

## 18 killed in road crash

From John Mayaki, Benin

**F**IFTEEN women and three men, were at the weekend killed in a road accident at Ofosu on the Benin-Ore Expressway, a boundary town between Edo and Ondo states.

The accident occurred when a luxury bus marked XL 750 ASR belonging to ABC Transport Company collided with another bus (XD 621 USL) belonging to Ohonba Line.

Eye witnesses told *The Comet* that the luxury bus, which was coming from Lagos, left its lane for the Benin-Lagos lane when it ran into the Ohonba Line bus.

All the occupants of the Ohonba Line bus died. Four persons in the luxury bus were injured.

The bodies were taken to the Ore General Hospital in Ondo State. The Okada Unit Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Mr. Uzor Chukwuma, who led a rescue team to the scene, declined to speak on the accident.

He directed enquiries to the Edo State Sector Commander of the commission for comments.

### NDE trains 97 women

**N**ATIONAL Directorate of Employment (NDE) trained 97 women in Kaduna on food processing and preservation last year to make them self-employed.

State coordinator of the directorate, Malam Umar Kadira disclosed this during his visit to Kaduna.

He said the training became necessary to ensure the economic empowerment of women.

### Panel seeks new ministry



• Lagos State Governor Bola Ahmed Tinubu (right) presenting a key of a Vanguard's Deputy Photo Editor who died in an accident on Maiduguri-P... Editor of Vanguard, Mr Gbenga Adefaye at the Governor's Office, Alausa

## ACD to Fed Gov presid

**T**HE Advanced Congress of Democrats (ACD) has said that "it is the constitutional right of every Nigerian to know how public funds are being spent by the government".

Commenting on the purchase of the new presidential jet, the party said that in a decent society, the government should explain all its expenditure profiles.

"The controversial presidential jet was purchased with public funds and if therefore within two weeks of taking delivery of the aircraft, it developed technical hitches, the public certainly has the right to ask whether or not

Nigerians are getting value for their money", it said in a statement signed by its Media and Publicity Chairman, Alhaji Lai Mohammed.

The party said rather than hauling journalists and their employers to court on charges of sedition, the Federal Government should give Nigerians its own side of the story "and if the government felt so bad, it could have sued the journalists for libel."

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## Crisis in health secto

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services and facilities and drugs were either very low or there was prevalence of fake drugs sub-standard and unregistered health institutions."

The resultant effects of these, he added were that at some point, health institutions became shadow of themselves and

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