

Gunmen kills ward head, soldier in Yobe

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GUNMEN have killed the ward head Toshiya in Yunusari Local Government Area of Yobe State, Alhaji Modu Mustapha and a soldier Tuesday night.

The ward head was killed when he visited his brother at

Unguwar Ajari, Gaidam Local Government Area while the soldier was shot dead when he went to rescue the ward head from the attackers.

Daily Trust gathered that the gunmen trailed the ward head to his elder brother's house located at Unguwar Ajari at about 7:00p.m.

"The assailant trailed his brother's house who is the serving chairman, Yunusari Local Government and shot him dead. Responding to the gun shots, security operatives cordoned the area and engaged the gunmen for some time before the gunmen escaped. In the morn-

ing, we learnt that one soldier was killed and another one injured" a resident said.

Yobe State Police Commissioner, Lawal Tanko, confirmed the killings, saying that the attackers were expected to have targeted the chairman but mistakenly missed his identity and

killed his brother, adding that the soldier died while discharging his duty.

"We all thought it was the chairman that was killed because they look so much alike with the deceased, and the soldier that lost his life responded to a distress call to save lives," Tanko said



WOMEN and youths demonstrating over the destruction of their fish ponds and tourist centre by a construction firm at Azumini, Ukwu East Local Government Area of Abia, yesterday.

Kwankwaso pleads with checkpoints' security personnel

From Aurwalu Umar, Kano

KANO State Governor Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso has pleaded with security operatives manning checkpoints in the state to show high level of professionalism in discharging of their assignment.

He said as trained officers, security personnel are expected to do their job with decorum and maturity, adding that they should try their best to ensure that no one is hurt in the course of their routine checks in and around the state capital.

Kwankwaso made the appeal while receiving the new Commander, 3 Brigade, Kano who visited him in his office yesterday. The governor however enjoined citizens of the state to cooperate with the security operatives for them to be able to do their job efficiently.

In his remarks, the Brigade Commander, Brig. Gen. Ilyasu Isa Abba, said the Army is doing its best in discharging its constitutional responsibilities, pointing out that some people will be hurt as the army is striving to serve the larger society.

Receiving the German Ambassador to Nigeria, Dorothee Janetzke-Wenzel in his office yesterday, the governor said he is happy with the level of socio-economic relationship between the two countries.

NANTMP divided over election in Akwa Ibom

From Patrick Odey, Uyo

THE Akwa Ibom chapter of the National Association of Nigeria Traditional Medicine Practitioners (NANTMP) has threatened legal action against the election of the state chairman of the association, Mr. Ebong Akpadia. Akpadia was elected yesterday. A statement by the group's chairman of Uyo Senatorial District, Dr. Felix Akpan, said the election illegal.

Kaduna assembly wants FRSC to hands off vehicle administration

From Christiana T. Alabi, Kaduna

THE Kaduna State House of Assembly is considering a law to establish a separate agency for motor vehicle administration in the state.

The move will affect the road traffic department of the ministry works and transport and motor licensing department of the board of internal revenue in the state

The law, if enacted, will take over the issuance of drivers' from the Federal Road Safety Corps (FRSC).

The move was contained in a report presented to the House yesterday by the Chairman of the committee that investigated the traffic administration in the state, Philemon Usman Gidan Mana.

Mana, while presenting the

report, said observations at the end of the investigation revealed rancour between the department of road traffic and FRSC sector command in the state on the issue of drivers' license.

"At present, the road traffic department of the ministry of works and transport claims that the FRSC has taken over the constitutional duties of the state government on licensing by way of

incursion on what they consider the exclusive preserve of the state as enshrined in the 1999 Constitution," Mana said.

The committee called on the state government to give more attention to the department of road traffic/VIO in the ministry of works and transport in order to revive its operations for proper vehicle administration in the state.

'ECOWAS, supreme courts tussle to be over soon'

From Eyo Charles, Calabar

THE supremacy tussles between the ECOWAS Court and supreme courts of West African countries will soon be resolved, Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Calabar, Prof. Kaniye Ibeku, has said.

He stated this when he received members of the delegation of ECOWAS Court of Justice led by the President, Justice Nana Deboya in his office in Calabar yesterday.

Ibeku said, "We as a faculty will continue this debate because we do not want to reduce our sov-

ereignty in any way. We need a further protocol to arrest this conflict over supremacy."

Earlier, the president of the court said they were in the faculty as part of their sensitization tour of Cross River State on the activities of the court.

She further stated that the

activities of the court now include cases of violation of individual human rights of communities and citizens within the member states of ECOWAS.

She said the type of cases which her court handles include violation of human rights of citizens within the sub-region.

Plateau lawmaker calls for release of LG allocations

From Andrew Agbese, Jos

THE Chief Whip of the Plateau State House of Assembly, Golu Timothy, has called on President Goodluck Jonathan to order the release of the monthly federal allocation to the four local councils under emergency rule in the state. The lawmaker said statu-

tory allocations to the four LG's of Riyom, Barkin Ladi, Jos South and Jos North have been withheld by the Federal Government since they were placed under emergency rule in December last year. Golu said the councils were last week denied their monthly allocations on grounds that they were under emergency rule.

Kebbi NUJ bans 7 'illegal newspapers'

From Umar Jibrin Gwandu, Birnin-Kebbi

THE Kebbi State Council of the Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ) has suspended the publication of seven "illegal newspapers and magazines" operating in the state.

A statement by the union's Secretary, El-Yakubu

Usman Dabai, said the decision was reached yesterday at a meeting between the publishers of the papers and the NUJ officials following complaints about the activities of the publishers. The newspapers and magazines are: News Circle, News Agenda, News Highlight, Focus News Magazine, Current Magazine, Rigat Zamani and Present Journal News.