for the provision of 618 housing units in the state.
The Punch June 20,2017 Pg 6	LASG get two LAS EC commissioners	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has sworn in two new commissioners as members of the Lagos State Independent Electoral Commission.

The Punch June 21, 2017 Pg 6	LASG seeks return of federal secretariat, others	A former federal commissioner for works and housing, Alhaji Femi Okunnu, says the current state of the federal secretariat in Lagos saddens him.
The Punch June 23, 2017 Pg 6	LASG mandates registration for newspapers	The Lagos state government has said all newspapers and magazines printed and circulated in the state must register with the state government.
The Punch June 23, 2017 Pg 6	Lagos wants accountants to help generate revenue	The Lagos state government has asked accountants on its staff list not only to be managers of finances, but help in generating revenue.
The Punch June 23, 2017 Pg 14	I feel inadequate as Lagos pupils are with kidnappers	The Lagos state governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, says he feels inadequate because of his inability to quickly rescue the pupils recently kidnapped from the Lagos state Model College, Oponla, Epe.
The Punch June 23, 2017 Pg 31	LASG pledges waivers on import, export license	The Lagos state government has promised to grant prospective investors complete tax holidays from federal, state and local government taxes, rates, customs duties and levies.
The Punch June 27, 2017 Pg 6	Ambode to focus on power, transport, environment	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state says his administration will prioritise power, environment and transport sectors in the next two years.
The Punch June 27, 2017 Pg 6	LASG asks employees to roll back bureaucracy	The Lagos state government has asked public servants in the state to remove any hindrances in service delivery.

The Punch June 26, 2017 Pg 6	Eid-ec fit: Lagos DG, others seek peaceful co-existence	The Lagos state deputy governor, Dr. Idiat Adebule, Oga of Lagos, Rilwan Akinolu and the Chief imam of Lagos, Alhaji Garba Akinola, have called on Lagosians to allow for peaceful coexistence
The Punch June 26, 2017 Pg 7	Ambode advocates help for the less privileged	
The Punch June 27, 2017 Pg	LASG eases business procedure to woo investors	The Lagos state government says it has put policies in place to ease the way of doing business in the state.
The Punch June 22, 2017 Pg 6	Lagos education investments more than budgets of four states	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has said that more than N200b was allocated to the education sector in the 2016 and 2017 budgets
The Punch June 2, 2017 Pg 11	Lagos plans radio station for 20 LGAS	The Lagos state government says it will establish a radio station in each of the 20 local government areas of the state nation within the next 1 year.
The Punch June 29, 2017 Pg 6	Ambode threatens to sanction traders blocking traffic	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has threatened to deal with traders who display their wares by the roadside thereby obstructing the flow of traffic in the state.
The Punch June 29, 2017 Pg 6	LASG warns against encroachment on Lekki land	The Lagos state government on Wednesday warned developers and land speculators at the Lekki-Epe area to stop work on government owned land or face the wrath of the law.
The Punch June 29, 2017 Pg 24	Ambode, Fowler for 44th AAAN AGM	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state and the Chairman Federal Inland Revenue Services, Mr. Babalunde Fowler, will be among the dignitaries at the 44th Annual General Meeting of the Association of Advertising Agencies of Nigeria scheduled to hold between July 6 and 8 in Lagos.

The Punch June30,2017 Pg 18	LASG wants decongestion in prison	The Lagos state government has expressed concern over the prison facilities in the state.
The Punch July 3,2017 Pg 6	Clean environment will boost economy- LASG	The Lagos state government says the Cleaner Lagos Initiative (CLI) will boost the state's economy and turn it into a financially viable and technology-driven state.
The Punch July 3,2017 Pg6	Deputy governor seeks more children supervision to curb vices	The deputy governor of Lagos state, Dr. Idiat Adebule says allowing minors to hang out with peers unsupervised detracts from child development.
The Punch July 3,2017 Pg 32	Lagos releases N584m for 218 retirees' pension	The Lagos state government has released N684m for the payment of accrued pension rights to 218 retirees from the mainstream civil service, local governments, the Lagos State Universal Basic Education Board, Teachers' Establishments, and Pension office.
The Punch July 3,2017 Pg 11	Stop dropping Ambode's name, group tells APC leader	A group within the Lagos All Progressive Congress, Ikosi-Ejirin Progressives, has warned some leaders of the APC to stop dropping the name of governor Akinwunmi Ambode.
The Punch July 1,2017 Pg 41	Lagos unveils state-owned MFB	The Lagos state government said it has established a new micro finance bank called Ibile which is designed to reduce poverty and unemployment in the state.
The Punch July4,2017 Pg 17	Lagos arraigns Lekki-Garden's MD for manslaughter	The Lagos state government on Monday arraigned the managing director of Lekki Garden Estate Limited, Mr. Richard Nyong, before a Lagos high court at Igboere for alleged involuntary manslaughter.

The Punch July5,2017 Pg 6	Lagos promises to produce world class workers	The Lagos state government has reiterated its resolve to promote excellence in service delivery in the state through investment in health infrastructure, transport and education.
The Punch July 5,2017 Pg 6	LASG urges residents to obey building laws	The Lagos state government has asked residents of the state to comply with all the state laws, especially in respect of building construction, to avert building collapse.
The Punch July 5,2017 Pg 10	Lagos urges varsities to solve societal problems	The Lagos state government has asked university authorities across the country to tailor their academic programmes to meet societal needs, thereby contributing to national development.
The Nation July7,2017 Pg 5	Lagos to use plastic crates to store farm produce	Lagos state government is committed to the use of plastic crates in the storage and transportation of farm produce.
The Nation July 4,2017 Pg 34	Scaling the Lagos transportation hurdles	The Lagos state government is doing much in developing strategic transportation plans. However experts believe it needs to do more to advance mobility in the megacity.
The Punch July 6,2017 Pg 6	Badoo: senator decries jungle justice	The senator representing Lagos east in the senate, Goonga Ashafa, has decried the spate of jungle justice in the Ikorodu area of Lagos state.
The Punch July 7,2017 Pg 6	Badoo: LASG asks monarchs to fight crimes in their domains	The Lagos state government has called on traditional rulers to ensure that the menace of ritual killing and kidnappings happening in their communities is stamped out of the state.

The Punch July 7,2017 Pg 6	Ambode signed 11,034, land documents in two years	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Thursday, signed 4,602. Certificates of Occupancy. 8,118 Governor's Consent totalling 11,034 land titles which had been signed and issued in the last two years.
The Punch July 7,2017 Pg 6	LASG promises to reward hard work	No fewer than 75 public servants were on Thursday honoured by the Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, for demonstrating "outstanding commitment" in the discharge of their duties.
The Punch July 10,2017 Pg 6	Flood: LASG asks residents to be calm	The Lagos state government has asked residents of the state to remain calm and vigilant following the torrential rainfall which occurred at the Island and Lekki areas of the state.
The Punch July 10,2017 Pg 6	Tenancy law needs review - LASG	The Lagos state government says the state's Tenancy law of 2011 needs review to reflect the present societal realities.
The Punch July 10,2017 Pg 36	Lagos upgrades land registry	The Lagos state government has inaugurated the upgraded and re-designed land registry to grow its internally generated revenue and improve land transaction in the state.
News Direct May 29,2017 Pg 3	Ambode has done well, but... PDP faction	The Moshood Salvador faction of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) in Lagos, on Sunday, commended the governor Akinwunmi Ambode-led administration for its achievement in infrastructural development in the last two years.

The Punch July 11,2017 Pg 29	LASG targets growth, job creation in 2018 budget	The Lagos state government is planning to enhance economic growth, job creation and boost ongoing transportation and Infrastructural development across the state.
News Direct May 29,2017 Pg 29	Lagos will continue to improve emergency management... Ambode	Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has promised to make the protection of lives and property a major priority of his administration just as he restated government's commitment towards improving emergency management in Lagos state.
The Punch July 12,2017 Pg 6	Lagos urges residents to learn sign language	The Lagos state government has urged members of the public to learn sign language to accommodate people living with disabilities especially those with hearing impediment.
The Punch July 12,2017 Pg 6	Ambode urges contractors to deliver on time	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode on Tuesday told contractors working on the construction of new model colleges across the state to deliver on schedule.
The Punch July 12,2017 Pg 6	Ambode demands transparency from workers	The Governor of Lagos state, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, has asked civil servants in the state to embrace transparency and accountability.
The Punch July 13,2017 Pg 6	Only 8m people pay taxes in Lagos- Ambode	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has said only 800,000 residents of the state pay taxes out of a population of 22million.
The Punch August 2,2017 Pg 25	55% of VAT revenue generated from Lagos- Adegun	The Minister of Finance, Mrs. Kemi Adeosun, on Tuesday said that 55 percent of the revenue generated by the federal government from Value Added Tax receipts was being collected from Lagos state.

The Punch August 3,2017 Pg 6	Airport road construction to start September- Ambode	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has said the expansion and reconstruction work on the Oshodi-International Airport road, will start in September.
The Punch August 4,2017 Pg 6	LASG seeks new police area commands	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has requested two additional police area commands, saying this will help in tackling criminality in the state.
The Punch August 5,2017 Pg 6	Lagos seeks NERC's nod for 3,000mw embedded power project	The Lagos state governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, on Friday, sought a no objection letter from the Nigerian Electricity Regulatory Commission for the state government's embedded power programme.
The Punch July 17,2017 Pg 6	7.3 million trees planted in 10 years – Ambode	The Lagos state government says over 500,000 additional trees were planted in the state on Friday to the existing 8.8 million trees, adding that this will protect the environment and promote healthy living.
The Punch July 17,2017 Pg 6	Court cases wont delay LG election, says LASIEC	The Lagos state Independent Electoral Commission has said the suits instituted against it on the use of card readers and administrative fees will not cause the postponement of the state's local council election scheduled for July 22, 2017.
The Punch July 7,2017 Pg 6	LASG wants leadership model in civil service	The Lagos state government has called for the integration of contemporary business leadership principles into the governance model of the Lagos state civil service for optimum performance.

The Punch July 19,2017 Pg 6	LASG to connect Ikorodu with Lagos Ibadan expressway	The Lagos state government says it has started the 'long awaited road project' which will connect the agric area of Ikorodu to the Lagos-Ibadan expressway through the Arepo area of Ogun state.
The Punch August 6,2017 Pg 5	I spent N15b on security in one year- Ambode	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has said his administration spent over N15b in 2016 to beef up security.
The Punch July 24,2017 Pg 6	LASG asks traditional rulers to be upright	The Lagos state government has asked monarchs and other traditional rulers in the state to live above board by exhibiting exemplary conducts in their jurisdictions.
The Punch July 24,2017 Pg 6	Lagos builds modern abattoir in Ajegunle	The Lagos state government has constructed an ultra-modern slaughter slab at Ajegunle in the Ajeromi-Ifeleocun local government area.
The Punch July 25,2017 Pg 6	LASG urges accountants to boost state finances	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has told accountants working with the state government to strengthen the state's financial base.
The Punch August 8,2017 Pg 6	Govt tells mechanic, hawkers to leave Lagos Island	The Lagos state government has given mechanics on street walkways and under bridges in the Marina area of Lagos Island 72 hours to vacate the area or be arrested.
The Punch August 8,2017 Pg 6	LASG to disburse disability trust fund	The Lagos state government says it will commence the disbursement of the Disability Trust Fund to beneficiaries on Tuesday.

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The Punch August 8,2017 Pg 6	Lagos council advocates clean environment	The Odi-Olowo Ojuwoye Local Council Development Area of Lagos state has inaugurated a sanitation campaign in a bid to rid the area of filth.
The Punch August 11,2017 Pg 6	We'll ease transport through road, water, rail - Ambode	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state, on Thursday, said his administration would integrate road, train and water systems to boost transport, adding that 5000 new buses would soon be introduced to state roads.
The Punch August 15,2017 Pg 24	No plan to increase petrol price now - NNPC, marketers	The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation and marketers in the downstream oil sector have said there is no immediate plan to increase the pump price of premium motor spirit.
The Punch August 15,2017 Pg 24	Lagos raises N85b bond for infrastructure	The Lagos state government has raised N85.14bn for the purpose of improving physical and social infrastructure in the state.
The Punch August 14,2017 Pg 6	LASG bans Okada transporting meat	The Lagos state government says it has banned the use of motorcycles popularly call Okada to transport meat and meat products in all abattoirs and slaughter slabs across the state.
The Punch August 16,2017 Pg 6	LASG to prosecute traffic violators in Apapa	Stakeholders in Apapa and its environs have agreed that owners of antiquated vehicles parked indiscriminately in the area should be prosecuted.
The Punch August 21,2017 Pg 6	LASG shuts illegal plank market	The Lagos state government on Sunday ordered the immediate closure of an illegal plank market in Oko-Baba extension in the Yaba Local Council Development Area of the state.

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August 17,2017 The Punch Pg 6	Ambode calls for joint efforts to empower youths	The wife of the Lagos state governor, Mrs. Boianio Ambode, has called for a concerted efforts to empower Nigerian youths with relevant skills in order to put them in a position to generate steady income.
August 22,2017 The Punch Pg 6	Don't fail Lagosians Govt tells LG bosses	The Lagos state government on Monday asked local government and local council development areas chairmen not to fail the people at the grassroots by ensuring that they fulfill their electioneering promises.
August 29,2017 The Punch Pg 6	We've spent N4.5bn on small businesses- Ambode	The Lagos state government says it has disbursed N4.5bn to 5,527 Micro Small Medium Enterprises (MSMES) through the Lagos State Trust Fund (LSTF) in the last one year.
August 24, 2017 The Punch Pg 6	Lagos youths need help...PRAI	The Executive Director Prisoner's Rights Advocacy Initiative, Ahmed Adetola Kazeem, has decried the poor state of prisons in Lagos state, especially Badagry prison.
August 28,2017 The Punch Pg 10	Lawmaker seeks community approach to curb drug abuse	The senator representing the Lagos east sensational district in the national assembly, Gbenga Ashafa, says a community based approach is the best way to tackle the increased rate of drug abuse among Nigerian youths.
August 30,2017 The Punch Pg 6	Apapa gridlock forced 80 firms to relocate - Apapa LG boss	The Chairman of the Apapa Local Government Area, Owolabi Adela, says no fewer than 80 companies have relocated from Apapa due to the gridlock associated with the area.

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September 4,2017 The Punch Pg 4 and5	Masked men looted our buildings...Lagos Residents	Residents of Lagoon View Estate, Ibeshe, Korodu, Lagos state, have lamented alleged illegal demolition of houses in the estate by masked men numbering about 60.
September 5,2017 The Punch Pg 6	LASG begins Airport Road reconstruction	The Lagos state government on Monday started the reconstruction of the International Airport Road, Oshodi, pledging that the project would be ready in 15 months.
September 5,2017 The Punch Pg 6	Lagos plans 500 houses for Ikota Estate	The Lagos state government has signed a memorandum of understanding with a developer for the redevelopment of the Ikota Housing Estate.
September 6,2017 The Punch Pg 6	Ambode asks new CP to keep Lagos safe	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has asked the new Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr. Edgal Imohimi, to efficiently police the state, saying the security of lives and property remains paramount.
September 7,2017 The Punch Pg 6	Lagos CP promises to reduce crime by 30%	The new commissioner of police in Lagos state, Edgal Imohimi, has promised to reduce crime rate by 30 per cent in two months.
September 11,2017 The punch Pg 4 and5	Lagos traders oppose proposed demolition of 400 shops	Traders at the Shagari shopping complex, Shagari Estate, Ipaja in the Mosan- Okunola Local Council Development Area of the state, have asked the council to follow due process and halt the plan to demolish 400 shops in the complex.
September 11,2017 The Punch Pg 6	LASG moves against illegal parks in Ikeja, Ojudelegba	The Lagos state government on Sunday, said operatives of the Lagos state task force on environment and special offences (Enforcement) unit would from Monday move against all motorists engaging in illegal commercial activities under the bridges at the Ojudelegba and Ikeja areas.

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September 12,2017 The Punch Pg 6	LASG wants Lagosians to volunteer service	The Lagos state government on Monday said volunteerism was needed for development in the communities.
September 13,2017 The Punch Pg 6	Assembly commends LASG for smooth resumption	The Lagos State House of Assembly has commended the state government for providing an enabling environment which paved the way for smooth resumption of the new academic session in the state's public schools.
September 13,2017 The Punch Pg 6	LASG bans Inter- state transporters from going beyond Ojota	The Lagos state government on Wednesday said inter-state vehicles along Ikorodu road would henceforth not go beyond Ojodu Berger and Ojota motor parks.
September 13,2017 The Punch Pg 6	Ambode hopeful of female Governor for Lagos	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has expressed optimism that Lagos will soon produce its first female governor.
September 15,2017 The Punch Pg 6	Lagos warns against dumping of refuse on roads	The Lagos state government says any resident of the state caught dumping refuse along roads and drainage channels will be arrested and made to face the law.
September 18,2017 The punch Pg 6	Lagos DNA lab ready	The Lagos state government says it has completed the construction of a DNA forensic laboratory, saying the laboratory is the first ever high-powered DNA forensic laboratory in Nigeria.
September 19,2017 The punch Pg 6	Good package boost judges performance, says Ambode	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, says a good welfare package to serving and retired judges will encourage them to give their best to the state.



September 20,2017 The punch Pg 6	Move to boost informal sector coming says LASG	The Lagos state government says a compendium of registered artisans in the state will soon be put together to boost the informal sector, increase job opportunities and grow Lagos gross domestic product.
September 21,2017 The punch Pg 6	Kidnapping: LASG sets up squad to protect schools	The Lagos state government has set up a 'joint tactic squad' comprising members of all security agencies to boost security around model colleges and schools in the riverine and other vulnerable areas of the state.
September 22,2017 The punch Pg 6	LASG promises help to police, others	The Lagos state government says it will continue to provide the police and other security agencies with modern crime fighting equipment so that they can make the state safe.
September 25,2017 The punch Pg 6	LASG to rebuild Onikan Stadium	Governor Akinwumi Ambode of Lagos state has approved the reconstruction of the 5,000-capacity Onikan Stadium on the Lagos Island.
September 27,2017 The punch Pg 6	LASG urges cooperation for disaster prevention	The Lagos state government says everybody in the state must take proactive steps to avert disaster.
October 2,2017 The punch Pg 6	LASG asks residents to report sexual violence cases	The Lagos state government says it expects that no fewer than is million of the state residents will hence forth report cases of sexual and gender-based violence.
October 5,2017 The punch Pg 4	Ajah residents lament road closure, seek Ambode's help	Residents of the Ajah area of Lagos state have claimed that a pregnant woman and a commercial motorcyclist were among several persons that have been killed around the Jubilee Bridge, Ajah, along the Lekki-Epe Expressway following the closure of a popular link road.

October 5,2017 The punch Pg 6	Ambode seeks end to mother/ infant-mortality	The wife of the Lagos state governor, Bolanle Ambode, has called for special interventions to save the lives of mothers and children during delivery.
October 6,2017 The punch Pg 6	Hamattan: Lagos asks residents to be safety conscious	The Lagos state government has urged the residents to be more safety conscious to avert disasters during the hamattan/ dry season.
October 10,2017 The punch Pg 6	Ambode promises 20,000 houses in three years	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Monday said his administration planned to deliver 20,000 affordable housing units in the next 3 years to bridge housing deficit in the state.
October 10,2017 The punch Pg 6	Transparency will help legal system	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Monday, urged members of the bar and the bench to embrace transparency in the dispensation of justice to enhance confidence in the legal system.
October 11,2017 The punch Pg 6	LASG serious about decongesting traffic	The Lagos state government, on Tuesday, inaugurated the newly constructed Alapere lay-by, saying it was serious about the decongestion of traffic in the state.
October 12,2017 The punch Pg 6	Gridlock: LASG plans multilayer car parks	The Lagos state government says it plans to construct multilayer's car park in strategic locations across the state as part of the traffic management and transport sector reforms.
October 13,2017 The punch Pg 6	Ambode, Ashafa urge executive legislative cooperation	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, and the senator representing Lagos east in the Senate, Gbenga Ashafa, on Thursday, urged the state lawmakers to work with the executive for the prosperity of Lagos.

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October 17,2017 The punch Pg 6	Lagos backs 1,140 persons to boost food production	The Lagos state government, on Monday, said it had empowered no fewer than 1,140 residents of the state under its agricultural value and empowerment programme to boost food production and ensure the reduction of poverty.
October 17,2017 The punch Pg 6	LASG introduces code to fight domestic violence	The Lagos state government on Monday inaugurated the short code for reporting domestic and sexual attacks, urging residents to help government tackle perpetrators of such acts.
October 18,2017 The punch Pg 6	Lagos seeks end to frequent road accidents	The Lagos state government, on Monday, said both the federal and state governments as well as stakeholders in the transport sector, had roles to play to end the spate of road accidents in the country.
October 19,2017 The punch Pg 6	LASG reiterates commitment to getting jobs for graduates	The Lagos state government says it is committed to getting unemployed graduates in the state employed by introducing them to job opportunities available in the private sector.
October 20,2017 The punch Pg 6	Wastewater: Lagos hammers NBC, Wema Bank, others	The Lagos state government, on Thursday said it had withdrawn the licenses of Wastewater Treatment plants of the Nigerian Bottling Company plc, Ikeja; the Nigerian Stock Exchange, Marina; WEMA Bank plc, Ikoyi and Ocean Parade Tower, Banana Island.
October 20,2017 The punch Pg 6	Lagos Assembly okays CJ	Members of the Lagos state house of assembly have confirmed Justice Opeyemi Oke as the Chief Judge of Lagos state.

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October 23,2017 The punch Pg 6	Ambode seeks more protection for nature	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state says there is need to create more awareness about nature's conservation and sustainable environmental management.
October 23,2017 The punch Pg 6	Roads damaged during bridge construction repaired - LASG	The Lagos state government, on Sunday, said the pledge by governor Akinwunmi Ambode to repair all the inner roads damaged as a result of the construction of jubilee bridge. Abule-Egba. had been fulfilled.
October 24,2017 The punch Pg 6	Reps hail Lagos on quality schools' infrastructure	The House of Representatives Committee on Basic Education and Other Services, on Monday, hailed Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, for providing qualitative infrastructure for public schools in the state.
October 24,2017 The punch Pg 6	We'll solve waste challenge - LASG	The Lagos state government has reiterated its commitment to ensuring a holistic and sustainable solution to the solid waste management challenge in the state.
October 26,2017 The punch Pg 6	Lagos Speaker urges help for youths	The speaker of the Lagos state House of Assembly, Mudashiru Obasa, on Wednesday, urged privileged people to create avenues for youths to exhibit their talents.
October 27,2017 The punch Pg 6	LASTMA moves against traffic offenders	The Lagos state traffic management authority on Thursday said residents and motorists along airport road should brace up for prosecution because it would henceforth arrest anyone driving against traffic as recommended in the state traffic law.

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November 6,2017 The punch Pg 6	We will explore economy of waterways - Ambode	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state on Sunday pledged to explore the tourism and economic potentials of the state's waterways.
November 6,2017 The punch Pg 6	Lagos will make Nigeria a producing nation	Lagos State government says its drive to attain food sufficiency is being given priority attention.
November 6,2017 The punch Pg 6	Oshodi interchange: LASG cautions road users	The Lagos state government on Sunday urged motorists and other road users to adhere to safety rules to prevent any disaster during the Oshodi transport interchange.
November 7,2017 The punch Pg 6	Lagos set to prosecute tax defaulters	The Lagos state government on Monday directed all its revenue agencies to commence enforcement against tax defaulters in the state.
November 7,2017 The punch Pg 19	Ajao Estate residents appeal to Ambode	I wish to use this medium to commend the governor of Lagos state, Akinwunmi Ambode on his efforts to give the state an enduring legacy in terms of infrastructural upliftment. Sani Yusuf, 21 Olutosin Ajayi, Ajao Estate. Vehicles wading through the flood at first Avenue, Gowon Estate in Egbeda. Lagos state on Monday. Photo: NAN
November 7,2017 The punch Pg 48		
November 8,2017 The punch Pg 6	We will make Lagos basic education world class - Ambode	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, says the focus of his administration is to raise the quality of facilities in the state to world class standard.
November 8,17 The punch Pg 7	Lagos promises more schools for kids with disabilities	The Lagos state government has pledged to establish more schools around the state for children living with disabilities.

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November 9,2017 The punch Pg 6	Security: LSSTF seeks private sect support	The Lagos State Security Trust Fund has asked private security companies and corporate organizations to partner the government in securing lives and property in the state.
November 10,2017 The punch Pg 6	Ambode commissions Ketu lay-bys	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state, on Thursday, inaugurated some lay-bys and service roads in Ketu, saying they would address the traffic gridlock in the area.
November 14,2017 The punch Pg 6	Lagos Assembly approves establishment of Cooperative College	The Lagos state House of Assembly has passed the bill for the establishment of the Lagos state Cooperative College into law.
November 15,2017 The punch Pg 6	Road expansion: LASG assures property owners of compensation	The Lagos state government has assured residents, whose houses will be affected by the expansion of Apapa road in the Oyingbo area of the state of adequate compensation.
November 17,2017 The punch Pg 6	Ambode warns civil servants	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Thursday warned civil servants in the state against importing odd ideas and policies that could impede productivity in the civil service.
November 20,2017 The punch Pg 6	Lagos to get 24/7 power supply in 2018 - Ambode	The governor of Lagos state, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode, has said plans are at an advanced stage to generate constant electricity for residents of the state in 2018.
November 20,2017 The punch Pg 6	LASG seeks cooperation. promises to compensate property owners	The Lagos state government has urged residents to cooperate with the government in ensuring the construction of Irede road in the Amuwo Odofin local government area.

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November 22,2017 The punch Pg 6	Lagos pays N141.59bn to bond holders	The Lagos state government says it has paid the total sum to N141.59bn to bond holders in its various fixed rate bond programmes.
November 22,2017 The punch Pg 9	IDPs food: UNDP,NHPC want sacked SGF, others prosecuted	The National Human Rights Commission and the United Nations Development Programme on Tuesday called for the prosecution of top government officials-including the sacked secretary to the government of the federation, Babachir Lawa- who benefited from contracts awarded for the development of the terrorism ravaged North-east to the detriment of the critical needs of the internally displaced persons in the region.
November 23,2017 The punch Pg 6	Apapa: LASG removes vehicles parked by roadside	The Lagos state government on Wednesday said it had started clearing Apapa and Mile 2 of illegal tankers parked by the roadsides.
November 27,2017 The punch Pg 6	LASG moves to demolish more structures in Ikoyi, VI	The Lagos state special committee on the cleanup of Lekki, Victoria island and Ikoyi says it has served contravention notices on owners of illegal structures, abandoned buildings and workshops along highways in the affected areas.
November 27,2017 The punch Pg 6	LASG issues ultimatum to Okada riders	Commercial motorcycle operators in Lagos state have been given till Tuesday to begin to wear approved reflective jackets while on the road or risk arrest
November 29,2017 The punch Pg 6	Entrepreneurship key to fighting poverty – Ambode	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state on Tuesday said entrepreneurship and job creation were keys to tackling poverty in the country.

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December 1,2017 The punch Pg 6	Why Lagos economy is booming – Ambode	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state on Thursday said the continuous economic prosperity of the state was due to tolerance being exhibited by religious bodies.
December 4,2017 The punch Pg 34	Lagos pays N1.07b to contributory pension retirees	The Lagos state government said it paid N1.075b into the retirement savings accounts of 307 retirees under the contributory pension scheme in November 2017.
December 7,2017 The punch Pg 6	Ambode hails grass roots role in governance	The Lagos state governor Akinwunmi Ambode, on Wednesday said his government would continue to appreciate the role played by the people at the grass roots to ensure that rural communities are integrated into the mainstream of governance.
December 8,2017 The punch Pg 6	LASG promises more projects in 2018	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state on Thursday said he would execute more projects in 2018 in order to make life more comfortable for investors and residents of the state.
December 8,2017 The punch Pg 6	'N78.59b paid into civil servants RSA'	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode says N78.59b has been paid into the employees retirement savings accounts as of march 2017.
December 11,2017 The punch Pg 6	Four million jobs needed annually for growth - Ambode	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has said that concerted efforts must be made to create at least four million jobs annually for Nigeria to

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December 11,17 The punch Pg 6	LASG seeks action against safety challenges	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state has said emerging safety challenges require proactive safety measures.
December 12,2017 The punch Pg 6	Ambode presents N1.046t 2018 budget proposal	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Monday, presented the 2018 budget proposal of N1.046t to the state House of Assembly, pledging to complete ongoing projects, and initiate new ones.
December 14,2017 The punch Pg 6	Religious leaders are partners in Lagos...Ambode	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state has hailed the contributions of religious groups in the development of the state, describing spiritual leaders as partners and pillars.
December 15,2017 The punch Pg 6	Lagos partners firm to build 2,000 houses	Lagos state government has signed a memorandum of understanding with a firm, Echoscope Development Nigeria limited, to build 2,000 housing units in three locations in the state.
December 15,2017 The punch Pg 6	Ambode tells civil servants to be enterprising	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, has urged civil servants in the state to acquire skills that can enable them cope with the trends in a market-driven economy.
December 15,2017 The punch Pg 6	Emergency: LASG asks workers to improve response time	The Lagos state government has asked emergency responders in the state to improve response time to disasters through increased inter-agency collaboration.

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December 18,2017 The punch Pg 6	Five LASTMA officials arrested for extortion	No fewer than five officials of the Lagos State Traffic Management Authority have been arrested for allegedly extorting money from some motorists in the state.
December 18,2017 The punch Pg 6	LASG seeks feedback on public hospitals	The Lagos state government has urged Lagosians who patronize government owned hospitals to give feedback to government in order to enhance services.
December 20,2017 The punch Pg 8	Ambode wants workers to address gov't's challenges	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode on Tuesday asked civil servants in the state to respond to challenges of the government.
December 20,2017 The punch Pg 8	LASG educates pupils on human rights	The Lagos state Ministry of Justice has called on pupils to speak out against those who violate their rights in order to ensure that justice is served.
December 27,2017 The punch Pg 6	Resident's support made achievements possible- Ambode	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Tuesday said achievement recorded in key sectors in 2017 were made possible by the massive support for his administration by residents of the state.
December 28,2017 The punch Pg 6	No plan to privatize water supply- LASG	The Managing Director of the Lagos Water Corporation (LWC), Badmus, has said there is no plan to privatize water production and distribution in Lagos.
December 28,2017 The punch Pg 6	Govt seeks zero building collapse in Lagos	The Lagos State Materials Testing Laboratory (LSMTL) says it has the mandate of the government to achieve a zero building collapse in the state.

December 29,2017 The punch Pg 6	LASG warns PLWD against lawlessness	The Lagos State Office of Disabilities Affairs (LASODA) has warned the people living with disability (PLWD) against lawlessness.
January 1,2018 The punch Pg 6	Ambode. Obasa. Ashafa see better Nigeria in 2018	The Lagos state governor. Akinwunmi Ambode, speaker of the Lagos state House of Assembly, Mudashiru Obasa and the representative of the Lagos East district in the senate, Gbenga Ashafa, on Sunday, expressed optimism that 2018 would be rewarding for Lagos and Nigeria.
January 2,2017 The punch Pg 6	LASG to restrict traffic at Agege	The Lagos state government says it will partially restrict vehicular movement in the Agege area from January 4, 2018.
January 3,2017 The punch Pg 6	Pen cinema bridge ready in November. says Ambode	The Lagos governor, Akinwunmi Ambode on Tuesday inspected the ongoing construction of the Pen Cinema flyover, assuring Lagosians that the project would be delivered in 10 months.
January 4,2018 The punch Pg 6	Ambode promises to protect consumers' rights	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Wednesday, inaugurated the Board of Lagos State Consumer Protection Agency, with a pledge that the government would ensure that consumers in the state get value for money spent on goods and services.
January 8,2018 The punch Pg 6	Ambode predicts prosperity for Lagos	Governor, Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state, on Sunday, expressed optimism that the state would continue to be better in 2018.

January 10,2018 The punch Pg 6	We are investing in education-Lagos	Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state has commissioned 20 classroom blocks at the Anglican Primary School, Isawo in the Ikorodu West Area Council Development Area.
January 11,2018 The punch Pg 6	LASG tasks school administrators on quality	The Deputy Governor of Lagos State, Dr. Iciat Adebule, has called on proprietors and school administrators to ensure compliance with academic and safety standards
January 12,2018 The punch Pg 6	Ambode drops three commissioners. picks five	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Thursday, dropped three commissioners from his cabinet and appointed five new ones.
January 12,2018 The punch Pg 6	Ambode says Lagos generated N503.7bn in 2017	Governor. Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state on Thursday said the state generated a total of N503.7bn revenue in 2017 despite the harsh economic situation of the country.
January 15,2018 The punch Pg 6	Ambode promises care for ex- service men, fallen soldiers' families	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, says the state government will continue to give priority to the welfare of ex-servicemen and their families as well as the orphans of our fallen heroes.
January 15,2018 The punch Pg 6	Lagos residents support govt's project	Residents of Abule-Ijasha in the Yaba Local Council Development Area say they are in support of the establishment of an arts theatre in their neighborhood.
January 16,2018 The punch Pg 16	Ambode names Ajanaku SA information	The Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Monday, approved the appointment of Idowu

January 16,2018  
The punch  
Pg 6

Ambode seeks peace among Nigerians  
The Governor of Lagos state, Akinwunmi Ambode, has called on Nigerians to always give peace a chance and embrace dialogue in conflict resolution.

January 19,2018  
The punch  
Pg 6

PSP operators, LASG seek more time for resolution  
The Lagos state government and operators of the private sector participation (PSP) in the waste management sector, on Wednesday, asked a Lagos High Court in Igbosere for more time to resolve the dispute leading to a suit on the implementation of the Cleaner Lagos Initiative.

January 22,2018  
The punch  
Pg 6

Lagos advises residents to shun violence  
The Lagos state government has urged residents of the state to desist from all forms of violence and explore effective communication to resolve their differences.

January 23,2018  
The punch  
Pg 6

Ambode promises Lagosians safety  
Governor Akinwunmi Ambode of Lagos state has reiterated his commitment to the safety of residents, saying the security of lives and property will not be compromised.

January 24,2018  
The punch  
Pg 6

'LASG won't demolish market for theatre  
The leadership of Kayode Markot in Abule Ijesha community, Lagos state, says the state government has rescinded its decision to use the market as the site for an arts theatre.

January 25,2018  
The punch  
Pg 6

Ambode seeks improved dispute resolutions  
Lagos state governor, Akinwunmi Ambode, on Wednesday, inaugurated the governing council of the Citizen's Mediation Centre, urging members of the council to provide free and effective alternative dispute resolutions services.

# CHAPTER FIVE

## DATA PRESENTATION AND ANALYSIS

### INTRODUCTION

The data below reflect the assessment grades of Lagos State Government by the governed. The data are extracted from the responses of residents from within the 20 Local Government Area in Lagos State.

#### 5.1 ASSESSMENT OF STATE AND SITUATION OF LAGOS STATE as at 2016

**Questionnaires distributed: 20,000**

**Questionnaires retrieved and analysed: 2,507**

**Questionnaires Voided: 200**

**No of Local Government Councils: 20**

#### 5.2 PERCENTAGE SCORES

S/N	ISSUES	Agree	Disagree	Indifferent	Total
0	Lagos is still the Centre of Excellence	1580	370	131	2251
1	The Lagos state Govt Housing scheme is satisfactory	627	963	328	2255
2	It is okay if LASG makes the Lagos-Badagry expressway ready by 2019	1285	667	131	2257
3	The Lagos State govt policies on economy and commerce have improved entrepreneurship	1209	729	297	2255
4	LASG has performed satisfactorily in youth development	1165	752	317	2255
5	Water transportation system has improved in the last three years	1029	752	487	2255

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6	The waterways are safe for commuting in Lagos state	1080	738	481	2229
7	Small scale businesses are growing in the state within the last two years	1141	754	529	2225
8	There is an affordable LASE housing scheme in your location	1038	1087	545	2245
9	There are no beneficial reasons for the demolition of some structures in your area	1134	755	347	2236
10	Lagos Neighbourhood Safety Agency is efficient in your area	1143	744	337	2224
11	Crime rate in your area has reduced within the last two years	1179	712	331	2222
12	The Light Up Lagos project covers your area in Lagos state	1112	771	345	2228
13	Lagos state Water corporation supplies water in your area	834	1038	344	2216
14	The water is clean and drinkable	815	875	543	2233
15	Public Primary Schools are better equipped by the present LASC	1090	750	370	2217
16	The current state government has prioritised sports development satisfactorily	1123	738	351	2220
17	LASE created more job opportunities in the last three years	1076	800	575	2225
18	LASC is present in highlighting official corruption effectively	1075	768	387	2228
19	The removal of the monthly sanitation exercise has improved business, commerce and economy in Lagos state	1060	756	404	2220
20	LASE has been responsive and effective on domestic violence	1109	702	406	2217
21	Traffic management has improved in Lagos state in recent times	979	880	351	2220
22	Kidnapping cases has drastically reduced in Lagos state	1076	768	404	2218
23	The LASE feedback and suggestion portal is easy to access	847	971	408	2226
24	LASC interactive app is effective and provides easy access to govt by Lagosians	819	934	473	2226
25	Health care system for Primary Schools is effective	1051	765	410	2226
26	The Lagos state of Public Schools has improved within the last three years	1110	730	378	2218
27	LASE is partnering effectively with the entertainment sector	1096	711	408	2215
28	LASE has performed well in construction of new roads	1274	598	340	2221
29	Markets in Lagos state are clean, peaceful and secure	954	844	371	2214
30	Lagos state is gradually becoming Africa's commercial Hub	1097	736	382	2215
31	Child rights protection is being well managed by LASC	1141	585	379	2205
32	LASC has performed well in ICT development	1005	743	398	2212
33	Lagos State public hospitals are well equipped	1016	808	331	2215

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34	Lagos state public hospitals have enough medical doctors and Nurses	1088	739	376	2228
35	The treatments you receive at the state public hospital are satisfactory	1080	771	414	2214
36	LASE has been able to keep the Lagos clean through its waste disposal system	950	837	349	2210
37	Refuse collectors and franchise operators provides services as at when needed	955	803	307	2205
38	Street sweepers ask for alms (or "pure water") sometimes	941	830	441	2212
39	The services of the LAWMA and private operators are satisfactory	998	840	307	2206
40	Giant strides have been achieved in infrastructure development in the last two years in Lagos	1112	700	356	2208
41	Immunization of children occurs regularly and effectively	1128	680	703	2211
42	Prisoners are receiving their entitlements in Lagos as at when due	1047	776	364	2217
43	LAWMA officials are being diligent in traffic control	945	857	700	2212
44	LASC youth training in agro-power businesses is impactful	988	821	704	2216
45	Medicines transported and preserved in hygienic condition good for consumption	878	856	463	2217
46	Drainages in your area are free of floods and debris	861	856	352	2219
47	The LASE subsidized rice programme is beneficial to residents	973	850	389	2212
48	Local artisans and traders are encouraged and motivated in their trades in Lagos state	1037	786	358	2218
49	LASC hygienic policy for abattoirs is beneficial and effective	973	809	707	2205
50	KAI, TASC Force, LNSA and other security agencies in Lagos harass and arrest people indiscriminately in Lagos	1129	743	357	2229
51	The Lagos State elderly care plan is working effectively	1082	704	718	2204
52	Cultism and rickshaw has reduced in the state	1075	748	377	2201
53	Lagos can now be described as a Centre for arts and tourism	1150	678	348	2207
54	Governance in Lagos state is transparent and accountable	1094	725	384	2203
55	LASC Power generation initiative is effective	1015	793	366	2214
56	LASC is able to subsidize pilgrimage costs	1040	719	447	2206
57	Vehicle Inspection Service is efficient in the state	1043	735	421	2199
58	The rate of rape occurrences in Lagos state has reduced	1085	715	399	2210
59	LASC gives adequate notification before demolition of	1111	724	363	2218

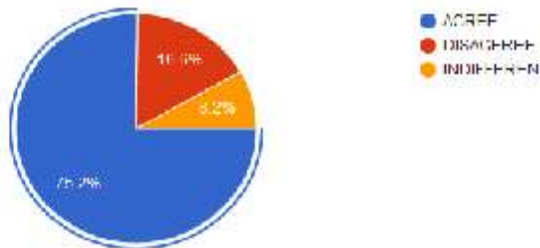


E1	There are sufficient courts in Lagos state	964	811	450	2219
E2	The flooding in your area has been effectively checked	838	1018	365	2221
E3	The tax system in Lagos state is satisfactory	947	977	350	2274
E4	Tariffs, rates and road tolls in Lagos state are fair on citizens	901	924	377	2206
E5	The educational sector is well-funded in Lagos state	990	819	377	2210
E6	LASG is very responsive to the needs of people living with disabilities and migrant elements	1048	750	401	2215
E7	LASG adequately compensates existing property owners	977	845	400	2209
E8	Fire services are efficient and responsive in Lagos state	1058	758	390	2222
E9	The Land Use Charge by LASG is still too high despite reduction	1284	558	364	2216
E10	Land Use Charge should be totally scrapped in Lagos state	1314	539	361	2214

### 5.3 DATA ANALYSIS OF QUESTIONNAIRES ADMINISTERED

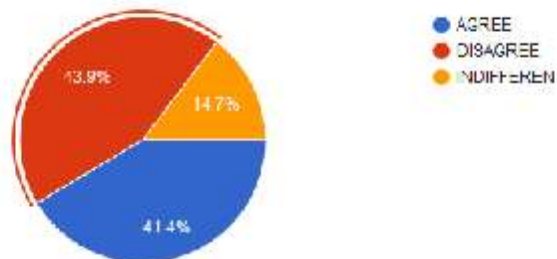
#### 0: Lagos is still the Centre of Excellence

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#### 1: The Lagos state Govt Housing scheme is satisfactory

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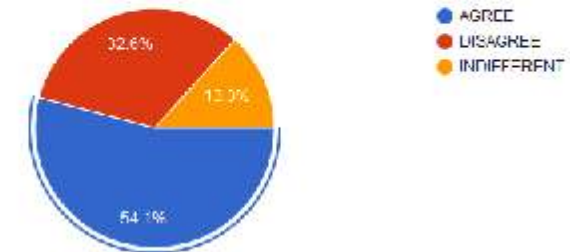
#### 2: It is okay if LASG makes the Lagos-Badagry expressway ready by 2019

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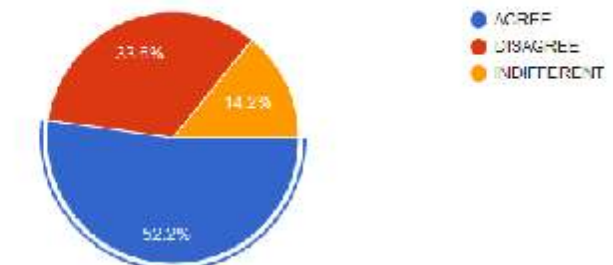
#### 3: The Lagos State gov't policies on economy and commerce have improved entrepreneurship

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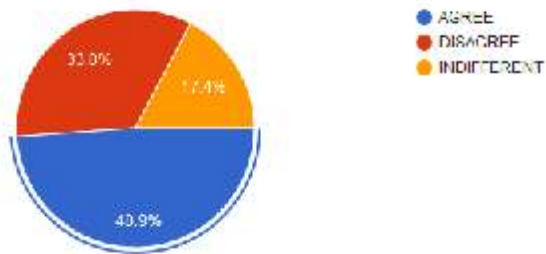
#### 4: LASG has performed satisfactorily in youth development

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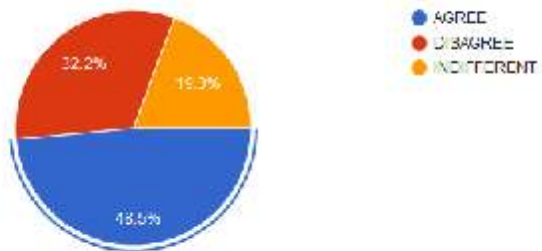
5: Water transportation system has improved in the last three years

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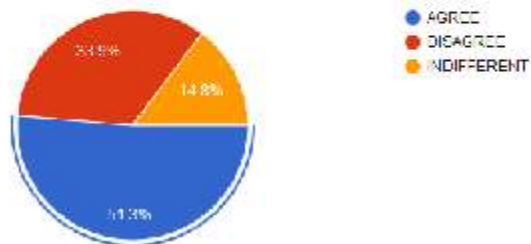
6: The waterways are safe for commuting in Lagos state

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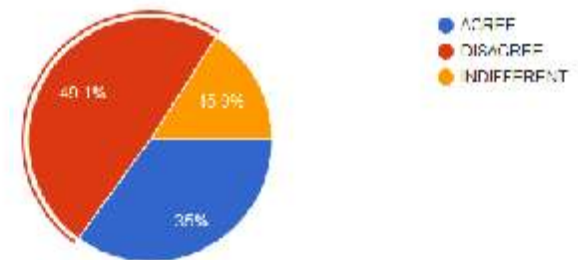
7: Small scale businesses are growing in the state within the last two years

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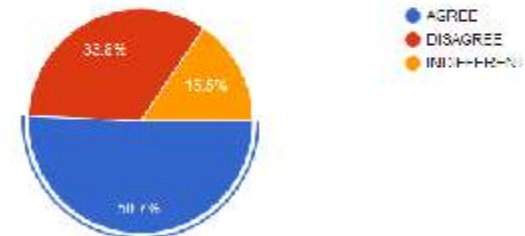
8: There is an affordable LASG housing scheme in your location

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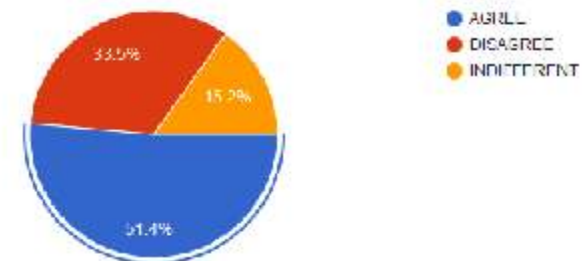
9: There are beneficial reasons for the demolition of some structures in your area

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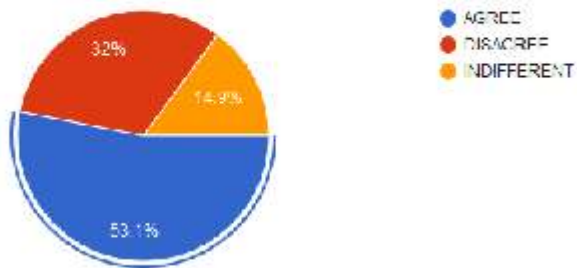
10: Lagos Neighbourhood Safety Agency is efficient in your area

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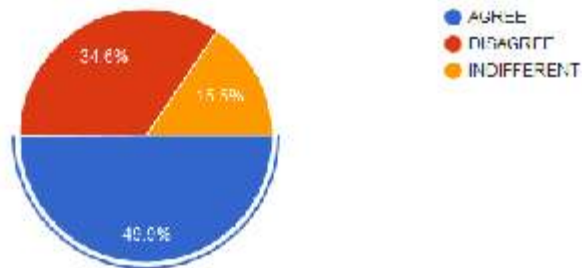
11: Crime rate in your area has reduced within the last two years

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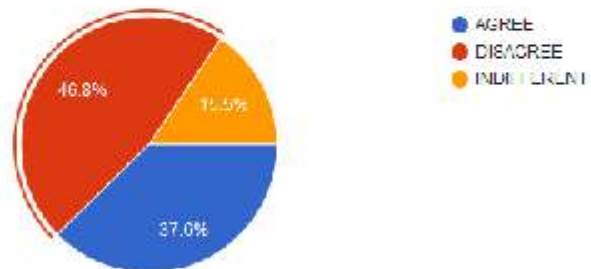
12: The Light-Up Lagos project covers your area in Lagos state

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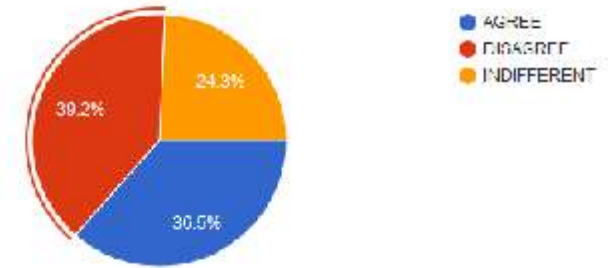
13: Lagos state Water corporation supplies water in your area

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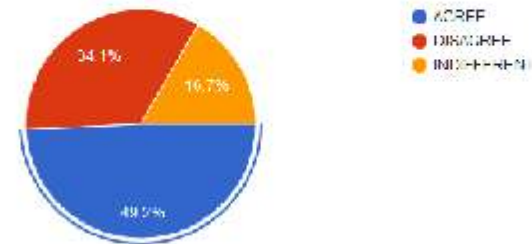
14: The water is clean and drinkable

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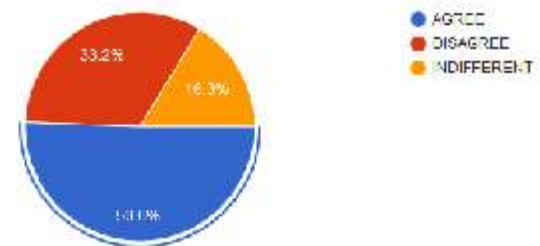
15: Public Primary Schools are better equipped by the present LASG

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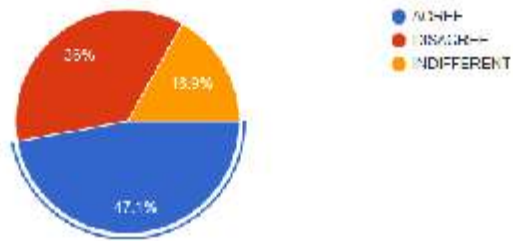
16: The current state government has promoted sports development satisfactorily

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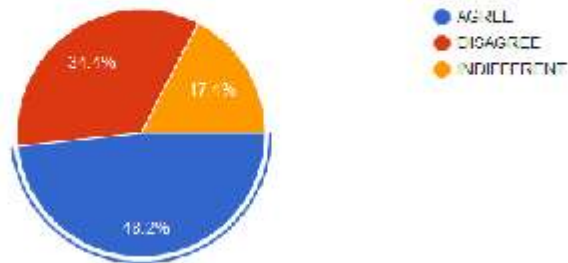
17: LASG created more job opportunities in the in the last three years

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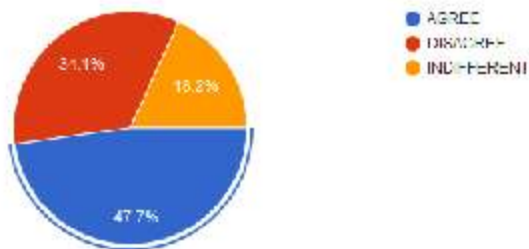
18: LASG is preventing/fighting official corruption effectively

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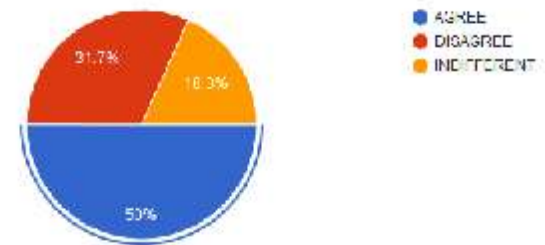
19: The removal of the monthly sanitation exercise has improved business, commerce and economy in Lagos state

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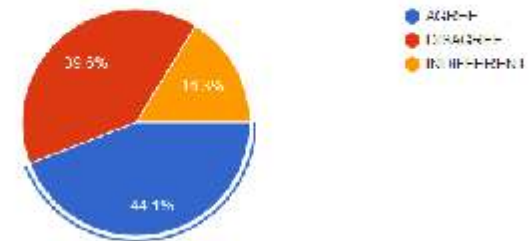
20: LASG has been responsive and effective on Domestic violence

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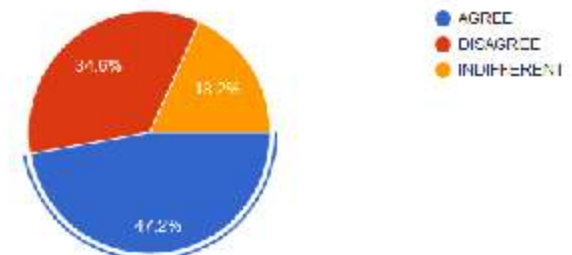
21: Traffic management has improved in Lagos state in recent times

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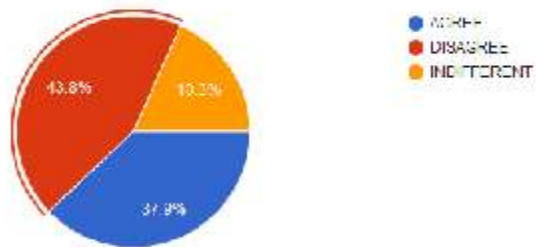
22: Kidnapping cases has drastically reduced in Lagos state

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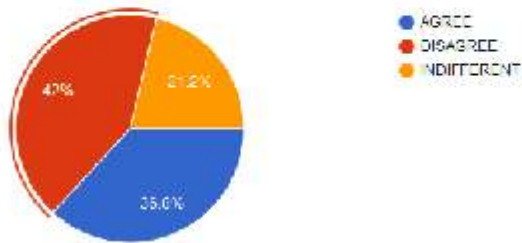
23: The LASG feedback and suggestion portal is easy to access

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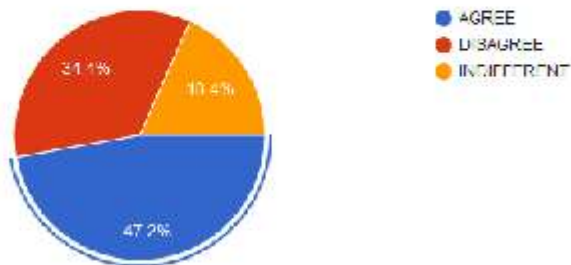
24: LASG interactive app is effective and provides easy access to govt by Lagosians

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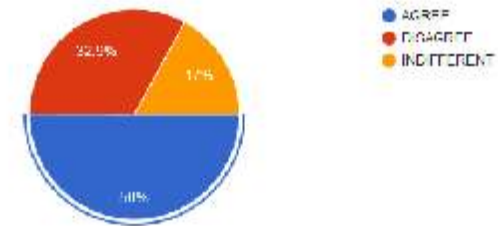
25: Health care system for Primary Schools is effective

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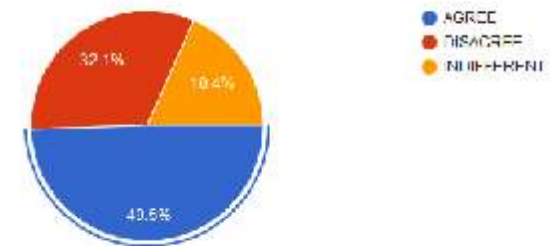
26: The Lagos state of Public Schools has improved within the last three years

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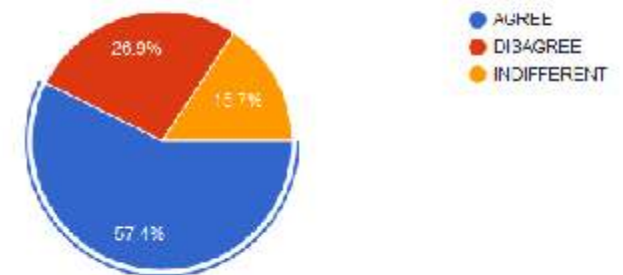
27: LASG is partnering effectively with the entertainment sector

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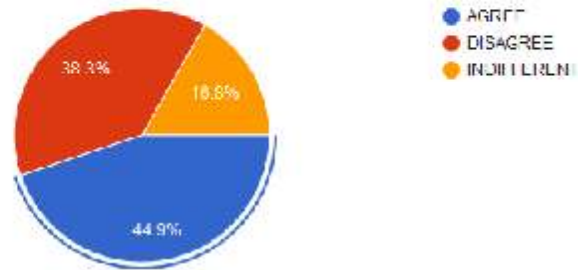
28: LASG has performed well in construction of new roads

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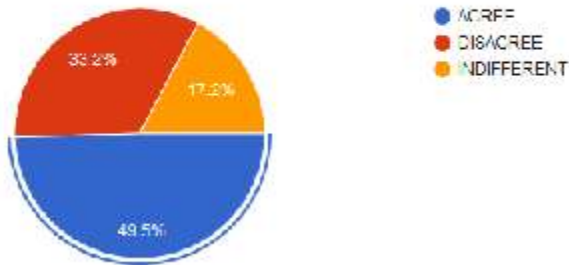
**29: Markets in Lagos state are clean, peaceful and secure**

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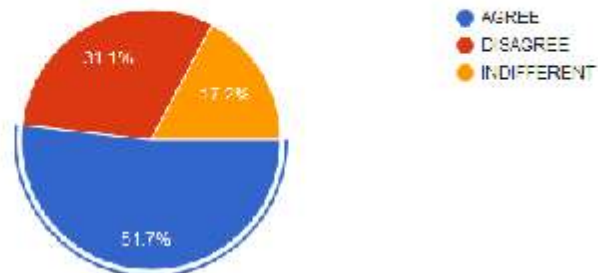
**30: Lagos state is gradually becoming Africa's commercial hub**

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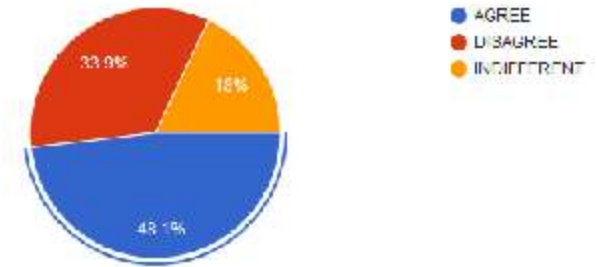
**31: Child rights protection is being well managed by LASG**

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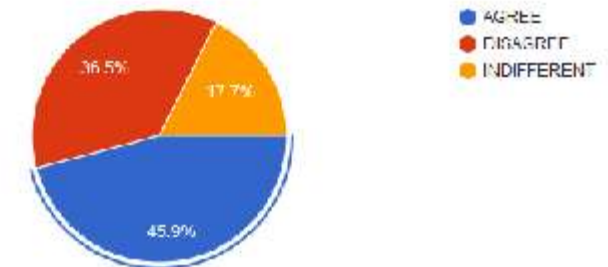
**32: LASG has performed well in ICT development**

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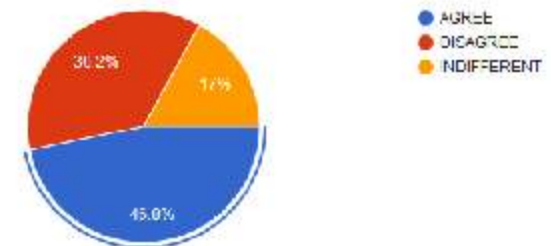
**33: Lagos State public hospitals are well equipped**

2,215 responses



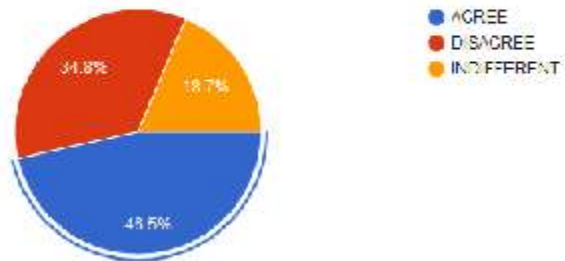
**34: Lagos state public hospitals have enough medical doctors and Nurses**

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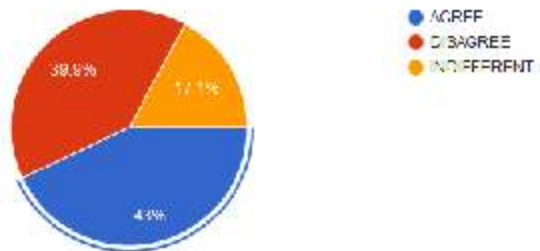
**35: The treatments you receive at the state public hospital are satisfactory**

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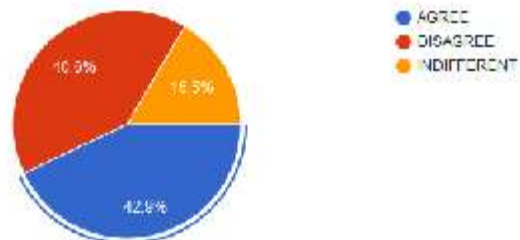
**36: LASG has been able to keep the Lagos clean through its waste disposal system**

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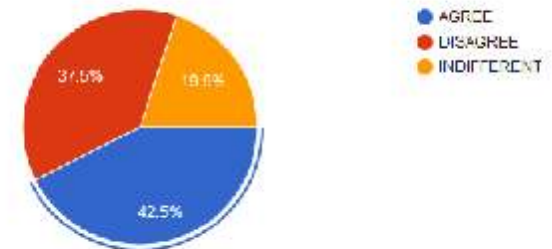
**37: Refuse collectors and franchise operators provides services as at when needed**

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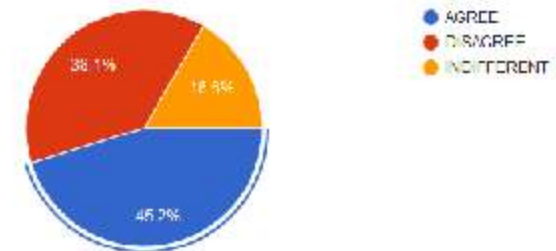
**38: Street sweepers ask for alms (for "pure water") sometimes**

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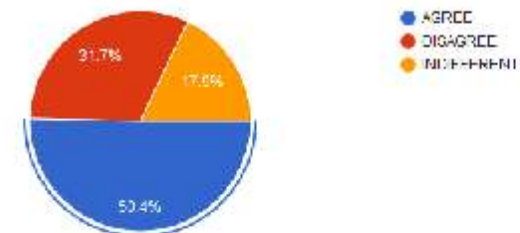
**39: The services of the LAWMA and private operators are satisfactory**

2,206 responses



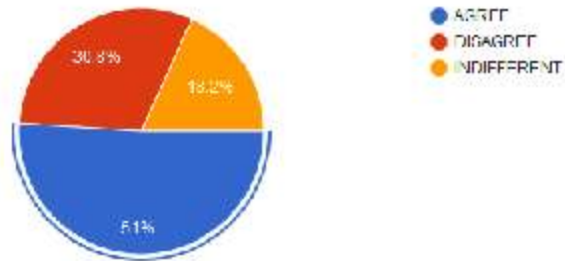
**40: Giant strides have been achieved in infrastructural development in the last two years in Lagos**

2,208 responses



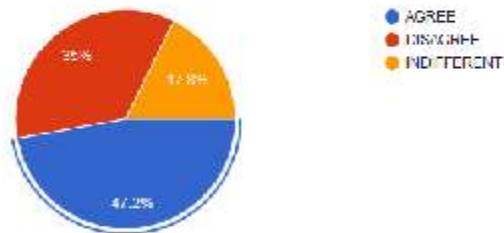
41: Immunization of children occurs regularly and effectively

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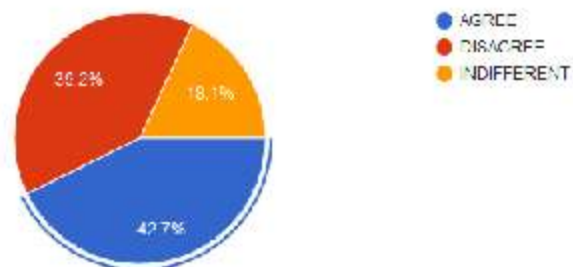
42: Pensioners are receiving their entitlements in Lagos as at when due

2,217 responses



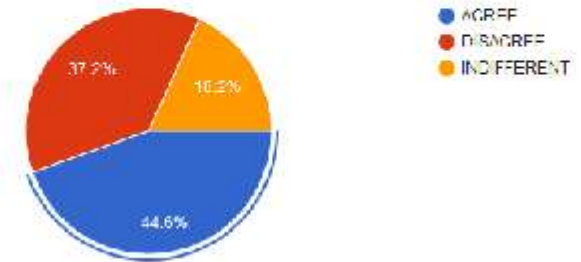
43: LASTMA officials are being diligent in traffic control

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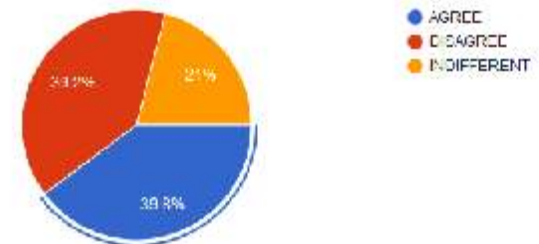
44: LASG youth training in agro-power businesses is impactful

2,216 responses



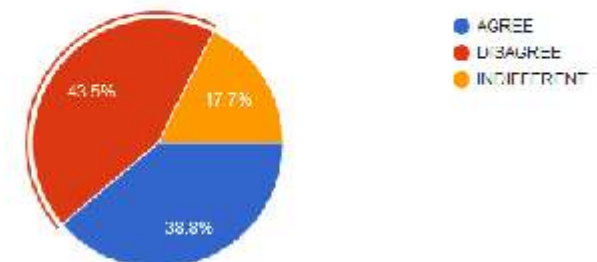
45: Meat is transported and preserved in hygienic condition good for consumption

2,207 responses



46: Drainages in your area are free of floods and debris

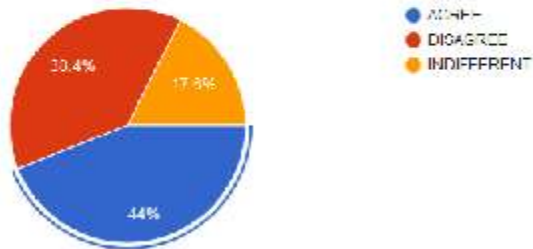
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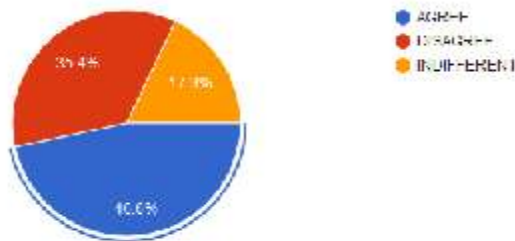
**47: The LASG subsidized rice programme is beneficial to residents**

2,212 responses



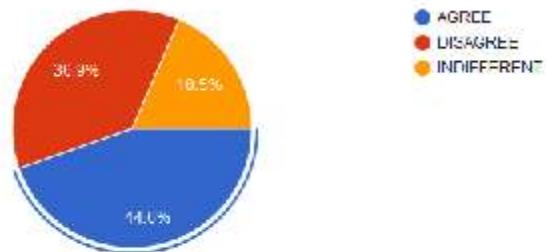
**48: Local artisans and traders are encouraged and motivated in their trades in Lagos state**

2,218 responses



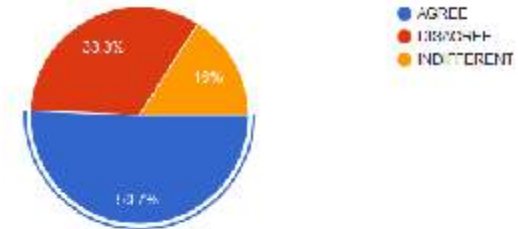
**49: LASG hygienic policy for abattoirs is beneficial and effective**

2,195 responses



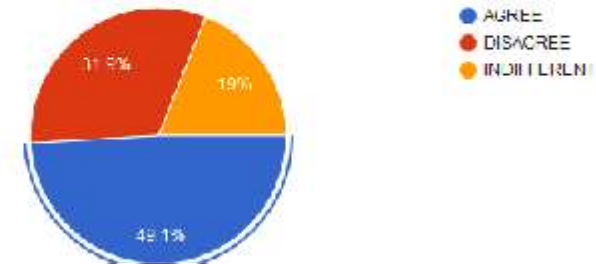
**50: KAI, TASK Force, LNSA and other security agencies in Lagos harass and arrest people indiscriminately in Lagos**

2,229 responses



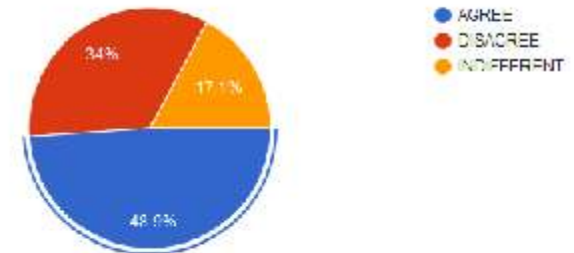
**51: The Lagos State elderly care plan is working effectively**

2,204 responses



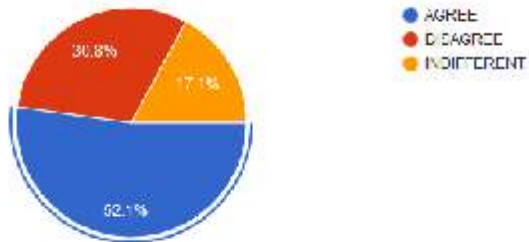
**52: Cultism and ritualism has reduced in the state**

2,201 responses



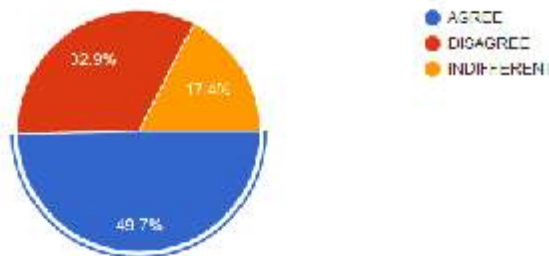
**53: Lagos can now be described as a Centre for arts and tourism**

2,207 responses



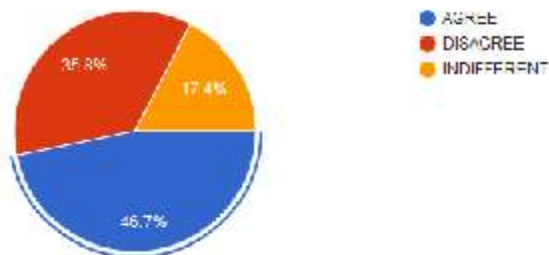
**54: Governance in Lagos state is transparent and accountable**

2,203 responses



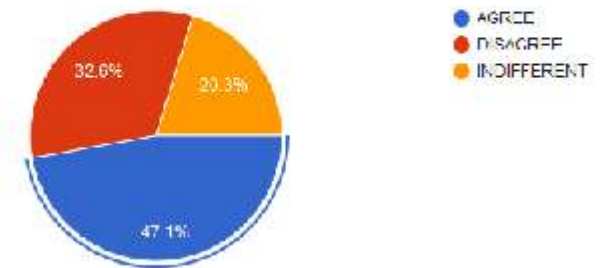
**55: LASG Power generation initiative is effective**

2,214 responses



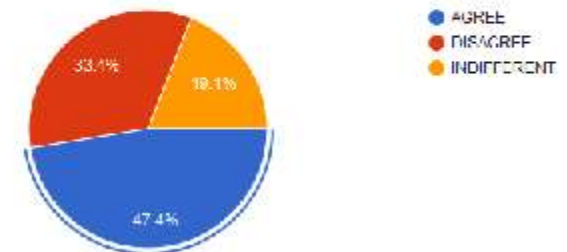
**56: LASG is fairly subsidizing pilgrimage costs**

2,236 responses



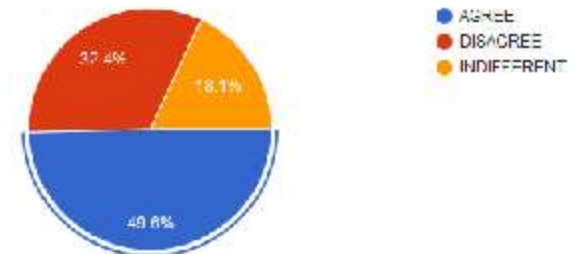
**57: Vehicle Inspection Service is efficient in the state**

2,199 responses



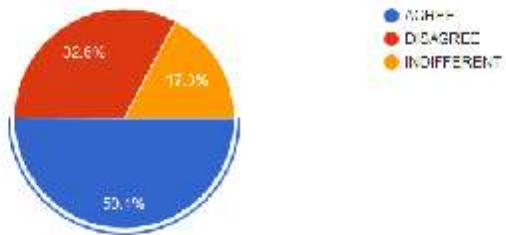
**58: The rate of rape occurrences in Lagos state has reduced**

2,210 responses



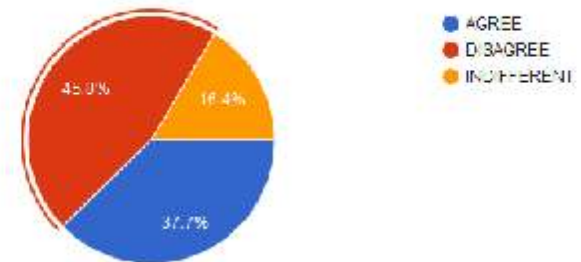
59: LASG gives adequate notification before demolition of structures

2,216 responses



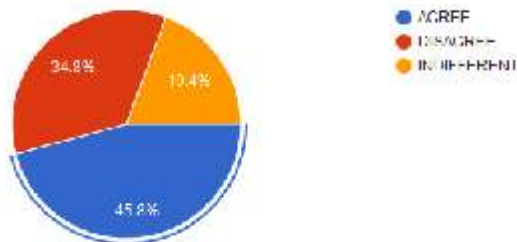
62: The flooding in your area has been effectively checked

2,221 responses



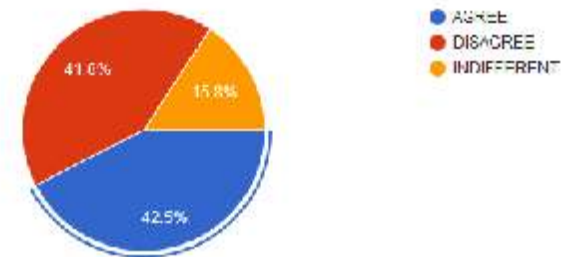
60: LASG has reformed the justice sector for better performance

2,217 responses



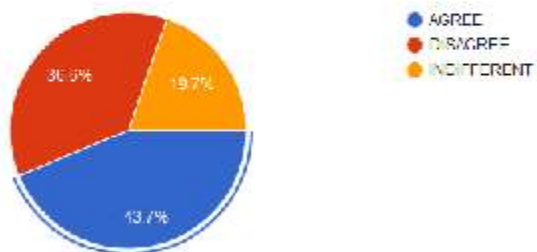
63: The Tax system in Lagos state is satisfactory

2,219 responses



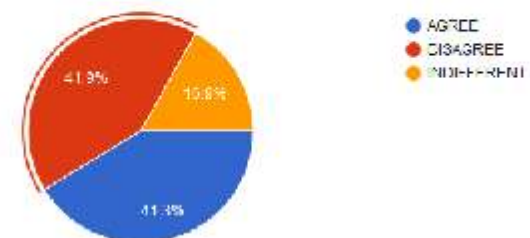
61: There are sufficient courts in Lagos state

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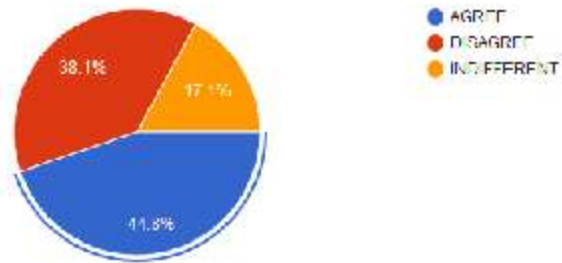
64: Tariffs, rates and road tolls in Lagos state are fair on citizens

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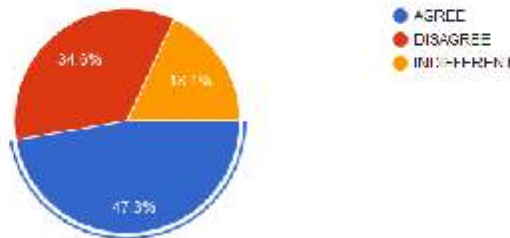
**65: The educational sector is well-funded in Lagos state**

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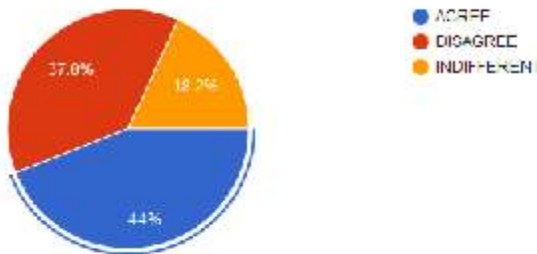
**66: LASG is very responsive to the needs of people living with disabilities and malignant ailments**

2,215 responses



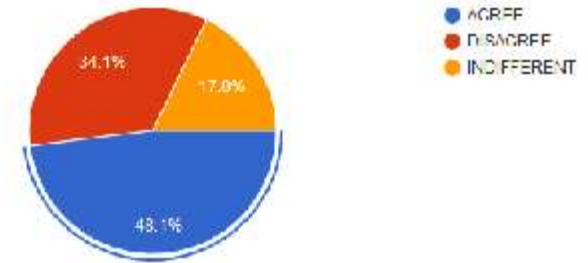
**67: LASG adequately compensates evicted property owners**

2,209 responses



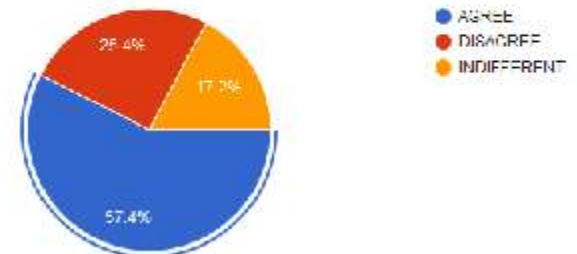
**68: Fire service is efficient and responsive in Lagos state**

2,222 responses



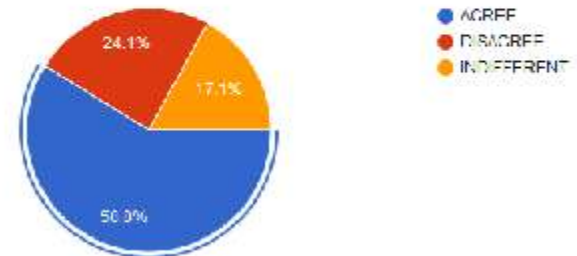
**69: The Land Use Charge by LASG is still too high despite reduction**

2,256 responses



**70: Land Use Charge should be totally scrapped in Lagos state**

2,234 responses



## 5.4 DATA SUMMARY

The data gathered in **Lagos Open Parliament IV (LOP 4)** is an attempt to measure the performance of the state government in key aspects of the socio-economic life of the state. The data summary which covers the period spanning November 2016-February 2018 clearly indicates that over 2000 residents who responded to the questionnaires distributed by our researchers adjudged the current administration led by Governor Akinwumi Ambode to have performed above average in areas like provision of security, job creation, economic empowerment and youth development. Other areas in which the state government scored pass marks are water transportation, Light Up Lagos Project and upgrading of infrastructures in public primary schools.

The data shows that in the area of security, majority of residents have observed the positive impact of the state government's heavy investment in this sector. The effect of this investment is the decline in the state's crime rate. For instance, the citizens through their responses attested to the fact that there is a decline in cases of kidnapping in Lagos State.

The combined impact of the creation of Lagos State Neighbourhood Safety Corps (LSNC) and the execution of the Light Up Lagos Project are believed to have contributed in no small measure to significantly reduce the activities of hoodlums in the state. However, this is in addition to the support the state government has given to Federal Government owned security agencies operating in the state.

The government's creation of more job opportunities, its investment in youth development and general economic empowerment for residents of the state are also believed to have contributed in enhancing the improved security of lives and property in Lagos.

More than half of the respondents also agreed that the administration of Ambode has performed above average in the area of rehabilitating public primary schools in the state. They also agreed his government has made appreciable impact in the area of water transportation.

Nevertheless, many residents of the state do not believe that the current administration deserves all the accolades it has received from respondents who endorsed Governor Ambode's achievements. For instance, up to 34% of the respondents did not share the view that kidnapping cases have declined in Lagos. It is also noteworthy that 30% of the respondents did not agree that the crime rate in their areas had reduced. In the same vein, 38% of the respondents did not share the view that the Lagos State Neighbourhood and Safety Corps was efficient in their area or that the Waterways in the State were safe. This is a clear indication that there is still a lot of room for improvement in the state's security sector.

In the area of sports development, even though 54% of the respondents agreed that the Ambode administration has invested significantly in the sector, 34% disagreed. This also shows that the government needs to do more in this sector.

It is also noteworthy that even though 62% of the

respondents lauded the state government for implementing policies that are favourable to the economic and commercial life of the state, 31% rejected this position. This could only be interpreted to mean that the government is expected to improve its performance in this key area.

In the area of youth development, whereas 55% of the respondents agreed that the Ambode administration has done well, 37% disagreed. This significant percentage of those who disagreed with the judgment of the first group of respondents means that the state government needs to expand its intervention in this area.

A significant 38% of respondents also disagreed with Ambode's performance as positive in the area of assisting small scale entrepreneurs to grow. The same percentage applies to respondents who evaluated the administration on the Light Up Lagos project and the rehabilitation of public primary schools in the state.

The data further indicated that majority of the respondents gave the current Lagos government thumbs down in the areas of housing and provision of potable water. Whereas 46% of the respondents rejected the assertion that Lagos State Housing Scheme was satisfactory, 44% agreed.

Majority of the respondents constituting 64% rejected the assertion "Lagos state Water Corporation Supplies Water in your area". Only 28% of the respondents agreed with the statement.

This is a clear indication that residents of the state are

dissatisfied with the Ambode administration in these two sectors. The implication is that the present administration needs to invest more in these two critical sectors in order to adequately and permanently change the lives of residents of the state for the better.

The percentage of respondents who were indifferent to some of the questions in the questionnaire also deserves to be analysed. In many cases they were insignificant but high in a few cases. For instance 24% of the respondents were indifferent to question 14 which states: "The water is clean and drinkable?". This question is actually a follow up to the previous question which states: "Lagos State Water Corporation supplies water in your area?" This significant percentage of indifferent respondents clearly doesn't agree with question 14, but perhaps feel apathetic to take a stand. Hence, they could be categorized as having disagreed with the question. If this percentage is added to the 45% of respondents who directly disagreed, a total of 69% could be said to have disagreed with the question. This percentage is actually closer to the 64% of respondents who disagreed with the immediately preceding question 13 which is similar.

The 22% of respondents who were indifferent to the question "Lagos interactive app is effective and provides easy access to government by Lagosians" is also noteworthy. Like in the case cited above, the fact that the respondents rejected this statement, also means they indirectly disagreed. However, this level of apathy could be attributed to the ignorance arising from the low level of internet penetration among Nigerians generally.

The 20% of respondents who were indifferent to the

question “Lagos is fairly subsidizing pilgrimage costs” may be a reflection of Lagosians who are either unconcerned about religious issues or the pilgrimages associated with Islam and Christianity.



**ACME ROAD, OGBA, REHABILITATION AND LIGHTING UP**



**AMBULANCE SERVICES (2)**



**BAD DRAINAGE SYSTEM AT BINUYO STREET, LAGOS ISLAND**



**BAD DRAINAGE SYSTEM AT AROLOYA STREET, LAGOS ISLAND**



**CONSTRUCTION OF AGO PALACE WAY, OKOTA**



**BAD PORTION AT OGUNMOKUN BY AGEGE MOTOR ROAD JUNCTION, OLOOSA BUS STOP**

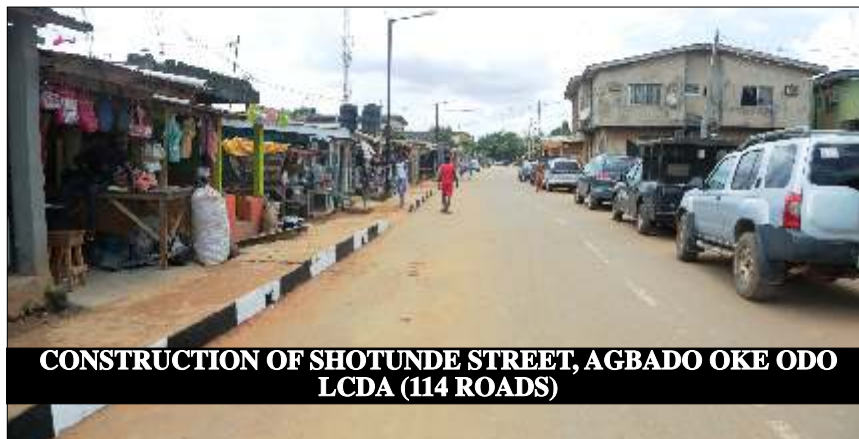




**BAD ROAD AT AMUWO ODOFIN INTERLAND ROAD**



**BEAUTIFICATION AT ALLEN JUNCTION**



**CONSTRUCTION OF SHOTUNDE STREET, AGBADO OKE ODO LCDA (114 ROADS)**



**CONSTRUCTION OF ALAPERE ESTATE BUS STOP AND LAYBY**



**CONSTRUCTION OF TANDE HUNWI ROAD, BADAGRY LOCAL GOVERNMENT**



**MEIRAN BUS STOP (PEDESTRIANS BRIDGE NEEDED)**



**DEMOLITION AT AGEGE PEN CINEMA**



**LIGHT UP LAGOS. OSODI ATN NIGHT**



**LAGOS LIGHT RAIL PROJECT (BADAGRY-MARINA)**



**INDISCRIMINATE DUMPING OF REFUSE, AGEGE BY ASADE MARKET CANAL**



**NEWLY BUILT SCHOOL AND FURNITURES AT IKORODU**



**MODERN BUS TERMINAL AT TBS**



**ON GOING CONSTRUCTION OF OSHODI MODERN BUS PARKS**



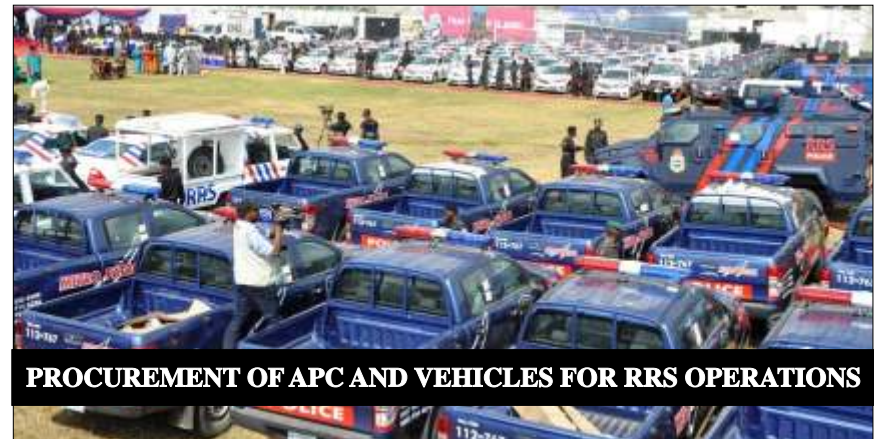
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**ONIKAN YOUTH CENTER**



**PROVISION OF MODERN TOILETS AT OJODU BERGER**



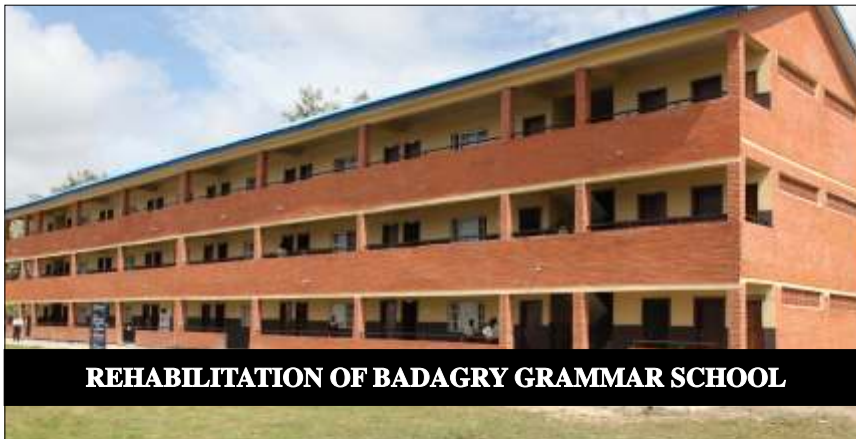
**PROCUREMENT OF APC AND VEHICLES FOR RRS OPERATIONS**



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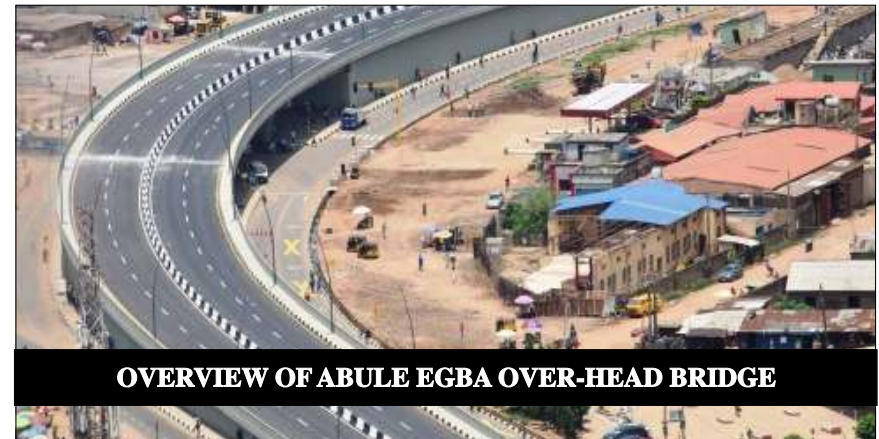
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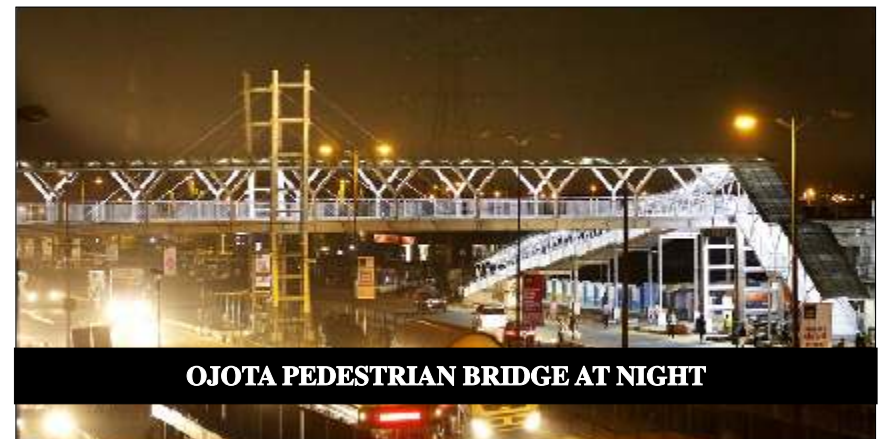
**PROCUREMENT OF HELIPAD AT LASUTH**



**NEWLY REHABILITATED ACME ROAD, OGBA**



**OVERVIEW OF ABULE EGBA OVER-HEAD BRIDGE**



**OJOTA PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AT NIGHT**

# CHAPTER SIX

PRESS STATEMENTS AND RELEASES, LETTERS,  
PETITIONS AND TEXT MESSAGES

**Saturday, February 3, 2018**

## **LASG's INAUGURATION OF SPECIAL COURTS FOR SEXUAL OFFENCES AND CORRUPTION : A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION**

In recent months, there have been alarming reports of cases financial crimes, sexual offences and ritual incidents targeted at women and children. It is against this background that we commend the Lagos State Government and the Chief Justice of the Federation for the establishment of two special courts to handle sexual related offences and financial crimes.

The courts were built with assistance from the British Council under the Rule of Law, Anti-Corruption Programme to provide technical support for the anti-corruption crusade. The wife of the Vice President, Mrs. Oludolapo Osinbajo while declaring the courts open, applauded the humanitarian concern of the Lagos State Government for girls and women who were victims of sexual abuses and violence pointing out that they live in perpetual nightmare and trauma. These special courts

would enormously relieve the regular courts of the burden of a plethora of sexual offences and financial crimes related matters pending before them as over 500 cases on financial crimes have been assigned to the special offences courts.

Any society that is searching for growth and development must pay special attention to healing the deep psychological wounds afflicted on its people by sexual offenders. This is not just because of the immediate effects of such crimes on the victims and their families, but also because of its long time consequences in the moulding of future generations. Corruption on the other hand as we have always insisted is a huge obstacle against development. In both instances, it is important that justice is not only done but social justice must be manifestly done. In many instances, cases in regular courts are sacrificed on the altar of legal gymnastics and technicalities leading to denial of justice through delays and sometimes miscarriage.

CACOL therefore urges that administrators of our judicial system to also formulate special procedural rules and codes for adjudication on sexual offences and financial crimes in these special courts. Nigeria as a nation cannot afford to waste time at the regular courts on these types of crimes. The office of the Attorney General should equally go ahead to establish a special unit dedicated to prosecution of sexual offences and corruption cases.

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**PRESS STATEMENT***December 12, 2017***LAGOS 2018 BUDGET: NEED FOR TRANSPARENCY AND CITIZENS OWNERSHIP**

The Lagos State Governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode has presented the 2018 budget to the State House of Assembly. The budget tagged “ Budget of Progress and Development” proposed N1.046Trillion to be spent for the completion of on-going projects, commencement of new ones including infrastructural facilities in the areas of health, education, transportation and security. The breakdown shows that N699.082Billion would be spent on capital projects and N347.039Billion on recurrent expenditure representing 67% and 33% respectively as well as 28.67% increase over 2017 budget. A number of critical narratives are imperative on this budget proposal.

Indeed, it is not praise singing to observe that across the entire country, it is only in Lagos a semblance of governance is found. There are various developmental projects and investments embarked upon by Gov. Ambode. The general improvement in the road network, bridge construction like the Abule Egba flyover is worthy

of commendation. The state's plan to explore and refine oil is a huge investment in the future. The 2018 budget conveys a clear message that the state is not sleeping on its oars. The budget is not just its highest in the history of the State, it is second only to that of Cross Rivers State Government. However, while most States and even the Federal Government are enmeshed in budgets financed by loans, Lagos is an exception. The State is also not in the notorious category of those owing workers salaries or retirees pensions.

As much as we identify with the focus of the budget, we believe that Lagos should spend more of its budget on infrastructures. The allocation of less than 12% to education is not acceptable. Lagos should be able to execute the UNESCO recommendation of 26% of its annual budget. The same goes for provision of health, housing and pipe-borne water. It is apposite to equally insist that for a state desirous of taking on making developmental strides, there two critical projects which this administration is in the best position to execute. They are the Independent Power Project and Subway Transport System. Both projects which have been denied the over populated state due to political intrigues could be initiated now. With the State and the Federal Government controlled by the same Party, there should be conscious policy initiatives to implement these projects. In the same vein, the clamour that Lagos should be recognized be given special consideration as a former federal capital, should be reflected in every policy of the state, thereby showing what the state stands to gain or lose with such a status.

We are aware that in the advanced industrial

democracies, budget preparation is not a ritual for just the Executive and Legislative arms of government, but a process that involves the entire society. The inputs of stakeholders in business, labour, the informal sector and civil societies are rarely accommodated in the processes of budget making in the country. Even when this is done, it is conducted shoddily. Lagos should be a leading example in this direction. This is even more important because under a democratic system of government, the general populace are supposed to own the budget.

The question of peoples ownership and transparent passage of budget is even more critical for a society like ours where the eternal vigilance of the populace is necessary for budget monitoring and execution. This is in addition to the fact that it serves as a veritable tool to block leakages and wastages in the system. Corruption is best resisted when the citizens are aware of government projects, its cost and time of execution in their various areas. In the same way, citizens' support can be mobilized for the projects in their constituencies.

It is our fervent hope that Lagos State would take the leap forward to ensure the citizens of the State own this budget. We call on the State House of Assembly to request that the Executive furnishes it with the list of projects contemplated for the Year 2018 and publish same for the entire society to be aware.

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### **Interview Granted To Gbenga Salau of The Guardian Newspaper By CACOL Executive Chairman, Mr Debo Adeniran**

The recently released report on Federation Accounts Allocation Committee (FAAC) by Nigeria Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative, NEITI ranked Lagos State's foreign debt profile as highest among the thirty-six states in Nigeria. Similarly, Lagos State has the highest domestic debt profile among the thirty-six and the FCT.

With a debt profile standing at N603.5 billion, it becomes disturbing when it is realized that the capacity needed to service or repay these loans appear to be unavailable. And considering the background of a country whose mono-cultural economy relies basically on oil-a primary product that several countries across the globe are consciously abandoning- it makes the future even scarier when properly analysed.

The unfortunate part for the people is that, hardly are the loans adequately prioritized for the real needs of the masses. The processes involved in loan taking by governments are rarely participatory thereby rendering such funds vulnerable to corruption by some elected and appointed public officials. The processes are always encoded in a language designed to be opaque.

Therefore, it is expedient that when the State government opts to take these loans, it must simultaneously and meticulously plan for the repayments and servicing of such debts to avoid passing the burden to future

generations. Efforts should also be made to avoid sharp practices, mismanagement, misappropriation and outright embezzlement of such loans. The state government must also consciously look more inwards in terms of increasing its ability to fund its projects.

## PRESS RELEASE

### LAGOS INLAND WATERWAYS DISPUTE: LET THE LAW RUN ITS FULL COURSE – CACOL

Mr. Debo Adeniran, Executive Chairman of the Centre for Anti-Corruption and Open Leadership, CACOL has called on the Federal Ministry of Mines and Steel Development to allow the law to take its full course with regard to the recent Appeal Court ruling on the dispute between the National Inland Waterways Authority (NIWA) and the Lagos Waterways Authority (LASWA), over who has the constitutional power to control the waterways in Lagos State.

He was reacting to the reported directive by Mohammed Abass-a Permanent Secretary in the Federal Ministry-that licensed dredgers in the state should go about their businesses without hindrance in spite of the July 18 decision of the Lagos Division of the Court of Appeal which clearly vested in the state government, the power to control the “intra-inland waterways.

According to him:“To put it bluntly, it will amount to a total violation of the rule of law, if anybody yields to the directive of by the Federal Ministry. It can only breed anarchy in the system. Disregard for the law is quite antithetical to the core values of democracy and this type of conduct should

definitely not emanate from a democratic government that is duty bound to defend the laws of the land.

“We encourage the Federal Ministry to pursue the lawful option which is to approach the Supreme Court for ultimate adjudication if it is disgruntled with the ruling of the appellate court. This is much more reasonable than letting the dispute degenerate into anarchy.”

“Beyond the dispute between the Federal Ministry and Lagos State Government, we hasten add that dredging in the inland waterways and sand-filling along the coast should be halted as they are injurious to the environment ultimately.

“We believe that at the core of the recent floods in Lagos was the nature of the relationship between the Federal and State Governments which did not take cognizance of the need to cooperate in terms of planning and implementation of policies for infrastructural development.

Basically, the approach has betrayed lack of consideration for the environmental consequences of dredging and sand-filling activities. Sustaining these activities is a recipe for avoidable environment disasters.”

**Wale Salami**

Media Coordinator, CACOL



**July 11, 2017**

**PRESS STATEMENT**

**LAGOS FLOODS: A CLEAR AND PRESENT DANGER, HOLD THE GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBLE! -CACOL**

The recent floods that hit Lagos state particularly the coastal parts including Epe, Lekki and Victoria Island calls for deep introspection on the root cause of the disaster which claimed several lives and property of residents.

At the **Centre for Anti-Corruption and Open Leadership, CACOL**, we believe that the root cause of the recent floods and previous ones was the nature of the relationship the state government itself maintained with the environment in terms of its planning and policies for infrastructural development. Basically, the approach exhibited lack of consideration for the environmental consequences of government's activities.

Past and present administrations in Lagos had systematically embarked on what they dubbed as land reclamation which rendered original inhabitants of Lagos water-side communities homeless and jobless while predicating their action on several illogicalities including the claim that government needed to keep residents safe and to forestall environmental hazards.

But the insensitive and hidden motives behind the reclamation processes were revealed with the massive invasion of the watersides through huge projects and

construction work on the reclaimed lands.

For LASG and its collaborators in the anti-poor initiative to be able to concretize their dreams, the process necessitated the sand-filling of the reclaimed lands which pushed back the ocean and the lagoon beyond unprecedented natural limits.

It is noteworthy that throughout the implementation of the process from inception till date, the sand-filling had consistently being opposed by majority of Lagosians, scientists, international bodies and civil society organizations due to its social and environmental consequences, but the warnings were ignored and waved aside by the government.

We had warned the government against sand-filling of what is now called Iluburin and also pointed out that the current administration should look inwards instead of the lagoon side. This was based on the risks the project posed to the environment and aquatic life. We had advised that there were vast portions of land in other parts of the state that could accommodate the architectural masterpieces the elites craved for to site business and tourist hubs, luxurious homes and mansions of all sorts. All this could be built at reduced costs as when compared to the astronomic costs incurred by the government and its collaborators. All this could have been achieved without the risks associated with sand-filling of the lagoon. All these fell on deaf ears.

The National Inland Waterways Authority also kicked against the idea, but LASG has able to muscle its way. Most of the edifices and structures constructed were done

without proper Environmental Impact Assessments all in the desperate crave to build on water.

It is based on this background in addition to the tragedy recorded during the recent flood that, we at CACOL find it pertinent to demand that the government discontinue all sand filling and other environmentally hazardous activities at the waterways. We are convinced that the incessant floods in Lagos have direct linkage with the elitist craving of the handlers of government and their cronies; a craving which prioritizes the narrow interests of the extremely rich above the socio-economic well-being of the extremely poor majority.

It is this elitist mode of governance that have further impoverished ordinary Lagosians, rendered them homeless, jobless and hapless. The blame for the disastrous floods must be laid right at the door-step of the government and vehemently so.

It is no longer acceptable to continue living in grievous risks to lives and property as Lagosians have been subjected to. All the water channels must immediately be cleared to allow free-flow of water. The government must begin to take action to forestall future occurrences; flooding is dangerous as has been noticed in some other parts of the world where cities had been submerged in water and millions of lives and properties lost. The 1931 China floods where between one and four million lives were lost is an example.

Flooding is a clear and present danger in Lagos state; LASG must halt all sand filling and hazardous environmental activities now!

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### **CCTV CAMERAS AND THEIR EFFICACY IN LAGOS STATE**

Most of people who live in Lagos are not even aware that there are CCTV cameras in the city not to talk of being able to weigh their effectiveness. But given the incessant incidents of crime in the city added with the frustrations of the security agencies in arresting and prosecuting the culprits, it would be safe to aver that even if there are CCTV cameras, they definitely have been ineffective in curbing crime.

Lagos has continually witnessed incidents of crime which sometimes have been carried out in broad daylight. CCTV cameras could have assisted in arresting the perpetrators of many heinous crimes in such places but that has never happened. Hitherto, we have never heard of CCTV cameras facilitating the arrest of criminals; this goes to show that there were either no CCTV cameras at all or that the cameras were not functioning.

We suspect that if CCTV cameras were actually installed in the city- prior to last month's disclosure by the Lagos State Government that it had commenced installation of 13, 000 cameras, aimed at boosting security in the state- perhaps some incurably corrupt persons in government must have sabotaged the effort either by not supplying the

cameras or that substandard ones were supplied.

The several robberies, kidnappings and abductions that have lately become rampant in Lagos would have been averted if functioning CCTV cameras were installed in very strategic locations in the city particularly in areas that have been identified to be very prone to the activities of criminals.

### **Debo Adeniran**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **TEMPORARY BAN ON VIOs IN LAGOS, A TIMELY RELIEF – CACOL**

The Executive Chairman of the ***Centre for Anti-Corruption and Open Leadership, (CACOL), Mr Debo Adeniran*** has hailed the temporary ban placed on Vehicle Inspection Officers, (VIOs) in Lagos State by Governor Akinwunmi Ambode.

Media reports on Tuesday indicated that Governor Ambode had ordered Vehicle Inspection Officers to leave Lagos roads. This was said to be as a result of the public outcry by Lagosians who had been subjected to gross violation of their rights and extortions of different kinds by the overzealous and unruly officers of the public outfit.

The CACOL Chairman further stated that: “We see this step as one that has been long overdue, given that the

nefarious acts of VIOs had been perpetrated on Lagos roads for a very long time with government taking no action. They had been frustrating road users and became a nightmare to motorists in Lagos.

“They totally and deliberately veer off what constitutes their core duties to pursue what is not their within their jurisdiction. The VIO was established to basically ensure that vehicles are road worthy, but they impound vehicles; harass and extort cash from hapless Lagosians over issues like the validity of a driver's license, traffic offenses, seat-belts and tax clearance. They choose any reason they feel is most plausible to bare their corruption infested fangs on their victims.”

“The VIOs however are not involved in this alone as officials of almost all other security and paramilitary agencies including the Police, Lagos State Traffic Management Agency (LASTMA), Federal Roads Safety Commission (FRSC) and Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) participate in these extortions whereby hapless citizens are brazenly exploited and their rights violated. Most of the officers of these agencies do not carry out the duties for which they were employed because they are constantly motivated by extortionist tendencies.”

“We therefore commend the Governor for taking this bold step. We also agree like the administration has stated that the removal of the officers from the state's roads should be temporary so as to reposition the whole outfit.”

Adeniran also stated that: “the governor has definitely scored another good one with this. He must ensure the ban is enforced so that the relief he seeks to bring to

Lagosians via the move will not be unachievable. We call on him to also look into the activities of LASTMA officers and task force squads set-p by the state government with a view to sanitize them. There must be training and re-training for all these officers on the best practices as far as their duties are concerned especially with regard to respect for human rights of citizens.”

The media had reported that Ambode directed the VIOs to leave the roads and go on compulsory retraining in order to be humane in dealing with the public, adding that the VIOs would be back on the roads soon.

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **AMBODE, FASHOLA CLASH OVER MMIA ROAD; LET PUBLIC INTEREST SUPERSEDE RIVALRY - CACOL**

The Centre for Anti-Corruption and Open Leadership, CACOL has advised the Minister of Works, Housing and Power, Mr. Babatunde Raji Fashola and the Lagos State Governor, Mr. Akinwunmi Ambode to place the interest of the public over whatever rivalry that may exist between them.

This position was stated by the Executive Chairman of

the Centre, Mr. Debo Adeniran following the recent media brickbats between the duo over the rehabilitation of Murtala Muhammed International Airport (MMIA) road, Lagos.

Ambode had on Thursday accused the Federal Ministry of Works of frustrating the efforts of the Lagos State Government to reconstruct the road linking MMIA from Oshodi. Fashola, the immediate past Governor of Lagos state who responded today stated that the Ministry had taken up the request by the Lagos State Government in question and presented it to the Federal Executive Council and that since the road is linked with Ogun State, a decision could not be made without the consent of the Ogun State Government.

Mr. Adeniran said: “The state of the MMIA road is an embarrassment and this confusion will only aggravate the pains of Nigerians and foreigners who ply the road. MMIA has been in a serious state of continual neglect for long. It does not measure up as a road leading to a local airport let alone an International one, so why should we wait until the road becomes a total write-off before taking action.

“The importance of the MMIA road as an entry point to Nigeria and Lagos- the commercial nerve centre of the country- cannot be overemphasized. Nigerians and foreigners have had various harrowing experiences plying the road. People have missed uncountable important flights; lost business opportunities worth billions of naira, had avoidable accidents, suffered armed robbery attacks and of course have been subjected to the constant traffic gridlock along the road owing to its deplorable state.

“We feel the Governor, the Minister and the Federal Government should be more concerned about public interest rather than engaging in petty rivalry and politicking. We feel that as a result of the status of the road, the government should hasten to act even if it has to abandon temporarily some bureaucratic requirements because the situation is actually an emergency.”

“We wonder why the consent of the Ogun State Government should prevent the Lagos State Government from reconstructing its side of the road. That excuse is very shallow and insensitive when the economic losses being suffered by the people is taken into account.”

“The logical thing is for FEC, the Federal Ministry of Works and all other bureaucracies involved to give approval to each state that declares capacity to fix federal roads within their respective territories as long as they do not cross each others' borders. After all, it is government at work and not personalities and in this case the two states concerned are governed by the same party just as the FG. This we feel should reduce friction amongst the elected and appointed officials!”

“We cannot continue to put the lives of so many people at risk by exposing them to avoidable accidents, stressful traffic jams, armed-robbery attacks and other dangers because of the slow process of decision making amongst government functionaries. A stitch in time saves nine. We call for all pending road projects to be executed within the soonest possible time to save lives and boost the economy.” Mr. Adeniran concluded

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# CHAPTER SEVEN

## CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### 8.1 CONCLUSION

It is clear that based on the findings of our researchers during the proceedings of Lagos Open Parliament Four, the administration of Governor Akinwumi Ambode made reasonable impact on the lives of residents for the period under review.

The Government's performance during the period is reflected in the data, information and surveys that were carried out by our field researchers. Analysis of the data could be summarized as follows:

A remarkable improvement in the delivery of infrastructures by the state government. Among the sectors in which improvements were noticed include security, transportation, education and health.

The security situation in the state improved remarkably. Security agencies have been better equipped and their personnel motivated to tackle the previously high crime rate in the state.

Social services are still heavily commercialized and this

has resulted in an uncontrollable inflationary spiral.

Governance in Lagos State remains largely elitist, although more effort is being made to accommodate the needs of the ordinary people.

The harmonious relationship between the state government and its employees has been consolidated upon. This prevailing atmosphere of harmony has greatly enhanced public service delivery in Lagos State.

### 8.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

The Ambode led administration deserves the commendation it has received from residents of the state; this is the natural outcome of the impact his policies and programmes have had on the lives of Lagosians. The administration needs to be encouraged to remain committed in executing projects that are designed to improve the welfare of the people of the state.

The principles of participatory governance should be fully embraced and incorporated into the state's budgetary system by ensuring that it commences with a needs assessment and ends with a performance assessment. This would ensure that the content of the appropriation bills emanate and terminate with the inputs of the people it is meant to serve.

For the purpose of promoting the growth of a democratic culture and the rule of law, it is very important that the current administration refrains from resorting to self-help and arbitrariness in handling affairs of state. In this regard,

the state government's demolition of the Otodo-Gbame slum, despite a subsisting court order restraining it from doing so, is unacceptable.

The government should also ensure that local council elections are regularly held to avoid the past undemocratic tradition of appointing sole administrators to run this tier of government.

The interface between residents of the state and the state government needs to be strengthened. This would require a more active involvement of the office For Civic Engagement which was created for this purpose by the present administration. The purpose of this constant interface is to expand transparency, accountability in governance and to bridge the communication gap between the government and the governed.

Multiple taxing and associated internal revenue generation matters which are relevant to accountability, law enforcement and rule of law require amendments to curb corruption in government.

The state government should domesticate the Treasury Single Account policy of the Federal Government for the purpose of blocking leakages in the state's financial system thereby ensuring that more funds are available for the development of the state.

The current administration needs to revisit the light rail project to facilitate easier transportation within the state. For Lagos to become a modern mega city, the light rail project must be completed and expanded.

The government also needs to implement policies and programmes that are people-oriented. Attempts to ban street trading and hawking; the over taxation of the poor and the under-employed and the lack of a comprehensive programme to address unemployment would have adverse effects on the socio-economic future of the state.

The state government needs to develop pragmatic policies that would benefit its huge population that has earned it the status of of a mega city. It is therefore antithetical to the progress of the state for the government to adopt depopulation antics as a strategy to address its huge challenges. The government should rather adopt policies and programmes that would expand infrastructural facilities to accommodate the huge population of the state.

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