

# Corpse of slain cadet released, buried

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

THE Nigerian Army has released the corpse of 22 year old Sani, who was killed by gunmen in Rigasa in Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State.

The father of late Sani, Alhaji Adamu Ibrahim in an interview with *Daily Trust*, said the corps of his son was on Saturday, 21st April, 2012, released to him, and that he has since been buried according to Islamic rights.

"The Army called me on that

faithful day to come and collect my son's body at 1 Div. Garrison. When I got there, the man, who assisted my son to get into the Nigerian Defence Academy (NDA) was present, he identified my son and they released his corpse to me. I then collected it and left. His burial took place immediately because he was supposed to have been buried eight days earlier. I am not aware of any other thing happening there because I have not gone there and no one has called me, but as Muslims, we have left everything in the hands of Allah," he said.

When contacted, the Assistant Director, Army Public Relations, Sani Usman confirmed that the said Sani was not a cadet in NDA, but a secondary school cadet, adding that such cadet recruitments have been banned in the country.

"Investigation has commenced to know the relationship between the late Sani and the military man who the family claimed helped their son into the Army, and people are being called for questioning into the matter. Anyone involved will be punished appropriately," he added.

## Gunmen kidnap woman in Rivers

From Bashiru Abdullahi, Port Harcourt

GUNMEN numbering about four, on Monday abducted a middle aged woman, Sabina Nweke in Etche Local Government Area of Rivers State. Sabina Nweke was said to have been taken abducted from her home, and since the incident, No contact has been established with the kidnappers.

When contacted, the Rivers State Police Command declined comment, but the chairman of the local government area, Mr. Reginald Ukwuoma told newsmen that the abduction may be as a result of the recent clash between cult groups in the council.

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FROM left: Leader, House of Reps Mulikat Adeola (left), British MP Chi Onworah, Deputy Speaker House of Reps Emeka Ihedioha, British MP Meg Hillier, and Chairman, House of Reps Diaspora committee Abike Dabiri Erewa, during the British Parliamentarians visit to National Assembly in Abuja yesterday.

## Communal clash claims 3 in Cross River

From Eyo Charles, Calabar

THREE persons have been killed in fresh hostilities between Nsadop and Boje communities in Boki Local Government Area of Cross River State.

Our correspondent reports that the state House of Assembly deliberated on the matter yesterday with a view to finding a solution to the crisis.

A law maker in the state, Ernest Eki said already property worth millions of naira have been destroyed and economic and social activities

have been grounded.

He lamented that Boje, which has some of the best tourist attractions in the state would be affected negatively if government does not take immediate action. Another lawmaker, Ngim Kanu Okpo on his part, called on the government to develop a mechanism that will nib the crisis in the bud permanently.

At the end of deliberations, the House resolved that security agents should be sent to the area to restore peace and that the buffer zone should be clearly demarcated.

## 'Security challenges, politically motivated'

From Aliyu M. Hamagam, Minna

NIGER State Governor Babangida Aliyu has said that the security challenge bedevilling the country is politically motivated, and will soon be a thing of the past.

The governor, who said this yesterday while receiving a delegation of the British parliament in Minna, said Nigeria needs to woo investors for economic development.

He also stressed the need for leaders to live up to expectation as according to him, that would help in restoring confidence in governance. The governor thanked the

parliamentarians for visiting the country.

Responding, leader of the delegation, Meg Hillier said they were in the country to consolidate on the existing relationship between the United Kingdom and Nigeria, as well as to partner Northern states in addressing the security challenges facing the region.

In her remarks, the representative of DFID, Sarah Whyte, proposed to introduce a new program that would look into issues both on public financial management, security and community policing in Niger State.