

3 children die in fire incident

From Rakiya A. Muh'd, Sokoto

Three children have reportedly died in a fire incident at Nakasari area, Sokoto South local government area.

The incident was said to have occurred Friday night in the house of one Albaji Saidu Galadima.

The affected children were given as: Hauwawu Galadima, Bello Galadima and Mariam Galadima ages between 10 and 14.

The cause of the inferno which engulfed the house was yet to be ascertained.

According to Saidu Galadima, frantic efforts were made to save the children but to no avail.

He said property worth millions of naira were destroyed in the inferno.

The fire was said to have been brought under control by men of the fire service.

Bus plunges into Lagos Lagoon

A Sienna bus with registration No. BB 974 EKY yesterday plunged into the Lagos lagoon from the Third Mainland Bridge, the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports.

The Lagos Island Unit Commander of the FRSC, Mr Saddiq Abdulrahman told NAN that the lone occupant of the vehicle survived with serious injuries.

He said that the incident occurred at about 10:30 am shortly after the environmental sanitation exercise at the Police Post on Km. 6 on the bridge.

Abdulrahman said a rescue team of the FRSC and the police got to the scene of the incident at about 11:45 am.

He said the driver of the vehicle, whom he identified as Mr Shola Oladimeji, was on high-speed when the accident occurred.

Abdulrahman said Oladimeji sustained serious injuries and had been taken to the Ikeja General Hospital by the FRSC and the police for medical attention. (NAN)

Bauchi's N7.9bn int'l airport to operate

From Ahmed Mohammed, Bauchi

This year's intending pilgrims from Bauchi State are to be air lifted from the N7.9 billion international airport being constructed by the Bauchi State government.

Bauchi State Governor Malam Isa Yuguda stated this yesterday while performing the foundation laying ceremony of the airport in Bauchi. He said the construction of an international airport in the state is an asset not only to the state but also to the North-east and the country in general.

"The strategic location of Bauchi State as a gateway to the North-east sub-region and also being a home to the West African premier Game Reserve, the Yankari Game Reserve, makes the construction of an international airport imperative," Yuguda stressed.

He said an efficient and effective transport system is needed to facilitate the movement of the people and goods within the state.

"It's in realization of the direct bearing transportation has on the overall socio-economic development of the state that our government has since inception embarked on the construction of roads in different parts of the state," he noted.

He expressed hope that with an international airport in place, the state can attract more visitors, both local and foreign, as well as more tourists to the Yankari Game Reserve, declaring that, "this will go a long way in boosting the economy of the state." Yuguda informed that the objective of constructing the airport began with the constitution of the Bauchi State Special Projects Tender Committee which was charged with the responsibility of fast tracking the award of contract for the execution of some special

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■ This vehicle plunged into the lagoon at Third Mainland bridge in Lagos yesterday. It was recovered with no life lost
Pic: NAN

Man clubs mother to death in Kwara

Tragedy occurred on Friday in Isanlu-Isin in Kwara, when a middle-aged man, Taye Ibiwoye, allegedly clubbed his mother to death with an axe, the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports.

The deceased identified as Sarah Ibiwoye, who was said to be in her late 60s died instantly from the attack which shattered her skull.

The community was further thrown into mourning when another elderly woman, simply identified as 'Iya Eleja' slumped and died when the news of Sarah's death was broken to her.

It was learnt from the people of the community that the accused

was mentally derailed and had been under treatment for sometime.

Some sources, who preferred anonymity, said that Ibiwoye had complained to the policemen who came for his arrest from Oke-Onigbin that his mother was behind his travails.

He was also said to have told the policemen that while his brothers were living comfortably, he was rotting away in abject poverty because of his mother's action.

A relation to Iya Eleja, told NAN on condition of anonymity, that the woman was hale and hearty before the unfortunate incident.

"We have just come back from Omu-Aran where we went to buy the woman's coffin. There was nothing wrong with Iya Ejeja who

was hale and hearty before the news was broken to her.

"Immediately the news of the incident was narrated to her, she slumped and died," the source said.

The Divisional Police Officer, Oke-Onigbin Police Command, DSP. Mr Olutekunbi Ekundayo, told NAN that the case would be transferred to the State CID Headquarters in Ilorin for investigation.

"There is not much we can do here as far as this case is concerned, particularly as regards the issue of the accused person's state of health.

"Though, it was a case of a culpable homicide but as you can see now, I am preparing the file for the transfer of the case to the State CID for appropriate investigation," he said. (NAN)