

# Gunmen kill former NLC chairman in Osun

From Hameed Oyejobade, Osogbo

**GUNMEN** Monday evening killed a former chairman of the Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC) in Osun State. Alhaji Sulaiman Oseni.

Witnesses said the ex-labour leader, who was also a former chairman of the Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT) in the

state, was shot dead at his cyber café around 8.00pm at Ikirun in Ifelodun Local Government Area of the state.

It was gathered that the assailants did not pick anything from the scene of the incident.

The state's Commissioner for Information and Strategy Sunday Akere, who was at the burial of the slain

labour leader yesterday, condemned the killing and urged the security agencies to fish out the assailants.

Oseni, who retired from service two years ago, was NLC chairman in the state between 2002 and 2006 and had also served as NUT chairman between 2002 and 2004.

His burial, which took place at his residence in Obagun

town, was attended by top government officials in the state and labour union leaders including the state's chairman of the Joint Negotiation Council, (JNC), Comrade Bayo Adejumo.

The state's Commissioner of Police, Mr. Solomon Olusegun, confirmed the killing and vowed to bring the perpetrators to book.

restoring maintenance culture in public works to protect government investment in such utilities.

A breakdown of the figure shows that the state's Road Maintenance Agency (KWAMA) monthly receives N25 million for road construction and rehabilitation.

The governor's Senior Special Assistant on Media and Communications Dr Muyideen Akorede, in a statement, quoted his boss as assuring that "the government would award supplementary contracts where KWAMA's budget falls short of the scale of road rehabilitation required in a particular month".

The governor also reiterated his administration's determination to rehabilitate federal roads in the state and seek a refund from the Federal Government, adding that plans had been concluded to open up other areas within the state with new roads based on their potential to support other key sectors of the state's economy.

The ongoing road projects in Ilorin include: the A' Division to ITC, Pakata-Sooto street, the widening of the road shoulder on Kulende-Zango road to Oyun Bridge, Ola Olu-CBN road and Obaro road, GRA. Also awarded outside Ilorin are contracts such as the construction of Oko Bridge and road, the Chikanda-Kosobosu, Oko-Odofin, Igbanja-Odo Ase, Offa-Irra, Eruku Township and Omu-Aran Township-Landmark University roads.

## Man in police net for killing own wife

From Aliyu M. Hamagam, Minna

THE Niger State Police Command Tuesday arrested one Mohammed Jibrilu for allegedly killing his wife, Hadiza, a Sociology graduate of the University of Abuja, on May 19, this year in Tafa town.

Spokesman of the state police command Richard Oguche said the suspect was arrested in the premises of a commercial bank in Abuja.

He assured that the suspect would be charged to court after investigations. It was gathered that the relationship between Jibrilu and his wife turned sour a year after their marriage when she discovered that her husband was into some shoddy deals.

## Ekiti pays N5,000 as monthly allowance to the elderly

From Doyin Adebunsiyi, Ado-Ekiti

THE Ekiti State government yesterday began to pay N5,000 as monthly allowance to the elderly in the state. The allowance is for those above 65 years of age.

Governor Kayode Fayemi, while flagging off the payment at Ise-Ekiti in Ise-Orun Local Government Area of the state yesterday, said his administration

would soon send a bill to the state House of Assembly to give the initiative a legal backing "and ensure that it enjoys the blessing of successive governments in the state".

The governor, who gave cheques to some of the beneficiaries, said the gesture was aimed at extending the life expectancy of the elderly in the state.

Fayemi, who regretted the

collapse of the extended family system among the Nigerian populace, said "a breakdown of the emotions of the people above 65 years could lead to their early death."

According to him, the scheme is an exclusive preserve of the senior citizens of the state who have no means of livelihood, assuring that the scheme would be devoid of gender and political biases.

The governor pledged to continue to embark on projects and initiate policies that would put smiles on the faces of the aged in the state "in the spirit of compassion and care".

One of the beneficiaries, 75-year-old Juliana Jegede commended the governor's initiative and called for its sustainability and effective implementation to make life better for the elderly in the state.