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Editor's Note

The cosmopolitan nature of Lagos and the daily influx of people from all walks of life to it has arguably engender a multifaceted crime rate ranging from cultism, armed robbery, traffic robbery, car snatching, violent attack from land grabbing amongst others. But the beautiful of it all lies in the fact that the more they evolve, the swift and tactfully they are crushed by the efficacious police operatives under the leadership of cerebral and quintessential super cop,CP Olohundare Moshood Jimoh. The relative peace that has enveloped Lagos since his assumption of office, through his uncanny crime fighting strategies caught our attention, forming the basis of his successes as our lead cover story. As succinctly put, crime under his watch has not been alarming, as you will get to read his efforts in ensuring Lagisians sleep with their two eye closed.

We also bring to your reading pleasure the vibe from the 2025 National Convention of the Police Officers Wife Association (POWA) under the leadership of Dr. (Mrs) Elizabeth Egbetokun, wife of the 22nd indigenous Inspector General of Police, who has refined the association to become a strong supportive force behind the police community.

Interestingly, also is the article on the activities of the young administration of Hon. Jimoh Olawale Saliu and how he intends to transform Apapa -Iganmu LCDA to greater heights. Likewise, the exploit of the new sheriff of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) in Edo State Commander Mitchell Ofoyeju is also among the contents of this edition that would undoubtedly refresh you.

Wishing you a reading pleasure.

Editor - in Chief Raymond Tedunjaye

All Hail CP Olohundare Jimoh: The Silent Crime Bursting Tactician

Crime Situation Not Alarming, But Under Firm Control Of The Police - CP Olohundare Jimoh



rom the length to breadth of the State, the Commissioner of Police, Lagos State Command CP Olohundare Moshood Jimoh has carved a niche for himself with a remarkable achievement within the short space of time on the saddle of leadership of the Command. It's an affirmation of the popular maxim of "not how far but how well."

It's an understatement that the state under his watch has been relatively peaceful, with so much breakthroughs in the arduous task of policing the state. The trajectory since assumption of office has been stream of successes.

Available records show that even the most elusive dreadful criminal has regretted daring the Ilorin born police tactician.

His varied crime prevention, control and management strategies which is embedded in his tall psyche, has been playing the magic wand in demystifying unrepentant criminals in Lagos. His strategy is top notch, execution accurate, with amazing results.

It's important to emphasis that violent crimes are promptly detected, just as he adopts modern techniques to fight crimes such as traffic robbery, robbery, cultism in all ramifications, curbing of violent crimes around identified black spots and other notorious crime scenes.

Keen watchers of dramatic events of how the Command, under the watch of Olohundare, has subdued notorious and evasive criminals are yet to comprehend the gimmick behind the successes.

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While this has remained a mystery to many, some thought the Ilorin vooddo is actually in place, some are of the believe that his marabouts are on the mat 24/7, while others attributed it to cheer luck.

However, little did they know that CP Olohundare has the blood of a combatant flowing in his blood vessel, inherited from his biological father, a distinguished retired Soldier, who served Nigeria diligently.

This is coupled with the series of specialized training acquired in

Nigeria, U.S, China and South Korea. These include Combat Operations Course at Police Mobile Training College, Maiduguri, Weapons of Mass Destruction Counter Measures First Responder Training Course, United States Embassy, Abuja, Crime Prevention of Korea Police, Police Training Institute, Seoul South Korea, Social Construction and Management Reform, China Executive Leadership Academy, Pudong China, Maritime Rescue and Salvage for Development Countries, China Maritime Police Academy Ningbo, China, Training on Anti- hijacking Techniques and Tactics for Developing Countries, Special Police Academy, Beijing, China, and SMART Government and Informatization at Academy for International Business Officials (AIBO), Beijing China.

A core professional ,intelligent, cerebral and unassuming super cop, Olohundare's gale of achievement is so massive, silencing doubting Thomases of his ability and capability to police the centre of excellence and aquatic splendor due to its cosmopolitan status.

The plethora of breakthroughs isn't just an achievement, but a statement of competence and testament to the confidence reposed in him by the leadership of the Police Service Commission (PSC) and the Inspector General of Police Kayode Egbetokun PhD, by deploying to Lagos.



Gentle, soft spoken but highly articulate and dreadful to criminals, CP Olohundare has continued to pilot the affairs of the Command in alignment with the vision and policing policy of IGP Kayode Egbetokun. His purposeful leadership style, which is leading by example from the rear and his proper coordination of officers and men, made the job result oriented.

On assumption of office as the 41st Commissioner of Police for Lagos Command on

Tuesday, 18th February, 2025, Olohundare in his inaugural speech clearly emphasized his commitment to enhance policing and public safety. He acknowledged the concerns of Lagos residents regarding security and pledged to ensure safety and protection of citizens.

Perhaps, some criminal elements still marauding as champion, misunderstood the CP's pledge of protection of citizens, believing they will also be protected.

Responding to the concerns of residents, Olohundare wasted no time by hitting the ground running, evolving uncanny strategies to fulfill his pledge.

While alluding to this asertion, CP Olohundare said, ""We have adopted preventive strategies that keep us ahead of criminals. Lagosians now go about their lawful activities in peace, sleeping with their eyes closed."

He however credited the Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babajide Sanwo-Olu for providing the state-of-theart crime-fighting equipment, logistics, and technology.

Several novel strategies were evolved notably, a Special Intervention Squad (SIS) headed by a Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP) was set up to serve

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as a go- between in the event of any out break of crisis.

In addition, the existing CP Tactical Teams were beefed up with the creation of five additional teams, which include a team tagged "Blue Line", personally christened by the Commissioner of Police himself, curtail criminal elements across the Blue Rail Line and its environs.

To walk his talk, Olohundare immediately convened a strategic meeting, where he gave a matching order to all the Tactical Commanders to double their efforts at ensuring that crime is further reduced to the barest minimum under his watch. As promised during his inaugural speech that "the state will be too hot henceforth for the men of the under-world and it will be a no-go area for criminals and their cohorts".

The matching order has served as a tonic for the Commanders, prompting them to fight like a wounded lion, in line with the laid out strategies of the CP. They" ve tactfully went after the criminals, took the fight to their door steps, winning the battle convincingly.

A core professional, a seasoned intelligent officer with liberal mind, who police with the fear of God, CP Jimoh, who halls from Ilorin, Kwara State, studied Political Science at Ahmadu Bello University before joining the Nigeria Police Force as a Cadet Assistant Superintendent of Police in 2000.

His career has seen him serve in various capacities across the country, including postings in Katsina, Cross River, Anambra, the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Oyo, Gombe, and Rivers states.

Notably, he has served as Divisional Police Officer (DPO) at Central Police Station, Abuja; Force Public Relations Officer; Deputy Commissioner, Criminal Investigation Department, Airport Police Command; Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Administration, Oyo State Police Command; and Deputy Commissioner, General Investigation, FCID Annex, Gombe. Until his latest appointment, he was the Commissioner of Police at the Ports

Authority Police, Eastern Ports, Port Harcourt.

CP Jimoh has undergone extensive professional training, both locally and internationally. Some of his training includes the Combat Operations Course at the Police Mobile Training College, Maiduguri; Weapons of Mass Destruction Countermeasure First Responder Training Course at the United States Embassy, Abuja; and various strategic courses in South Korea and China, including anti-hijacking techniques, maritime rescue operations, and social management reforms.

A recipient of numerous awards, CP Jimoh was recognised with the Presidential Award for Public Relations Personality of the Year by the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations for his outstanding contributions to public relations within the Nigeria Police Force.

He also served in the African Union Peacekeeping Mission in Darfur, Sudan, where he received an Award of Recognition for Commendable Service.

He is a Fellow of the Institute of Management Consultants (IMC), Nigeria, a Certified Management Consultant (CMC), and a Fellow of the Institute of Corporate Administration of Nigeria. He is also an Associate of the Advertising Regulatory Council of Nigeria (ARCON) and a Member of the Nigerian Institute of Public Relations

Spectacular Breakthroughs & Achievements.

While reeling out the spectacular breakthroughs and successes of the Command under the watch of





disclosure Wednesday at a media briefing on the achievements of the Command held at the Command's headquarters, Ikeja.

Aside the 36 vehicles, the Police boss informed that there 70 others still under going investigation but can not be brought to the parade ground due to immobility.

He explained that some of the vehicles were snatched from other States and other their way to other countries through the borders or removed from parks in Lagos.

CP Olohundare Moshood Jimoh under the period in review, it is important to note that the successes are not limited to the under listed arrests and recoveries. They are numerous to be captured in one edition, even as they were under reported by the media.

Arrest Of 50 Suspected Cultists

In curbing the menace of cultism in some parts of the State, the Lagos State Police Command sustained its onslaught on cultism. Within the first week of assumption of office, no fewer than 50 suspected cultists were arrested in the acts and arraigned in court for prosecution.

Parades Of 36 Recovered Stolen Exotic Cars, 82 Firearms

No fewer than 36 stolen vehicles have been recovered by operative of the Lagos State Police Command in a covert operations.

In the same vein 82 assorted firearms and different calibres of ammunition were recovered from criminals, which include armed robbers and cultists.

The Commissioner of Police Lagos State Command Olohundare Moshood Jimoh made the Jimoh attributed the breakthroughs to the crime prevention and control, and other strategies adopted by the Command since his assumption of office to ensure residents sleep with their eyes closed.

Disclosing that some of the suspected cultists are currently in police custody, Jimoh assured that they will be prosecuted on completion of various





investigations into their cases.

His words, " Let me gladly welcome you all to today's press briefing to show case achievements recorded by the Lagos State Police Command in crime prevention, control, and management throughout Lagos State. When I came on board as the Commissioner of Police, Lagos State, new crime prevention and tactics were put in place and implemented to turn around the operation modalities of the command for prompt prevention and detection of crimes and criminality throughout Lagos State.

"This is to ensure the safety of lives and property of all Lagosians and equally ensure that the huge investment of the federal government of Nigeria, the Lagos State government, and that of local and foreign investors are safe and secure for commerce activities and other economic businesses and grow peacefully throughout the length and breadth of the state.

"This press briefing dwells on a lot of achievements that have been recorded by the Lagos State Police Command, crime prevention and control, and other strategies that we have adopted to ensure that Lagosians go home and sleep in their troops and clothes.

"This is on the recovery of stolen vehicles from Where Parked in Lagos. And those vehicles that were stolen or snatched from other states of the Federation. Some of these vehicles that are recovered today are in the process of being taken outside this country to the borders in Lagos State.

"Quite a number of assorted firearms and ammunition were equally recovered from the cultists and other men of the underworlds in Lagos State. Some of these cultists are currently in police custody and they are going to be prosecuted on completion of various investigations

into their cases.

"These vehicles that we are seeing here today are 36 in number. They are exotic vehicles. Some of them are into several millions, hundreds of millions of Naira.

"They were recovered from fraudulent transactions and advance fee frauds. Some of them were recovered from those who snatched them from other states and tried to pass them through Lagos State to get them out of the country. They are equally part of the vehicle that drivers who are trusted to be in charge of those vehicles decided to take away from their owners.

"Some of them have been sold and we recover them from where they have been sold to and some of them are still in possession of them. We recover them equally. We equally retrieve some of them

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from some of the hoodlums that have taken possession of them criminally from the owners.

"I want to let you know that this 36 is presented to you because of lack of space. We still have about 70 others that are immobile. One way or the other, their cases are currently under investigation.

"So I hereby want to call on all Lagosians and visitors to Lagos and in the neighbouring states whose vehicles were stolen at gunpoint or removed from their park or taken away by their drivers to come to the

command headquarters for identification and collection."



End finally came the way of the most wanted vicious and notorious hired killer, one Wasiu Akinwande (a.k.a Olori Eso) following his unexpected arrest by Tactical Squad of the Lagos State Police Command at the weekend.

Our correspondent reliably gathered that the 44 years old notorious hired killer and head of killers gang cum cultists kingpin was apprehended in his hideout on Friday, in the Agbado area of Ogun State after several attempts by the Police Tactical Squad led by CSP Sunday Cirman in a well-coordinated special operation code-named Silence, Speed and Surprise.

Assorted sophisticated firearms which include two AK-49 rifles, one K2 assault rifle, a red ryder rifle, three pump action rifles, two locally made single barrel pistols were reportedly recoveted from the suspects.

Other offensive exhibits which include five magazines, 57 live cartridges, twenty seven 9MM



ammunition, one expended 5.56 ammunition, one dagger, three walkie talkies, nine international passports of different individuals were also recovered from him.

The arrest of the suspect brought to an end his over a decade reign of terror, as he was alleged along side his gangs to have terrorised residents of Mushin and its environs from 2009 until 2024.

The Lagos State Police Command Spokesperson CSP Benjamin Hundeyin who confirmed the report in a release, hinted that Wasiu Akinwande is currently in Police custody under heavy security and will face the full weight of the law for all his crimes.

According to Hundeyin, four families have already came forward to identify him as the suspect behind the killings of their children and wards.

The release reads, "The Lagos State Police Command wishes to inform the general public of a significant breakthrough in its relentless fight against crime of violence and other criminalities in Lagos State. Today, June 20, 2025, Tactical Squad operatives of the Command successfully in a well-coordinated special operation code-named Silence, Speed and Surprise trailed and arrested Wasiu Akinwande aka Olori Eso, a 44-year-old

notorious hired killer and head of killers gang and cultist kingpin who along with his multiple gangs and hoodlums have been terrorizing Mushin area of Lagos State and its environs.

"This serial killer suspect is the most wanted suspect in Lagos history in recent time. His arrest marks a huge success in the ongoing fight against violent



crimes that are threats to security and safety of residents in Mushin and some other parts of Lagos State.

"Wasiu Akinwande was arrested in his hideout in the Agbado area of Ogun State after several attempts by the Police Tactical Squad.

"For over a decade now from 2009 until 2024, Wasiu Akinwande and his gangs have terrorized the people and communities, particularly in the Mushin area of Lagos State.

"He was responsible for organizing and executing series of armed robberies, cold blooded murders, kidnappings and cult-related killings. His reign of terror instilled fear and apprehension in residents and posed a dangerous threat to law and order.

"Akinwande's criminal activities have left trauma, horror, agony and pains in the families of victims of his numerous high-profile crimes under investigation by the Lagos State Police Command. "Despite his escapes from one state of the country to another over the years, the Lagos State Police Command remained resolute in its pursuit of Justice. "The operatives of the Command raided his house in Mushin, and recovered cache of weapons and incriminating items he freely admitted he was using for his killing operations with his gang.

"The firearms recovered include: Two (2) AK-47 rifles, One (1) K2 Assault rifle, One (1) Red Ryder rifle, Three (3) pump action rifles, Two (2) locally made single-barrel pistols, Five (5) magazines, Fifty-seven (57) live cartridges, Seventy (70) 5.56 live ammunition, Twenty-seven (27) 9mm ammunition, One (1) expended 5.56 ammunition, One (1) dagger, Three (3) walkie-talkies and Nine (9) international passports belonging to different individuals.

Lagos Police Bursts Trafficking Syndicate, Rescues 27 Ghanians, Beninois

Police operatives in Lagos have burst a human trafficking syndicate, rescuing no fewer than 27 victims from the criminal gang.

The victims, identified to be 18 male and 19 female in number, were said to have hailed from Ghana and Benin republic.

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Addressing a press conference on the achievements of the Command in the last two weeks, the Lagos

State Police Command public relations officers CSP Benjamin Hundeyin disclosed that the victims were rescued at an apartment in Isheri Oshun area of the State.

He added that the victims were to be trafficked out of the country by their agent.

Hundeyin, who briefed the press on behalf of Commissioner of Police, CP Jimoh Moshood said, " As soon as the Police received the information, operatives moved into the area and rescued the victims who were locked up in an apartment in the area.

"Among the rescued were 18 male and 19 Female, some of them were Ghanian and some are from Benin Republic".

He added that preliminary investigations revealed that they were all lured into the country under the guise of getting them jobs.

Lagos Police Busts N500m Visa Scam Syndicates, Arrests 4 Suspects

Police operatives attached to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) of the Lagos State Police Command have bust a syndicates of Visa racketeering scam and fake promise of employment abroad, arresting four suspects in connecting with the crime.

The suspects identified as Blessing Wefsutu, 27, Chineye Christian, 36, Archibong Udeme Ifereke 'm' aged 23, and Maurine Peter, 25 and others had fraudulently obtained a total of N500 million from over 100 unsuspecting victims under the false promise of securing Canadian and Australian work. visas for them.

The Spokesperson of the Lagos State Police Command CSP Benjamin Hundeyin who made the

disclosure in a release on Wednesday stated that all the suspects are staff of an educational consultancy located in Ago Okota area of the State.

According to him, "The case which was initially reported at the Ago Okota Division was subsequently transferred to the SCID for further investigation.

" Preliminary investigation revealed that the suspects, all staff of an educational consultancy located in Ago Okota, fraudulently obtained a total of N500 million from over 100 unsuspecting victims under the false promise of

securing Canadian and Australian work visas for them.

"Further investigations revealed that the syndicate includes additional accomplices; and efforts are ongoing to apprehend them and bring them to justice upon conclusion of the investigation".

Lagos Police Smashes Cartel Of Fuel Truck Hijackers, Arrests 7 Suspects, Recovers Tanker Load Of Stolen Fuel

Crack detectives and special operatives of the Lagos State Police Command have successfully cracked a vicious and notorious gang of hijackers of fuel and goods trucks.

No fewer fewer than seven suspects were reportedly arrested in connection with the alleged criminal act.

It was also gathered hijacked tanker loaded with stolen fuel were recovered by the eagle eyes



operatives, just as they uncovered a filling station being used for the criminal act.

The Police Spokesperson of the Lagos State Command CSP Benjamin Hundeyin who made the disclosure in a release on Saturday, stated that the suspects were arrested in Ejigbo area of the State.

According to him, "At about 6:00 AM today, June 28, 2025, the driver of an hijacked tanker loaded with 45,000 liters of fuel reported at Surulere Police Division the hijacking of the 45,000-liter tanker laden with Premium Motor Spirit (PMS) he was driving in transit through Alaka, Surulere, Lagos to his destination.

"Crack detectives and special operatives of the Lagos Police Command swiftly responded and commenced investigation, leading to the recovery of the hijacked tanker, which was found empty at Orile area of Lagos.

"The Police teams promptly swung into action, immediate response and discreet investigation into the case led the operatives to a filling station in Ejigbo, where the stolen PMS had been offloaded. Upon arrival at the scene, officers discovered another tanker being loaded with the same product stolen from the hijacked tanker.

"Seven (7) suspects namely: Izuchukwu Nwanoruo 'm' aged 34, a business man from Ejigbo; Kayode Falodun 'm' aged 29, a tricycle rider from Ejigbo; Ojo Ayodele 'm' aged 35, a mechanic from Ijegun Ijedodo; Ayomide Thompson 'm' aged 24, a graphics designer from Ijegun Ijedodo; Ahmed Saliu 'm' aged 37, a driver from Ejigbo; Igbalaye Kareem 'm' aged 38, a trader from Ogun State; and Babatunde Ahmed 'm' aged 38, a driver from Ejigbo, involved in this criminal act were promptly arrested at the filling station.

"Additionally, the fuel tanker being used to transport away the stolen fuel has been recovered to the Police Station as exhibit. The suspects are currently in Police custody and assisting the police with ongoing investigations."



Lagos Police Thwarts Planned Cultism Day Mayhem, Arrests 52 Suspects

No fewer than 52 suspected cultists have been apprehended by Police operatives in Lagos ahead the July 7,2024 - a day often characterized by mayhem, chaos and killings by different violent cult groups against each other in violent celebration of the day.

The suspects were reportedly arrested on Sunday in joint raids of cultists hideouts while they were in preparation to unleash mayhem on innocent people during the 7:7 Cultism Day.

The spokesperson of the Lagos State Police Command CSP Benjamin Hundeyin in a release assured that the Command is fully prepared and has fully mobilized the Police Anti Cultism Squads, Special Tactical Squads, the Police Mobile Force (PMF), the Police State Intelligence Department and specially designated units of the Force against violent crimes and cultism to prevent, arrest and prosecute any cultist or gang of cultists before they unleash mayhem, havoc and destruction on lives and property.

He hinted that the Command has deployed massively



across the length and breadth of the Lagos State to guarantee the safety of lives and property of all residents and visitors to Lagos State.

According to the statement, the Commissioner of Police, Lagos State Command, CP Olohundare Jimoh, hereby issues a stern warning to hotel owners, managers of recreational facilities, and other establishments to refrain from allowing their premises to be used for meetings, gatherings and other violent activities by cult groups.

The full weight of the law will be fully applied on violators of the law.

Jimoh equally advised parents and guardians to prevail and counsel their children and wards to steer clear of cultism and all forms of violence and criminalities.

Successes In Month of July 2025 At A Glance

- * Arrest Of 68 Suspected Criminals Over Alleged Murder, Armed Robbery, Cultism, Unlawful Possession of Firearms, Vehicle Theft, Impersonation, Advanced Gee Fraud
- * Dismantling Of N500milion Visa Fraud Syndicate
- * Recovery of 17 Assorted Firearms Comprising Of Locally Made Pistols, English Revolvers, Natetta Pistols and High-calibre Rifles Such As AK-49
- *Four vehicles: a Toyota Camry, a Mercedes-Benz E350, a Lexus hybrid SUV, and a Suzuki minibus linked to "one chance" robbery gangs.

- * Electronics: over 20 mobile phones, six laptops, and incriminating items linked to robbery and fraud cases.
- * Arrest of four armed robbers who abducted a 16-year-old boy, extorted #2 million, and stole his phone before abandoning him.
- * Tracking of suspect to Ogun State and arresting a car theft syndicate that recruited drivers to steal employers' vehicles within weeks of hire. Stolen cars were dismantled in Ladipo Market and sold as spare parts.
- *A of robbery suspect in Ejibo, Ogun State, linked to the theft of \(\frac{1}{2} \)5 million from a Lagos resident. Recovered exhibits included a Toyota 4Runner, bulletproof vest, and POS machines.
- * Dismantling of two "one chance" gangs intercepted during surveillance operations in Surulere and near the National Stadium. Suspects used commercial vehicles to pick unsuspecting passengers, rob them at knifepoint or with crude weapons, and drain their bank accounts before abandoning them.

* Recovery of operational vehicles, machetes, axes, and stolen cash from the gangs.

While not resting on his oars, CP Olohundare assured Lagosians that the command will sustain its momentum against crime, urging the public to provide timely intelligence to aid police operations.

In his submission on the overview of crime situation in the state, CP Olohundare said, "crime situation in Lagos is not alarming, but under firm control of the Lagos State Police Command.

"We will continue to ensure optimal deployment of human and operational resources across Lagos. Crime will be brought to the barest minimum," he further promised.

Apapa Customs Rakes Over N1bn In 3 Weeks As Comptroller Olomu Reasaures System Stability

he Apapa Command of the Nigeria
Customs Service (NC5) has
recorded a significant revenue
collection of \$\infty\$161.26 billion within a span
of three weeks using the \$B'Odogwu
system.

The Command's Area Customs Controller, Comptroller Dr. Babatunde Olomu made the disclosure, even as has assured stakeholders that the system will soon pick up and surpass expectations.

While commending stakeholders for their patience and understanding with the NCS, with particular reference to those in Apapa Command, the Area Controller disclosed that between August 1 and August 22, 2025, the Command collected [161.26 billion using the B'Odogwu system.

Comptroller Olomu attributed the progress to intense stakeholder engagement initiated by the Comptroller General of Customs, Bashir Adewale Adeniyi.

He commended stakeholders for their patience and understanding, expressing confidence that the NCS will overcome the current challenges.

The NCS has engaged with the Nigerian Shippers Council to mitigate the effects of



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recent downtime experienced in transactions.

The Zonal Coordinator, Charles Orbih, was present at the Apapa Command to address concerns of importers, licensed customs agents, and freight forwarding companies. Comptroller Olomu emphasized the NCS's commitment to improving the B'Odogwu system, assuring that the dedicated ICT department is working tirelessly to achieve a permanent solution.

He expressed gratitude for stakeholders' support and confidence in the NCS's ability to deliver excellent service.

The Apapa Command's impressive revenue collection is a testament to the NCS's efforts to improve service delivery.

With the Command's commitment to excellence and stakeholder engagement, the B'Odogwu system is expected to enhance trade facilitation and revenue collection in the near future.

NDLEA DECORATES SEVEN DEPUTY COMMANDERS IN BENIN CITY

State Command er of t h e National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA), Mitchell Ofoyeju, has decorated seven officers recently promoted to the rank of Deputy Commander of Narcotics by the Chairman/Chief Executive Officer, Brig.

General Mohamed Buba Marwa (RTD) CON. The event took place at the Command's headquarters in Benin City and was marked by pride, joy, and a commitment to the ongoing battle against drug abuse and trafficking.



The officers, who received their new ranks during the decoration ceremony, included Timothy Nku Odu, James Olusola Olarewaiu. Akpabio Akpan, Anthony Odu Oko, Fidelis Nkazi Heijirika, Paul Akhazee and Mohammed Danmusa. Commander Mitchell. h o presided over the event. charged the officers to see their elevation as a call to greater action in combating drugrelated crimes and forging a



safer environment for the country.

"The elevation of these officers to the rank of Deputy Commander of Narcotics reinforces the agency's commitment to enhancing its operational capacity and maintaining a strong stance against drugrelated crime in Edo State. The officers have shown exemplary leadership and resilience in tackling the challenges posed by drug trafficking. Accordingly, this is a call to higher responsibilities in their noble career. I congratulate you and charge you to remain courageous and dogged in the discharge of your responsibilities," Mitchell stated.

Speaking on behalf of the decorated officers, Timothy Nku said that they will continue to work very hard in the days ahead. "To whom much is given, much is expected. We are glad with the promotion and pledged our loyalty and dedication in the discharge of our new responsibilities," Timothy assured.

The ceremony was attended by various management staff, fellow officers, and the families of the promoted officers. Mrs Omobolaji James, the wife of James Olarewaju, one of the decorated officers, expressed joy over her husband's promotion. "I am proud of my husband's achievements and the work he has done in the fight against drug trafficking and abuse. This promotion is not just for him, but for all of us who support the fight against drugs," said Mrs Omobolaji.

Commander Mitchell added that the Command looks forward to the future with optimism, confident in its team's ability to navigate the complexities of drug enforcement and take on greater challenges in the fight against drug trafficking and abuse. As challenges in law enforcement continue to evolve, the NDLEA remains resolute in its mission to uphold the rule of law and protect the public from the dangers of illicit substances.

ECHOES FROM POWA 2025 CONVENTION: Dr. Mrs. Egbetokun Redefines, Unlocks POWA's



RAYMOND TEDUNJAYE, Lagos.

s often said, that behind a successful man is a woman, isn't just a a mere statement, but an affirmation of the capacity of a "woman" to excel where the menfolk fail. Significantly, it's not all women that are behind or supportive of the successes of their spouses, but women of virtue and substance.

The Police Officers Wife Association (POWA) has over the years serves as a beacon of support to the Nigeria Police Community. The group, made up of wives of Police personnel both officers and men, are what Yoruba calls "Ejika ti to je aso orun o bo", which literally translate to supportive

pillar of the household.

Undoubtedly, the POWA National President, Dr. Mrs. Elizabeth Egbetokun epitomizes this quality and the charisma with which she discharges her responsibilities since assumption of office dignifies her status as a jewel of inestimable value.

An embodiment of strong character and large heart, the POWA President has through her transformational leadership, uplifted members to a position of self reliance.

She has uplifted the association to a higher pedestal by not only giving members fish, but taught them how to fish and be reliant, through several vocational and empowerment programmes. She has to her credit the philosophy of "only a self reliant woman can support her husband always".



A pillar of strength and

face of hope, Dr. Mrs. Egbetokun has carved a niche for herself by demonstrating exceptional high level capacity at rallying members to support their husbands through trials and storms to enable them discharge their constitutional responsibilities. She has equally extensively ensured the home front do not suffer while the husbands are on the battle field ensuring the safety of lives and properties.

Inher avowed commitment to always give out the best to her members, the POWA National President in her usual

characteristic led other executive members to organise a unique annual conference tagged National Convention 2025 theme "Unlocking POWA Potentials A n d Transformational Leadership".

at both Eko
Hotel & Suite,
Onikan Stadium
and Federal
Palace Hotel
from 30th July
to 1st August,
2025, was a rare
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programme held

acquisition, mental health well - being & healthy living, exercising, counseling, quiz competitions and gift galore.

The day one of the event held at Eko Hotel, segmented into two sessions, which marked the opening ceremony, attracted a class of eminent personalities which include the Logos State Governor Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu, ably represented by the Secretary to the State Government Barrister Bimbola Salu-Hundeyin, the Inspector General of Police IGP Kayode Egbetokun PhD, ably represented by the Assistant Inspector General of Police in charge Zone 2 Police Command, Onikan, AIG





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Governor, Dr. Kadri Hazmat, represented by the Commissioner for Women Affairs and Poverty Alleviation, Mrs. Cecilia Bolaji Dada, Lagos State Police Commissioner Olohundare Moshood Jimoh, his Army, Navy and Airforce counterparts and host of others too numerous to mention.

While the first segment of the sessions witnessed the opening remarks by the POWA National President, goodwill messages from Dr. Ibijoke Sanwo-Olu, Oba of Lagos, Special Guest of Honour, Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu and grand patron of the association IGP Kayode Egbetokun PhD, spiced with captivating performances, rich cultural displays and the vibrant artistry by troupe of the Lagos State Art & Culture and a foremost Igbo entertainment group, the second segment witnessed the most impactful aspect, a seminar centered on topical issues. These include personal care, mental health, domestic & sexual violence and soil to security anchored by cerebral professionals namel Mrs. Abimbola Akinwunmi, Mrs. Olive Oluwagbemileke, Mrs. Lola Vivor -Adeniyi and Prince Abdulsalami Ladigbolu Oramiyan respectively.

The event later snowballed into an interactive session with POWA Chairpersons, questions & answers coordinated by Mrs. Helen Agbonika, with answers provided to the questions asked by the

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In their separate addresses delivered at the occasion, Lagos State Governor Babajide Sanwo-Olu and the Inspector General of Police, Kayode Egbetokun PhD, extolled the critical role of members of the Police Officers Wife Associations (POWA) at improving the socio-economic conditions in the Police community.

Governor Sanwo-Olu, who was the special guest of honour emphasized that POWA has served as a pillar of emotion and economic support, especially for women and children affected by the occupations demands placed on police officers.

Represented by the Secretary to the State Government, Barrister Bimbola Salu-

Hundeyin, the governor applauded POWA's enduring contributions to the well-being of police families and described the convention's theme as both relevant and urgent.

According to Sanwo-Olu, "POWA brings together a diverse community of women committed to improving socio-economic conditions in police communities.

"The association plays a critical role in fostering unity, providing support to law enforcement families, and advancing grassroots development.

"Since its inception, he said, POWA has served as a pillar of emotional and economic support, especially for women and children affected

by the occupational demands placed on police officers."

In his key note address, IGP Egbetokun reaffirmed the NPF's support for the Police Officers' Wives Association (POWA), describing it as a strategic ally in enhancing the welfare of police families and strengthening the social fabric that supports national security.

The Inspector-General of Police who was represented by the Assistant Inspector-General of Police in charge of Zone 2, AIG Adegoke Fayoade, described POWA as more than a ceremonial body.





He said the association now plays a vital role in supporting police families, advancing women's empowerment, and bridging trust between the Force and the civilian population.

Going down memory lane from informal support networks in the 1970s to its formal establishment in 1984, the IGP praised its transformation into a national platform focused on vocational training, community outreach, and youth mentorship. He emphasized that the future of POWA lies in embracing transformational leadership that inspires vision, promotes integrity, fosters innovation, and nurtures individual growth.

He urged members to see themselves as

change agents whose influence extends beyond police barracks into broader societal development.

In her address, the National President of POWA, Mrs. Elizabeth Egbetokun, emphasized the importance of empowering women to take up leadership roles that impact their homes, communities, and the country at large. She said the association is entering a new

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phase that prioritizes innovation, mentorship, and proactive engagement.

According to Mrs. Egbetokun, unlocking POWA's potential requires deliberate steps to harness the strengths of its members, encourage continuous learning, and promote a culture of service and dignity.

The convention served as a platform for reflection and renewal, as members shared insights on strengthening family resilience,

advancing economic empowerment programs, and deepening community ties.

As POWA looks ahead, its leadership says it remains committed to shaping a future where police families are not only supported but actively engaged in building stronger, more secure societies.

The most significant aspect of the programme was the first segment of the day two events, held at Onikan Stadium, which dwelled majorly on mental health segmented into medical check up, road walk and pep talk on prevalence and risk factor of hypertension among police family delivered by Mrs. Maimuna Mohammed.

Worthy of importance to mention was the follow up segment, which focused on recreational sporting activities such as egg roll, picking the balls, calabash roll and footballing for sister organisations, all DIGs, AIGs and CPs wives present at the event.

The Segment was however rapped up with award presentation to the participants and a closing remarks by Sport Committee Chairperson Mrs. Sarah Atayero.

Second segment of the day was indeed an



aspect that rekindle the hope of members of the association of a better tomorrow, as they went with bountiful joy. It was dominated with gifting of empowerment items by the National President of POWA Mrs. Egbetokun to some members to lift them up for self reliance.

The day 3 event of the programme, held at the Balmoral hall, Federal Palace Hotel, which turned out to be impactful and transformative, climaxed with a talent hurt show, focussing on the Best Dresser (Run Way Model), Best in Cat Work (Run Way Model), Best in Speech Presentation (Champion Orator), Best Dance (Delighted Stepper), Best Singer (Melodist) and Best Hairstyle (Impressively Hair Styling).

Giving the well thought out activities that characterised the National Convention, it's clearly evidential that the POWA National President Dr. Mrs. Elizabeth Egbetokun has refined the Association and it's leadership to become a strategic partner in enhancing the welfare of Police families, thereby strengthening the social fabric that supports national security.

Hon. Jimoh Saliu: Symbol Of Grace, Unifier, Better Angels Of Our Nature

aily occurrences in human's behaviours and character, which defer, have brought about the conclusion that sometimes, during creation, God almighty seems to take extraordinary time to craft certain human beings with special care and perfection.

This expression perfectly depicts the person of Hon. Jimoh Olawale Saliu (a.k.a alfa Wale) the incumbent chairman of Apapa - Iganmu Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Lagos South West Nigeria.

His assumption of office shortly after the swearing -in ceremony of the chairmen of 20 Local Government Council and 37 LCDA by Governor Babajide Sarwo-Olu on 27th of July, 2025, has changed the atmosphere at the 3- storey building Secretariat of the LCDA christened "Anago Hall" after the first Council Chairman Pa. C.Z Anago of blessed memory. It has become a Mecca of sort for all.

The tumulus presence of residents, who daily trooped the No. 41 Gaskiya Road Secretariat of the Council, is no doubt a reflection of the genuine love demonstrated by Hon. Jimoh. A man of the people, with milk of kindness, empathy, receptiveness as his DNA. He is simply approachable.



As stressed in the Bible, one of the holy books, in Proverb chapter 29 verse 2 that "when the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice". A visitor to the Secretariat will certainly mistook the large convergence for a money sharing occasion, even without being a commercial or microfinance bank.

What defines him is the passion to transform the people to a resilient, self esteemed individuals and the environment to a better place to be proud of. A man with a forgiving heart. In spite the negative expression and hard stand against his emergence by followers of his opponents, Hon. Jimoh bears no grudge against any, his door is widely open to all, even as he listens to their requests

with rapt attention. Admittance to his office is not by caucus or group affiliation.

His lifestyle is a shinning example of accountability and transparency, which he is known for, right from his days as the Assistant

State Secretary and later Secretary of Alliance for Democracy (AD) Lagos State chapter.

Jimoh is an embodiment of humour, sophistication, and charm. His warm smile and refined composure even as a journalist delight, reflects a man of rare distinction. Beyond his outward appearance, Jimoh

possesses an inner mind defined by kindness, intelligence, humility and deeper sense of responsibility. Absolutely friendly, a God fearing selfless leader, who carries himself with dignity and respect. But above all, detest criminal elements and their ilks with great passion.

Determined to transform the landscape of Apapa-Iganmu LCDA, humanly and materially to greater heights,



Hon. Jimoh addressing stakeholders during the sensitization programme on the continuous voters registration esercise at Council Secretariat.

Jimoh had envisioned better life as encapsulated in his campaign manifesto, with security, youth development, education, infrastructur

improvement, and the general wellbeing of the community.

Upon assumption of office, the people centric chairman wasted no time in hitting the ground running with the appointment of his immediate inner staff, which consists of cerebral professionals in their various fields. They formulate innovative ideas,

collaborative problem-solving, and initiative-driven discussions. In unison, they brainstorm solutions and share expertise, and drive positive changes.

It is important to note that his security team is a top notch, following the series of violent acts foiled, and



arrest made in the event that it occurred. Suspects are swiftly handed over to appropriate law enforcement agencies for prosecution.

Another aspect very dear to his heart, is a qualitative public health facility for the residents. Walking the talk of his campaign promises, the workaholic and energetic council helmsmen in less than a month in office, has taken a bold step by

embarking on a working tour of the site for the proposed Public Health Centre in Badia area of the Council,

Similarly, his knack for qualitative



education for the vouth received a boost, as he same day, visited the gigantic complex of Ireti-Owaseni Nursery and Primary School, Badia and assured the teeming crowd that the complex will be converted to a secondary school due to its large size. He added that pupils of the primary school will be relocated to Oloiowon Demonstration School within the same compound.

Jimoh assured that all his campaign promises will be kick started before his 100 days in affice.

He lamented that both wards "C" and "D" are without public health centre, vowing that the shortfall will become a thing of the past under his watch.

It will be recalled that the new Council boss had during his campaign tour promised to built health centres in each of the wards lacking such facility and a public secondary school in the





local government area.

Moving forward, in a bold step to empower the next generation of leaders, Hon, Jimoh

flagged off a free summer coaching for pupils from Primary 4 to 6 and students of JSS 1 to 3 and SSS 1 to 3 during the long holidays.

Tagged "Olugbani Summer Classes", the impactful initiative, which kicked off on Monday, August 11th and running till 12th September, 2025, at Olojowon Demonstration School. Badia and Ireakari Nursery and Primary, Sari Iganmu, is not just an academic exercise. but a path to greater heights.focusing on morals to equip the kids with academic support, leadership values to

excel in all aspects of life.

Also, in a significant expression of his commitment to ensuring a safer environment through building safety and structural integrity to avoid building collapse, the Apapa-Iganmu LCDA boss joined stakeholders

at the Tafawa Balewa Square, Race Course, Lagos on Wednesday for the enlightenment

and advocacy programme on building safety and structural integrity initiative.



The programme tagged "National Building Safety and Structural Integrity Initiative Workshop" organized by the Lagos State Government is geared towards building project with durable life span to further avoid collapse and catastrophic episode in the state.

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The presence of the Peoples Council number one citizen at the programme, is a demonstration of his resolve to build a resilient Apapa-Iganmu where residents can live without fear of building collapse in line with the THEMES Agenda of the Lagos State Governor Mr. Babajide Olusola Sanwo-Olu.

In demonstration of his kindness and empathy Hon. Jimoh defied all engagements to personally visit and empathized with victims of a fire outbreak that ravaged the Iron and Plank Market, along the Railway axis of the local council development area on Saturday, 22nd August, 2025. Though no casualty was recorded, but lost of goods, Hon. Jimoh extended his deepest sympathies. He prayed that God guides, protects, and restores the affectees, granting them the strength to rebuild and recover.

As the journey of the four years



The burnt iron market at the Reilwey line axis of Apape-Loanne LCDA.

administration begins in earnest, the people of Apapa-Iganmu LCDA unarguably will find in Hon. Jimoh Olawale Saliu, christened "Sheu" by admirers, a beacon of hope, pillar of strength and a force for positive transformation, whose impact will be felt for generations to come. He embodies a rich grassroot political tradition garnered over three decades political sojourn as a progressive politician.



Sea of students and pupils at the summer classes listing with rapt attention to the motivational talk by the Chairman of Apapa Iganmu LCDA Hon. Jimoh Olawale Saliu at Olajewan Demonstration Nursery and Primary School, Badia.



Hon. Jimoh Targets Academic Excellence

* Promises Scholarship For Science Students

Distributes Branded Exercise Books To Over 1,000 Students, Pupils

The chairman of Apapa Iganmu LCDA in Lagos State, Hon. Jimoh Saliu has reiterated his commitment to academic excellence, just as he promised to offer full scholarship to 50 students of the council area that gain admission to study science courses in higher institutions from next academic session.

Jimoh made the promise, even as he distributed free exercise books to over 1,000 students and pupils participating in the ongoing holiday coaching tagged "Olugbani Summer Classes" at Ireakari Nursery and Primary School, Sari Iganmu and Ireti-Owoseni Nursery and Primary School Badia, Ijora.

The council boss emphasised that the idea

behind the Summer Classes was to catch the students at young age and prepared them for the future.

Emphasizing that education is the best legacy and bed rock of any developed nation, Jimoh stressed that he intends to transform the local government academically in order to compete favourably with others.

His words, "The idea of the summer classes is to catch them young, and this has been part of me. While I was doing my campaign, I mentioned about education advancement. I want to change the face of my local government in terms of education.

I want the state to know that my community, my students are educationally built.

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"A total number of 5 0 0 and 8 0 0 participants were given free exercise books at the classes respectively. After a mock test at the end of the summer classes, anyone that scores good grade will



In the midst of the beneficiaries of the free

donors from other areas to assist in getting the projects done. I'm not depending only on the IGR or money from the f e d e r a l allocation".

be offered free GCE form. Also, any of the student that made the english, mathematics and other five subjects will definitely get a free JAMB form. And if you are able to make JAMB mark cut off, I will assist you to make sure you secure university admission.

"But there is a difference in terms of that university education. My government will support science students whole heartedly with 100 percent full scholarship. I'll pay for their school fees from year one, and give them little stipend take care of them, to encourage those students to want to study sciences.

"Every year this administration will be giving out 100 forms. If at the end of the day, we're able to have 50 students that gain admission to study sciences, we can take care of them and offer them dull scholarship."

The council helmsmen emphasised that his administration would focused more on education empowerment, adding that he going to seek national and international donors for support.

"My predecessor has already built some roads and I want to focus on education. I'm working with national donor and other Jimoh, who also revealed plan on how to prevent the students from involvement in vices, said arrangement would be made with artisans to engage the students in vocational trainings after school hours.

"I am going to discuss with artisans who are going to engage the students in vacational training after school hours. When they acquire the knowledge for three years, because not all of them that have the school certificate education that would want to further their education. So, with the vacational training, they can be self reliant and empowered and also become employers of labour.", the council helmsmen guipped



Commander Ofoyeju Stuns Edo Drug Traffickers, Arrests 47 Suspects

* Seizes 40,000kg assorted illicit drugs *Destroys 15.852hectares of cannabis plantation

peratives of the Edo State Command of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) have continued to demystify the ranks of illicit drug traffickers, with a recent arrest of 47 suspected traffickers.

The breakthrough is consequent upon a coordinated clampdown on drug traffickers and raid on Ihama Road and other drug flashpoints within the state.

At least, nearly 40,000 kilograms of assorted illicit drugs were seized and 15.852 hectares of cannabis plantations destroyed during the operations.

The Edo State Commander Mitchell Ofayeju made the disclosure in Benin City while presenting the command's scorecard for the month of July 2025.

According to Mitchell, the monthly activities covered several intelligence-led operations which resulted in the dislodgement of drug flashpoints in the state. "The July result reflects the ongoing



commitment to dismantling drug trafficking operations in the state. We apprehended 46 drug suspects, comprising 38 males and 8 females, A total of seven cannabis forms measuring 15.85 hectares across Oke Forest in Uhunmwonde and Ewere Forest in Uzebba, Owan West Local Government Areas, were destroyed. In all, we successfully took 39,983,294 kg of narcotic drugs out of illicit circulation. The breakdown of the drugs

is as follows: cannabis, 39,977.644 kg; psychotropic substances, 5.5753 kg; methamphetamine, 0.26 grammes; cocaine, 0.0598 grammes; and 5.8 litres of codeine syrup." Mitchell stated.

In addition to enforcement actions, the Edo



State Command has been actively engaging the community through drug demand reduction initiatives. A total of 32 individuals with drug use problems received brief intervention counselling, while eleven others are currently undergoing rehabilitation in the command facility. The command equally organised multiple

sensitisation programmes throughout the month, reaching an impressive audience of over 8,000 individuals within the period under review. Among those arrested is a suspected drug baron and cannabis cultivator who has been on the command's wanted list since 2023. Alaba Monday, 49 years old, hails from Owan West local

government area of the state. He was apprehended inside one of the cannabis

farms, where eleven bags of processed cannabis weighing 115 kg were seized.

One Yusuf Isuku, 40 years old, who hails from Etsako West, was arrested along Wareke Road, Auchi, with 22 parcels of skunk, a strong variant of cannabis, weighing 10.265 kg. The drug was hidden inside garri in black bacco bags. Josiah Friday, 48 years old, who hails from Akoko Edo

area of the state, was apprehended along Igara-Auchi Road in Igara with five bags of cannabis weighing 36 kg hidden inside black polythene.

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Another interesting case is that of one Izunna Nwankwo, 26 years old, who was arrested along Benin-



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Auchi Road with assorted psychotropic drugs. The suspect, who hails from Ishielu local government area of Ebonyi State, was found with 15,400 capsules of tramadol, 200 tablets of swinol, 357 tablets of molly and 54 bottles of codeine cough syrup. Similarly, some of the drug dealers arrested along the notorious Ihama Road, GRA

Benin City, include Emmanuel Onaji, 29 years old, from Ogbadibo local government area of Benue State, caught with molly, Joshua Paul,

21 years old, from Ovia North East, Edo State, was caught with Loud: Prosper Titus, 20 years old, from Gboko local government area of Benue State, was caught with Loud; Andy Obioma, 28 years old, from Kana local government of Rivers State: and Agu Emmanuel, 23 years old, from Kachia local government area

of Kaduna State, was caught with Loud.

Commander of Narcotics, Mitchell Ofoyeju, reaffirmed the commitment of the Edo State Command to continue efforts against drug

trafficking, vowing to prosecute those arrested and dismantle drug cartels that threaten the state's welfare.





We will not condone deliberate and unprovoked harassment, attacks, and unwarranted killings of our Police Officers who have dedicated themselves to securing lives and property of all Nigerians. Every such attack or killing henceforth will be met with a commensurate and lawful force as an attack on a public officer in the line of duty is tantamount to an attack on the state. Enough is Enough. This strong warning is made clear again so that evil-doers, criminals, and agents of destruction in Nigeria will know that their offences against the State, its agencies, and its people will not go unpunished.

> IGP Kayode Egbetokun, PhD, NPM Inspector-General of Police Federal Republic of Nigeria 8th August, 2023

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