

## Bus drivers, task force clash in Lagos over alleged extortion

By Jesutomi Akomolafe

**M**EN of the Lagos State Environment and Special Offences Enforcement Unit (Task Force) yesterday dispersed protesting drivers at Oba-Akran with tear gas. According to bus drivers in the area, the task force officers shot several rounds of tear gas in the area to chase the protesting motorists away.

A bus driver, known as Moshod, said: "It was around 9:30a.m. and we came from Ikeja to Oba-Akran to ask the government to stop the task force from arresting us and

collecting money from us. "Suddenly, the task force members started shooting tear gas at us and everybody ran away."

An eyewitness alleged the officers came with hoodlums who engaged the drivers in a battle with sticks and bottles.

A trader, Iya Kemi said: "We saw them coming from Guinness' side and the drivers were at Mosalashi-Alajah. The policemen were armed and the hoodlums beside them were carrying bottles. All the traders had to run for safety. But the clash did not last beyond 30

minutes." When *The Guardian* visited the area at about 3p.m., normalcy had been restored as traders were seen displaying their wares.

This came a week after two commercial bus drivers and a commercial motorcyclist were injured at Cele Bus Stop, on the Oshodi-Apapa Expressway, following protest over alleged extortion by security agents. The victims were allegedly wounded by invading hoodlums who seized the opportunity to cause mayhem as they wielded machetes, knives and sticks.

By Gbenga Salau

**EXECUTIVE Chairman,** Itire-Ikate Local Council Development Authority (ICDA), Dr. Ahmed Olanrewaju Apatira, has declared open a two-week summer skill acquisition and vocational training programme for 400 youths at the council secretariat. The programme was in collaboration with Speed-Up Lagos.

Reiterating his commitment to empowering and engaging youths in the communities, Apatira said his administration had engaged seasoned instructors to take participants on prac-

## Council equips 400 youths with vocational skills

tical classes on home essential items production, catering and food production, make-up techniques, fashion and souvenir items, digital marketing, cutting of nylon, barbing, event planning and decoration, and printing and customising, and cosmetology. The best student in each category, he said, would benefit from the Itire-Ikate Empowerment Scheme that entails provision of start-up funds and trade equipment.

### LOSS OF LAND DOCUMENTS

The Land documents of **Late (Mr) Obasi Benjamin Sunday Chukwuma** the bona-fide owner of the land property at number **5, Ngene street, off Precious street opposite Christian victory prayer Ministry city Church, one-day, off Garriki Awkunanaw, Enugu, Enugu State. IS MISSING.** If found please, contact: **Mrs Jane Obasi (wife) 08032100190.** General public take note.

### PUBLIC NOTICE COURT ORDER

This is to notify **MUSBAHU IBRAHIM** and **NAZIRI ISYAKA** of Rimi quartets Kafin Maiyaki, Kuru LGA Kano State (defendants). **ADAMU ALI** and **AHMED IBRAHIM** of Dorawar Sallawu, Garun Mallam LGA Kano State (defendants). In the case between **SAMAGADA Industries Limited** (plaintiff). The hearing of the case is coming up on the 16th day of October, 2021 at the Court premises, High Court 8, Port Harcourt, Rivers State. Signed: **SAMAGADA**

## CAN urges compulsory test for security agencies

From Murtala Adewale, Kano

**T**HE Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN), yesterday, called for compulsory drug tests for all security agencies to purge citizens of drug abuse.

The body also urged National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) to widen its scope of operations beyond arrest of traffickers of illicit substances.

CAN Chairman in Kano State, Rev. Samuel Adeolu Adeyemo, made the call when the association re-

ceived Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of NDLEA, Muhammad Buba Marwa, and the management team on advocacy visit to CAN secretariat in Kano.

The NDLEA chairman had earlier requested church leaders to leverage the endowed power of pulpits to preach on the negative consequences of illicit substances.

Marwa, who revealed that Nigeria parades no fewer than 10.6 million abusers of drug, stressed that one in six persons in Kano abuses drugs.

## Lagos police task citizens on security as church donates gadgets

By Edu Abade

**T**HE Lagos State Police Command has urged citizens to be security-conscious and report any suspicious movement or actions capable of threatening the safety of residents.

Commissioner of Police, Hakeem Odumosu, who was represented by the Deputy Commissioner of Police in charge of Operations, Ahmed Kontagora, stated this during the presentation of security

equipment to 10 police formations by the Lagos Province 44 of the Redeemed Christian Church of God at Area C Command Headquarters in Surulere at the weekend. Commending the RCCG for the gesture, he said the equipment, which comprised crowd control gadgets, walkie-talkie, body camera and other devices, would assist the police to effectively check crime and arrest security breaches in the state.



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