

Former gov Doma, 9 others get bail

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

A Federal High Court sitting in Lafia yesterday granted former governor of Nasarawa State Aliyu Akwe Doma and nine others bail over allegations of fraud by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

Counsel to the EFCC, Femi Pinheiro (SAN) had earlier opposed to the bail applications of the accused persons, saying they were wealthy and might use their resources to influence the trial if granted bail.

Arraigned along with Doma on 15-count charges over alleged fraud involving about N18 billion were his former Secretary to the State Gov-

ernment Timothy Anthony Anjide, former Accountant General Dauda Egwa, a serving House of Representatives member from Kano State Abdulmumini Jibrin, Senator John Danboyi, Suleiman Ibrahim, Aigbakhode John, and three corporate bodies: Incapint Nigeria Limited, Broworks Limited, Green Forest Investment Limited.

Doma was granted bail in the sum of N300 million and two sureties in the like sum and ordered to surrender his international passport to the court. Others were also granted bail accordingly.

Ruling on the application by the counsel to the accused persons, Lateef Fagbemi (SAN), Justice

Marcel Awokulehin said, "The first accused (Doma) is granted bail in the sum of N300 million and two sureties in the like sum. Each of the other accused persons is hereby granted bail in the sum of N200 million naira and two sureties in the like sum. One of the sureties of each of the accused must own landed property within the jurisdiction of this court".

Fagbemi had argued that the offences were bailable, and that the accused persons had voluntarily submitted themselves to the EFCC and would not jump bail. He also said that Doma needed bail on medical grounds.

The case was adjourned to December 6, 2011.

Husband kills wife, man kills grandson

From Ahmed Mohammed, Bauchi

THE Bauchi State Police Command has arrested one Mohammed Sabo of Rigar Tsamiya in Darazo Local Government Area of the state for killing his wife, and one Sani Hamidu at Ashura Rahama village in Toro Local Government Area for killing his grandson.

The state's Deputy Commissioner of Police, Abdulmajid Ali, who paraded the suspects yesterday, said Sabo was arrested after killing his wife with a hoe while on the way to a farm.

He said Hamidu was arrested for killing his grandson, Sagiru Abdullahi and "removing his (Abdullahi's) eyes, private part and throat for a ritual purpose after which his body was dumped in a well inside the bush.

He added that one Sabiu Sirajo, who was in possession of 18 cutlasses and 14 daggers around Peoples Club, opposite Dass Park in Bauchi, was also arrested.

CORRECTION AND APOLOGY

12 killed in Borno auto crash

From Hamza Idris, Maiduguri

TWELVE people were killed Tuesday in an accident at Jakana, Borno State, along the Maiduguri-Bauchi road.

Witnesses said the incident occurred around 5.30pm when a truck had a head on collision with a Yobe Line 18-seater bus,

resulting in the burning of both vehicles.

"It was a head on collision...many people were involved in the accident and all of those in the small bus were trapped for several minutes. We saw them cry for help, but we could not do much because of the raging flames. I was

personally involved in the rescue operation," one Mallam Hassain, a witness, said.

He said it took the intervention of Federal Road Safety (FRSC) officers, the police and vigilante operatives to remove the charred remains of the victims.

"About 11 people died on the spot...the 12th victim who was a son of my friend died today (Wednesday) at the hospital," he added.

Confirming the incident, Borno State Sector commander of the Federal Roads Safety Corps (FRSC), said only 11 people died.