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By Abdulmutallib A. Abubakar

FORMER Special Adviser to the ex-Senate President Ken Nnamani on Media and Communications, Mr. Augusten Bashir Adamu, has passed away at the age of 48 after a brief illness.

Mr. Adamu died at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital.

He served in the Champions Newspapers as an editor and rose to deputy general manager in charge of group publication before he was appointed by Senator Nnamani.

A 1987 graduate of Mass Communication from the University of Maiduguri, Adamu also had a journalism stint with the Guardian Newspapers Limited in Lagos before joining the former Senate President in 2005.

According to statement signed by a member of the deceased family, Dr. Aliu Adamu, the burial of late Adamu will take place tomorrow (Friday) at his home town, Etsako West local government of Edo State.

Policeman charged with manslaughter

33, be remanded in Kuje Prison for allegedly killing two persons.

The police prosecutor, Sgt. Usman Jibrin, had told the court that Ijebula, on Dec. 22, 2009, allegedly shot dead a policeman, Cpl Umaru Samaila, and one Malam Maigari Abdullhai.

Jibrin said the offence was committed in Paikokore in Gwagwalada Area Coun-

terday ordered that a police-accused person used a to read or man, Cpl Alexander Ijebula, police AK 47 rifle number accused. CO 14094 to commit the

> Ijebula pleaded not guilty to the charge and told is the accused who will take the court that he had no money to engage a counsel.

A friend of the court, Mr John Onuoha, argued that the accused should not be fore not bailable.

made to take a plea in the absence of a counsel.

AN Abuja High Court yes- cil of the FCT and that the the court had the discretion to read out the charges to the

> In his ruling, Justice M.N. Oniyangi said that "even if his counsel is here, it the plea, not his counsel."

> The judge also said that the offence was punishable with death and was there-

He ordered that the accused be remanded in But another lawyer, Mr Kuje prison and adjourned Teslim Agboola, said that the case to Nov. 9. (NAN)

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