

Ilejemeje council boss celebrates with the less privileged

from N10,000 to N20,000, artificial limbs for amputees and a wheel chair to a man, who was reported to have been consigned to his room owing to permanent incapacitation. Some 30 physically-challenged students also got help.

Respite also came the way of an unidentified amputee, whose medical bill of N150,00 was paid off.

Oladipo, regretted that 19 million people in this category in the country have been inflicted with wanton neglect by successive governments, which he said was not only pathetic but criminal.

Oladipo assured that the 2010 would be more elaborate to present a platform for more people to benefit.

"By next year, we are going to spend millions of this programme, because we are going to inject the cost in our budget and approval will be taken from the State Government. It is now a compulsory annual event in this local government to celebrate these people because they are human beings", he said.

The wife of the chairman,



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project is a vital one insisting that it will not only create self reliance among the people but launch them into contributing towards national development.

"Considering the lack of skills we have in Nigeria especially in Imo state, the project will benefit the state in many folds. This is because we are coming in to train carpenters with the latest equipment and tools in the carpentry industry. We will import the equipment from Canada in North America and install them here in Imo state. They (men and women) will be trained on how to use this equipment to perfect them in all aspects of civil engineering jobs," he said.

He disclosed that the trainers, would be coming from Canada and would be in the state for a period of eight to 12 months.

Mrs. Temitope Oladipo, while distributing the materials, had expressed joy that these people were remembered at last, saying being born with disabilities could not be taken as one's fault, neither could one blame God for it.

Mrs. Oladipo charged them to make use of the opportunity to their maximum benefit, so that they would be independent of other people to survive.

Responding on-behalf of the beneficiaries, chairman, Joint Association of Persons with Disabilities in the state, Mr. Peter Ojo, told his people that disability is in one's

Mind and not in the way he was born or created by God.

He charged them to always infuse the spirit of confidence and creativity in their heart and refrain from losing hope when they are to strive on their own to make life better.

17 pro-Ladoja supporters perish in auto crash

By DELE OGUNYEMI

TRAGEDY hit the political camp of a former Oyo State Governor, Senator Rashidi Ladoja yesterday as 17 of his supporters died in a ghastly auto accident.

In an emotion laden voice, the Chief Press Secretary to Ladoja, ~~Alhaji Rashidi Latinwo told our correspondent on phone that~~ between 15 and 17 people have been confirmed dead in the unfortunate incident.

Alhaji Latinwo said the accident occurred along Ado-Awaye/Okeho road in the Oke Ogun area of the state. He said the supporters who were traveling in what could be described as a convoy lost their lives in the road carnage.

When asked about how the accident occurred, the CPS said he could not state precisely how it happened, stressing that he was too shocked to enquire about how the accident occurred.

Mostly affected, according to him, were the women supporters of the group who were said to be traveling to attend the burial of the father of one of them at Okeho, headquarters of Kajola Local Government.

Another notable leader of Ladoja group, Mr. Adeolu Abraham Adeleke who is also the former Speaker of the State House of Assembly said in an SMS text, "it is with deep regret to announce the sudden death of some supporters of Senator Rashidi Ladoja who were involved in a ghastly accident.

"His Excellency, Senator Ladoja hereby sympathizes with the families of the departed souls and prays for the repose of their souls".

Adeleke released few names of the victims to include; Mrs. Bose Adedigba, a former Women leader, Akeem Adekola, Tajudeen Afolabi, Toyin Adeyemi and others.