

Jang signs 20

From Mahmud Lalo, Jos

PLATEAU State Governor Jonah Jang yesterday signed into law, the 2011 Appropriation budget of N86.5 billion. The budget was signed after it was submitted Monday by the legislature following the passage of the bill which

was earlier submitted to the sixth Assembly in December last year. Ministries, boards and parastatals had last week appeared before various committees set up by the state Assembly to defend their budgets which saw the passage of the bill after adopting 10 out of the 16 recommendations submitted

by the appropriation committee.

Speaking at the Governor's Office in Jos after signing the bill, Jang said out of the N39.6b will serve as recurrent expenditure while N46.9b will be for capital expenditure, adding that

Unidentified persons kill Bauchi Poly student

From Ahmed Mohammed, Bauchi

GUNMEN on Monday night killed a student of the Abubakar Tatari Ali Polytechnic (ATAP) at the school premises, a senior lecturer in the polytechnic has said.

"The student, Abdul-lahi Sabo Mohammed, a diploma two student of the department of Accounting and Audit, was killed last night by people suspected to be his close associates," the lecturer said.

"From the report we gathered, Sabo who lives off

campus, came to the school last night to see his girl friend after calling her on phone. She had earlier told him she was fasting and so he should come later. On her way to where he was waiting for her, she saw four men who wore black singlets. They shot him on the chest. The girl fainted as a result of the incident, while some students around the scene informed us. Our security men called the police who came and took the corpse away," he added.

The Registrar, Mallam Baba Galadima, said it was the first time such an act

was taking place since the school was established over 20 years ago. He said, "we have no cultists, no student has ever been killed in our school."

Galadima said the state government has intervened. "We held a meeting with leaders of the students union and the state government will fence the school premises to guarantee security." The Police Public Relations Officer, Mohammed Barau, said the deceased was shot dead in the school premises around 11:30pm by five unidentified young men suspected to be cultists.

Leader urges youths to shun negative behaviour

From Rakiya A. Muhammad, Sokoto

NIGERIAN youths have been advised to shun negative tendencies and channel their skills into productive

youths not to hide under any socio-economic challenge to engage in crimes and social menace.

He said the Forum has the mission of enlightening the youths on the need to

youths in Sokoto stay out of social menace." According to him, the forum has 13 offices in local governments across the state. He said also as part its contribution to the youths