

# Man's killing sacks Imo community

From John Kennedy Uzoma, Owerri.

THE people of Umueckeke in Obazu community of Mbaitoli Local Government Area of Imo State have fled their houses set ablaze following the gruesome murder of a man simply identified as Emma.

It was gathered that Emma was killed Tuesday evening he was engaged in an argument with one Ben Mmram.

The deceased was said to have accompanied a brother of his to Mmaram's house to demand the money paid for a contract not executed.

Witness said Emman was hit on the neck with a rod and died on the spot. The incident yesterday saw the villagers, including the Mmaram and his relations vacating their homes to unknown destinations to avoid arrest.

It was also gathered that relations of the deceased had looked for Mmaram's relations for a reprisal attack, and when they could not find them, they set their houses ablaze.

## Four injured as farmers, herdsmen clash in Sokoto

From Rakiya A. Muhammad, Sokoto

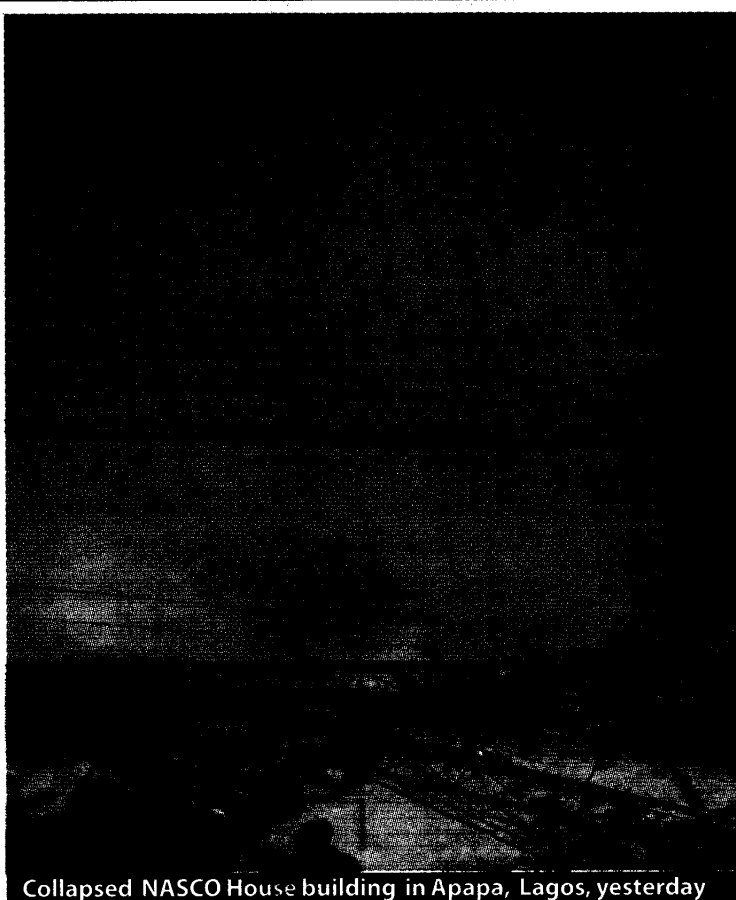
FOUR people were injured Tuesday in a clash between farmers and Fulani herdsmen at Tsauna village of Sabon-Birni Local Government Area of Sokoto State.

The clash was said to have started Monday when some cows and other livestock of the herdsmen destroyed the farmers' crops such as guinea corn and beans.

It was gathered that some angry youths from the village resorted to razing the Fulani hamlets where they made away with about 80 livestock.

It was learnt that a reprisal attack followed when some Fulani youths attacked youths working on some farmlands in the outskirts of the village on Tuesday and injured four persons.

Spokesman of the state police command Al-Mustapha Sani confirmed the incident, saying the matter would be transferred from the Sabon-Birni Divisional Police Station to the command for investigation.



Collapsed NASCO House building in Apapa, Lagos, yesterday

## Borno Police nab r... ...say they have link with B

From Hamza Idris, Maiduguri

THE Borno State Police Command yesterday said some robbery suspects it arrested in Maiduguri, the state capital, had a link with the Boko Haram sect.

The state's Commissioner of Police, Simeon Midenda, who addressed newsmen, said one Sheriff Shettima attacked a first generation bank in Damboa Local Government Area on October 12, 2011 during which a police inspector was killed and N21, 992,890.00 carted away.

"I have every reason to believe

that the suspects have strong connection with the Boko Haram sect," the commissioner said.

"During interrogation, Shettima confessed to committing the crime and named his colleagues who are still at large. Investigation revealed that this gang also carried out the robbery attack on the same bank in May 2011 and snatched the salaries of Kala-Balge Local Government Area. He further confessed that the Damboa bank robbery was to raise funds for an operation to be carried out in Maiduguri during the forthcoming sallah," he said.

## 7 killed in Bauchi auto crashes

From Ahmed Mohammed, Bauchi

THE Bauchi State Command of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) has confirmed seven persons dead in three different accidents within the past three days in the state.

FRSC Sector Commander Zakariyya Mamman, who confirmed this to newsmen in Bauchi yesterday said, "A 65-year-old Mallam Gambo Bulama, a senior driver with Izalatul Bidia Waiqamatul Sunna, died along with his two wives and cousin in ghastly motor accident in Tirwun village suburb of Bauchi metropolis along the Bauchi-Maiduguri road.

"The incident occurred in the night when Bulama who was driving the Opel Vectra vehicle rammed into a parked tipper Mercedes with registration number XA666 DTM.

"Another incident occurred at about 9:30 pm at Dungal village along the Bauchi-Jos road when the driver of a Volkswagen Golf car lost control and smacked the incoming motorcycle, killing the rider.

"The third incident occurred in the afternoon along the Bauchi-Kano road near the School of Amour, Bauchi, where a crane belonging to a Chinese construction firm killed two persons on a motorcycle.