

Cholera kills 80 in Adamawa

From Ibrahim Muhammad, Yola

EIGHTY persons have so far been confirmed dead as a result of cholera outbreak in nine local government areas of Adamawa State with over 1,000 cases recorded.

The state government has

procured the Oral Rehydration Salt (ORS) worth N1.6 million as part of measures to curtail the spread of the disease, officials say.

The state director of disease control, Dr. L.C. Barka, who confirmed the death toll to our correspondent yesterday,

said rapid response teams from the Ministry of Health, in collaboration with other donor agencies were deployed to the affected areas and they are on the top of the situation.

"There is an impressive improvement in the control of the epidemic," Dr Barka said.

Worst hit is Madagali Local Government Area, where all the wards have been enveloped by the epidemic. Other local councils affected are Yola South, Demsa, Numan, Guyuk, Ganye, Michika and Lamurde.

While attributing the outbreak to poor hygiene and

misapplication of drugs, Dr Barka expressed concern that ignorance by some local health officials compounded the situation. The director stressed the need for people to be health conscious and report any strange disease in their locality for prompt attention.

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'Pope didn't commend Yuguda'

THE Apostolic Nuncio to Nigeria, Archbishop Augustine Kasujja, has refuted a statement from Alhaji Sanusi Mohammed, the Senior Special Assistant on Media to Bauchi State Governor, Isa Yuguda, in which Catholic Pontiff, Pope Benedict XVI, was reported to have described the governor as religious and friendly. A statement from the Archbishop yesterday said Pope Benedict never made any such pronouncement on the governor.

Attaching a copy of a message signed by the President of the Pontifical Council for Inter-Religious Dialogue, Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran to mark 'Id el-Fitr and the end of Ramadan on which the government statement was based, the Archbishop said it was not true that the Pope made the remark.

He however said in the spirit of that message, he wished all Muslims a happy and a blessed 'Id el-Fitr.



SUSPECTED robbers arrested at Kpoibi village, Seme Border end of Benin Republic yesterday.

Flood kills Katsina PDP official

MALAM Surajo Audu, a PDP executive member in Yammama Ward, Malumfashi Local Government Area of Katsina State, drowned in a flood last Tuesday.

The flood claimed Audu's life as he was trying to cross a river to his village, Gwanamarde, from Yammama. A woman, Lubabatu Umar, of Kurmin-Sarki village, also died on the same day when a house collapsed on her.

The councilor representing the ward, Alhaji Mainasara Abubakar, who confirmed the deaths yesterday, added that dozens of houses collapsed.. (NAN)

Unknown gunmen kill Borno ward head

From Sharafa Dauda and Yahaya Ibrahim, Maiduguri

THE Ward Head (Bulama) of Bulabulin Alajiri, Bulama Hassan, was Tuesday shot dead by two persons in front of his residence at the outskirts of Maiduguri.

The incidence took place on Tuesday around 8.30pm in the area located near the Maiduguri flour mills, Daily Trust learnt.

The killers were said to have used a motorcycle, passed by his house thrice before finally shooting at him and speeding off. A

neighbour who spoke to our correspondent said before the incident, he sat with the deceased along with another neighbour but stood up and went into his house only to hear gun shots later. He said they were all seated at the scene of the crime after observing their Isha'i (last Muslim prayers for the day) and Tarawih, an extensive prayer during Ramadan.

"I stood up and went into my house. The other neighbour too had gone into the house of the deceased to get him his rosary.

Shortly afterwards, I heard gun shots. I rushed out to find him in a pool of blood. He was still alive at the time and we reported to the Divisional Police Officer of the area who instructed his men to convey the victim to the hospital," he said.

Unofficial police sources who confirmed the incident said the late Bulama was shot in the arm and thigh and could have survived if he had received urgent medical attention, but he bled to death as he was left unattended to at the public hospital he was rushed to

following the current strike action by doctors in the state.

Senior police sources who spoke to our correspondent on conditions of anonymity said from all indications, the attack is similar to that of the syndicate who have recently been killing and snatching rifles from policemen.

Daily Trust recalls that another Bulama was recently shot in similar circumstances at Mainok in Konduga Local Government Area, but escaped with bullet wounds and is now recuperating.

Libyan Institute celebrates revolution's 41st anniversary

From Hicham Hbhih, Kano

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