

# Yobe CAN chairman dies in crash

From Hamza Idris, Damaturu

REVEREND father Godwin Teru, the chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria (CAN) in Yobe State died Sunday in a motor accident close to the Damaturu City Gate, about three kilometres away from his house.

Teru, who was also the Parish Priest of St. Mary's Catholic Church, was returning from Azare in Bauchi State where he attended a religious meeting.

Family sources said the accident which occurred Sunday night was discovered early yesterday and the remains of the chairman and another person who was critically injured were taken to the Catholic Cathedral of Maiduguri Diocese and the Sani Abacha Specialists Hospital Damaturu respectively. Yobe State Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission Mr S.G Maitzumahs confirmed the accident.

## Plateau govt defends self on Kuru killings

From Ahmed Mohammed, Jos

THE Plateau State government, Plateau Radio Television and the state Commissioner for Justice Mr Edward Pwajok yesterday defended themselves over allegations of involvement in the killing of people in the 17th to 20th January Jos crisis.

This was contained in a statement of defence filed

yesterday before the Federal High Court 2 in Jos by the 5th, 6th and 7th respondents which was signed by the state Attorney General Barrister Edward Pwajok.

"There was no combined action between the former Commissioner of Police and the PRTV that triggered any alleged attack that led to the killings of a population in Kuru Jenta", the statement said.

## Gunmen kidnap traditional ruler, kill two

GUNMEN kidnapped a traditional ruler and killed two persons while they were attending a church service in Port Harcourt, police said Sunday.

At least five others were injured in the attack on Eze Sunday Njoku, the traditional ruler of the Umuebulu community near the oil hub Port Harcourt in Rivers State.

"The hoodlums, who extracted (Njoku) from his seat inside the church, killed two people who reportedly attempted to block them,"

said Rita Inoma-Abbey, spokeswoman for the Rivers State police.

