

"There is need to have in government people who know what governance is all about and who can handle matters without supervision. You do not start apprenticeship towards the end of a journey. We would rather go for someone we can entrust with certain levels of responsibility so that governance can go on". Responding, the new SSG, Dr. Imuekemhe thanked the governor for the opportunity to serve. He assured that the trust reposed in him would not be betrayed.

Gunmen kill cop in Rivers

From Bashiru Abdullahi, Port Harcourt

TWO weeks after the killing of six police men in Rivers State, a police corporal has again been killed by yet to be identified gunmen in the state capital, the police commissioner, Suleiman Abba told *Daily Trust* yesterday.

Suleiman Abba in a telephone interview with our correspondent identified the murdered policeman as Corporal Ekere Enuinam, saying he was killed when a group of hoodlums attacked them in an effort to snatch police guns at the weekend. He said the hoodlums who operated in a black jeep were taken on by the Metro Police patrol team, thereby foiling their plan to take the police rifle.

The police said they arrested a suspected kidnapper, Sanga Prince in Ikiri village of the state yesterday when they rescued a woman, Ezekwe Ijeoma, from kidnappers. This came on the heels of another arrest at the weekend of a dismissed soldier, Lawson Amaechi, believed to be operating a gang after they allegedly kidnapped an elderly woman, Jelina Okoroma, in front of her house in Port Harcourt.

Boy, 13, charged with stabbing man to death

From Yahaya Ibrahim, Maiduguri

THE police in Borno State yesterday arraigned a 13-year-old boy, before a Maiduguri high court for allegedly stabbing a 30-year-old man to death.

The accused who hails from Bolingo village in Bama Local Government Area of Borno State was alleged to have stabbed Mallam

Mohammed Hassan to death.

According to the charge sheet which was read to the boy, he was said to have engaged in a fight with the deceased over a calabash of milk when he stabbed the man on the chest, resulting in serious injury. The man was said to have been rushed to a clinic in the area and was later confirmed dead by doctors and Umaru was subsequently arrested by the police.

Umaru was arraigned before Justice Pindar Haruna Ngadda of Maiduguri High Court 10 for culpable homicide under Section 224 of the penal code law.

When the charge was read, he pleaded guilty and asked for forgiveness, saying he did not intend to kill the man. Justice Ngadda remanded the accused in a home and adjourned the case to July 6 for hearing.

Shettima tasks LG chairmen on security

From Yahaya Ibrahim, Maiduguri

GOVERNOR Kashim Shettima of Borno State yesterday charged the new local government caretaker chairmen in the state to liaise with security operatives in their areas in order to curtail the increasing wave of insecurity in the state.

The governor who gave the charge yesterday during the swearing in of 26 local govern-

ment caretaker chairmen noted that they are the chief security officers of their local governments and as such have the duty to ensure the security of lives and property.

"It is necessary to liaise with security operatives in your local government areas to ensure security of lives and property", he told them. Shettima also warned against mismanagement of public resources, saying mis-

management of public resources could hamper development and stifle his vision for the state. The governor warned that he would not tolerate wasteful use of public resources either by the local government administration or political office holders.

"Let me reiterate that this administration will not tolerate mismanagement of the public resources and I appeal to all local government councils and indeed

all political and public office holders that they should ensure that they use the resources for the purpose which they are meant so that we can have development at the grassroots and enhance the living condition of our people," he said.

He urged the new chairmen to always delegate responsibilities with appropriate authority so that government activities would not be halted while they are away.

Dutch experts train W/African farmers on commercial farming

From Christiana T. Alabi, Kaduna

AGRICULTURAL experts from the Netherlands yesterday commenced a two weeks' training for West African small scale farmers on becoming market oriented.

Speaking during the opening ceremony of the 2011 PTC+ West African Alumni refresher course held in Kaduna, the director PTC, Netherlands, Hermans Voortman, said changing the attitude of small scale farmers was quite simple but contains many issues to work on, adding that

the issues are not easy to deal with.

According to him, the work is not only on feeding or the transfer of animals but more importantly, spending time to control and analyze. "Our challenge for training and extension is that we make farmers aware of their attitude," he added. Voortman noted that there is need for farmers to realize that the demand of the consumers from different countries is not the same, adding that it is not only applicable to export of products. "When you produce products for national, regional or local market, you also have

to produce what the consumer wants because when you produce what you are unable to sell then production is useless," he stressed.

Earlier in his address, the director of Ovo-Concept Consultancy Services Ltd, Mr. Genon Barnabas Da'u stressed that when the attitude of farmers are changed, it will bring about improvement in the agricultural sector. He urged participants to multiply the effect of the seminar so that food security can be established. The 20 participants are from Nigeria, Ghana, Senegal and Burkina-Faso.