

Traditional ruler, seven others killed in Kogi

From Usman A. Bello, Lokoja

A 65-year-old traditional ruler from Omabo village in Ibaji local government area of Kogi State, Chief James Onyekwe, has been reportedly killed by yet to be identified gunmen in his domain during a communal crisis over the traditional stool of the village.

Daily Trust gathered that Chief Onyekwe was killed alongside his wife and six other family members during the sallah period.

According to a source in the village, the deceased traditional ruler who is

the Onu of Omabo village, a third class chief had been having a running battle with his kinsmen since he was appointed as the Onu-Omobo of the village by the state government.

The source who craved anonymity, said as a result of the development, the traditional ruler had been operating from Idah, a nearby town close to his community.

"The community members were not happy with his emergence to the throne, alleging that Chief Onyekwe was imposed on them by some powerful indigenes of the village in Gover-

nor Ibrahim Idris' cabinet," the source said.

The crisis reached its climax on Sallah day, 6th November, 2011, when the traditional ruler in company of his wife and other family members decided to travel to the village to celebrate the Sallah festival," he said.

On getting to the village, the source said, the villagers organized a protest match against his return to the village, claiming that his return would not augur well for the peaceful co-existence of the villagers.

It was further gathered that the

protest which was peaceful, however turned violent when one of the relations of the traditional ruler believed to be his junior brother was alleged to have shot one of the protesters dead with a locally made gun.

The development was said to have led to a fight between the supporters of the traditional ruler and his kinsmen which led to some unknown persons beheading the traditional ruler, his wife and six other members of his family.

The source said that some of the

community members have been arrested by men of the Kogi State command of the Nigeria Police Force in connection with the killing.

When contacted, the Police Public Relation officer [PPRO], Mr. Okasanmi Ajayi an Assistant Superintendent of Police [ASP] confirmed the incident, saying the situation is now under control.

He said though a sizeable number of people have been arrested in connection with the incident, investigation was still ongoing to fish out those responsible for the killing.

AYF: Dialogue with Boko Haram only way to peace

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

THE Arewa Youth Forum (AYF) has called on the Arewa Consultative Forum (ACF) and the Northern Governors Forum, NGF to as a matter of urgency commence the process of dialogue with the Boko Haram sect as a prelude to ending the circle in the North.

"ACF should prove their worth as leaders of the zone by inviting members of the Boko Haram for

a dialogue and make sure that the violence in the region is brought to an end. They also have the moral right to prevail on the Federal Government to immediately commence the process of dialogue with the Boko Haram sect as a prelude to ending the circle," he said.

The Forum who spoke through its President, Mallam Gambo Gujugu said "everybody knows that the people that mainly bear

the brunt is northerners who have been massacred in their numbers as many of the bomb blasts take place in the region."

"It is in view of this that Arewa Youths want the people of the north, led by their leaders under the auspices of the Arewa Consultative Forum, ACF and the Northern Governors Forum to as a matter of urgency close ranks and make sure that all the problems bedevilling the region are

immediately arrested.

"AYF believes that the unity of the north is paramount to its development and warns those using religion and ethnicity for political gains to desist forthwith in the collective interest of the zone and the country at large. It is only through presenting a united front that the myriad of problems like Almajiri, poverty, insecurity, and the most unfortunate disunity in the region can be tackled."

Pregnant wife stabs husband to death

From Ahmed Mohammed, Bauchi

A pregnant housewife has allegedly stabbed her husband, a lance corporal in the Nigerian Army, to death and injured his girlfriend after allegedly catching him with the girlfriend.

Daily Trust gathered that the incident happened at the Mammy Barracks of the 33 Artillery Brigade Bauchi, throwing the people of the area into confusion and mourning.

Army Public Relations Officer Major Etete told newsmen yesterday that: "I heard the news, it is true and police are investigating the matter."

The Police Public Relations Officer of the Bauchi State police command, ASP Mohammad Barau also confirmed the incident to newsmen. He said the case had been transferred to the Criminal Investigation Department and the suspect would soon be charged to court.

Neighbours of the deceased told Daily Trust correspondent that the couple had two children and the wife is currently pregnant with the third one. The mistress was simply identified as Sarah who had a beer parlour at the mammy market.

Insecurity: NYSC postpones orientation for Yobe, Borno corps members

By Maureen Onochie

NATIONAL Youth Service Corps (NYSC) has postponed the orientation date and venue for Corps members who are to serve in Borno and Yobe states.

According to a statement signed by the Head of Public Relations, Mrs. Clara Babatunde, the postponement was based on security reasons.

The statement informed that corps members, who were supposed to serve in those states alongside their other counterparts across the nation on the 15th November, 2011 would now commence their mandatory induction course on 1st December, 2011 and conclude on the 15th December, 2011.

It also disclosed that the Nasarawa State camp will host the Yobe State corps members while the Benue State camp would host the Borno State corps members.

The statement urged all prospective Borno and Yobe corps members to resume in their camps with every necessary document, hence, registration by proxy would not be allowed.

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