

Tribunal sacks LG chairman

Ahmed Mohammed, Jos

AN Appeal Election Petition Tribunal sitting in Jos Plateau State has nullified the election of Mr Nandon Pyennap Chairman of Langtang North local government council.

Mr Pyennap of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) had appealed against the decision of lower tribunal of September 23, 2009 which nullified his election and declared Mr Brian Dadi of the Democratic Peoples Party (DPP) as the dully elected chairman.

Mr Dadi had challenged the declaration of the PDP candidate as the winner of the last council polls without counting the result of the election. The tribunal had then ordered for the counting of the votes and Dadi emerged winner having polled 15,807 votes against PDP's 15,499.

The tribunal Chairman, Justice Yargata Nimpar upheld the decision of the lower tribunal and ordered the Plateau State Independent Electoral Commission to issue Mr Brian Dadi of the Democratic Peoples Party DPP the certificate of return and authorities to sworn him as the dully elected chairman of Langtang North.

Soldier kills guard in Adamawa

Abdullahi Tasiu Abubakar, Yola

A soldier has shot dead a private security guard in Mubi town of Adamawa State, witnesses and security sources told *Weekly Trust* yesterday.

The security guard simply identified as Bello was guarding a block of houses, owned by former Vice Chancellor of Adamawa State University Professor Abdurrahman Ghaji but rented by some staff of the university, when the soldier gunned him down.

He had reportedly had a dispute with one other person

before the soldier came in – possibly on the invitation of the other party – and pursued him inside the building and shot him dead, sources in Mubi told *Weekly Trust*.

The incident occurred on Thursday and Bello's body was deposited at the hospital before he was buried yesterday, they said.

The soldier, whose name has not yet been disclosed by army authorities, is serving with the anti-robbery task force in the state known as Operation Tsaro; but officials of the task force have distanced themselves from the shooting.

Army sources confirmed the incident but declined comment. When our correspondent visited the 23 Brigade in Yola yesterday, officers said they could not comment on the incident now because Brigade Commander Brigadier General U. Buzugbe was away in Jos.

The State Police Command too had confirmed the incident and said the matter would be investigated.

Police spokesperson Altine Daniel said adequate security measures had been taken to ensure that the town remains calm and people go about their normal businesses.