



SYMPATHIZERS watching helplessly as Lagos State Environmental Task Force bulldozer demolish residential buildings on Adejobi Street, Agege, to give way for free flow of water.

4 die in Owerri auto crash

From John Kennedy Uzoma, Owerri

FOUR persons were on Sunday killed in an auto crash along the Owerri- Aba express way. The incident, which occurred at the junction leading to the Federal Polytechnic Nekede in Imo State, involved a Keke Napep and a Hiace bus.

Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC) in Imo State, Mr. David Mendie confirmed the incident, but said he was still awaiting details of the accident.

Group wants perpetrators of Bida Poly riot punished

From Aliyu M. Hamagarn, Minna

THE NUPE Foundation through its president, Alhaji Yabagi Sani, has called for severe punishment for those behind last week's unrest at the Federal Polytechnic Bida, Niger State. Addressing newsmen in Bida, Sani condemned the riot, which led to the closure of the school, urging the relevant authority to conduct a thorough investigation to fish out those behind the unrest. "We want all those involved, be it students, lecturers or management staff to be identified and punished according to the laws of the land," the group said.

The foundation also urged the institution's management to always take proactive measures before such situations get out of hand. The group further pledged to support any action that would develop education in the area.

How Godogodo principal was killed, by suspect

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

GAMBO Hassan, the principal suspect arrested in connection with the killing of the principal of Meyir Secondary school, Mr. Thomas Kure, has narrated how the incident occurred. The principal was slaughtered during a crisis over sheep in Godogodo village in Jema'a Local Government Area of Kaduna State a few weeks ago.

Speaking to *Daily Trust* at the Kaduna police headquarters, Gambo said though he was the first to hit the principal, it was his friend who slaughtered the deceased.

"I was coming back from

somewhere when I saw some youths gathered, I did not know that the principal was the one in their middle, and I used my cutlass to hit him on the neck. But it was somebody else who slaughtered him," he said.

While expressing regrets over his action, he said the principal was a man of the people.

"I feel very bad because the principal was a nice man," he added.

Daily Trust gathered that the crisis started when one Raymond Moses alias Green Moon trespassed into the compound of one Mikailu Mohammed and attempted to steal a sheep. Mikailu

told our correspondent that when he raised alarm, Raymond took to his heel, and that he hit him with a stick while trying to arrest him.

"While he was attempting to jump the fence, I used a stick to hit him because he wanted to hit me too," he said.

It was gathered that Raymond died at the Kowa Clinic in the village, and that when the news of the death filtered into the town, the youths in the area embarked on a violent demonstration. Our correspondent gathered that during the riot, one Yahaya Ahmed, 22, was allegedly killed and set ablaze by the youths.

It was further gathered that on

hearing of the murder of Yahaya, the principal raced to the scene, and was trying to calm the youths when 24 years old Gambo Hassan hit him with a cutlass on his neck. The principal then fell down and one of the youths slaughtered him.

The state's Police Commissioner, Ballah M. Nasarwa while parading the suspects said normalcy has returned to the area, and that security has been beefed up to forestall any reprisal.

"In all, 11 suspects are in our custody and they are assisting us in the investigation. We are urging people of the area to go about their normal activities as we are on top of the situation," he added.