

## NEWS

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associates, with Sir Richard Branson, Chairman, Virgin Group  
tion at the Lagoon Restaurant during the week.

## se Against Him In US

sultant to US courts, Emmanuel Ogebe, UK-based lawyer, Adebayo Adaralegbe and Lagos lawyer, Femi Falana. Falana witnessed on the side of the plaintiffs that the Nigerian forum was not an adequate court for the plaintiffs.

In his ruling last Wednesday, Judge Kennelly decided that "on the evidence presented to this Court, the plaintiffs have satisfied their burden of proving that Nigeria did not and does not provide them an adequate forum for their lawsuit."

He ordered that the case should proceed, setting a status hearing date for July 13, 2006 at 9:30am and directing the parties to file, by July 10, 2006, "a joint status report regarding the discovery that has been and remains to be conducted and proposing deadlines for the completion of any remaining fact and expert discovery."

But for Abubakar, the ruling was shocking, according to his US-based attorney, Emeka Ugwuonye.

Said he: "I was quite surprised by the Judge's deci-

tion." However, Ugwuonye noted that "the Judge seems to have relied unduly on the Public Officers Protection Act (POPA), a 1916 law hardly in existence in Nigeria."

In his ruling, the Judge conceded that General Abubakar "has met his initial burden of proving that the plaintiffs failed to exhaust available remedies before filing suit in the United States."

He added that General Abubakar "presented evidence that after the military regime ended, the plaintiffs could have filed suit under the human rights provision of the 1999 Constitution, the African Charter, or the common law of torts. Though the statute of limitations on the first two types of actions is ordinarily one year, Abubakar presented evidence that this period can be extended by the trial court judge if the plaintiff accounts for his delay."

The Judge also relied on Falana's expert testimony. He said in his opinion, "the plaintiff's expert, i.e.

## CRIME NOTES

BY ALEX OLISE AND ODITA SUNDAY

## LAGOS

**SUICIDE:** ON June 27, at about 11 a.m; information was received at Ikotun Police station that 16-year-old Segun Ola Ketan of No. 18, Yinka Adeyemi Street Ilemeta, Ijagemo-Ijebu was found dead after hanging himself with a rope tied round his neck to a guava tree. No mark of violence was found on his body and therefore no suspected foul play. Policemen from the station visited the scene and the corpse was removed to the public mortuary for autopsy.

**FATAL ACCIDENT:** ON June 27, at about 9 a.m; the Denton Police Station received a report that a yet-to-be identified commercial motorcycle operator, now at large, ran into M/Benz Truck driven by one Aikheyere Ogbekihu of No. 10, Old Agbor Road, Uromi, Edo State at Leventis 'U' Turn, Iddo Oyingbo. The passenger of the motorcyclist, one Jonathan Omakaro of No. 11, Atan Road, Yaba sustained injuries and died on the way to the Hospital. **NABBED:** ON June 25, at about 2pm, a team of Anti-Robbery Policemen attached to Magodo Shangisha Police Station, decided to act on a tip-off that a Nissan Vanette Bus, with Reg. No. LB 677KJA, earlier stolen from where it was parked at Clensa Abioye Street, Haruna Bus-stop, Ogba was sighted at Magodo, Shangisha-Isheri. The team raced to the scene and found offe Segun Adebawale of No. 11, Shomide Street, Agege in the bus and he was arrested. When the bus was searched, 42 rounds of live cartridges were recovered. It also turned out that the said Segun and his gang of robbers had robbed one Grace Atiyola of Maiye Ogundana Street, Magodo of jewelry, handsets and N40,000. Other gang members however escaped in one Toyota Corolla, with Reg. No. HF 854 AAA, property of Tina Erukusun of the same address.

**RECOVERED:** ON June 24, at about 10:10pm, anti-Robbery Policemen attached to Mosafejo Police Station, while on patrol along Oshodi-Apapa Expressway, recovered one Toyota Avenis 2.0, Reg. No. LA 01 GRA, earlier snatched by three armed men along Oshodi-Apapa Expressway on Oshodi overhead bridge. During search of the vehicle, one magazine loaded with 17 rounds of live ammunition, four travelling bags, one Ghana-must-go bag, one Samsung handset, two black nylon bags and one national identity card were recovered.

**FOILED:** ON June 25, at about 3am, a distress call was received at State C.I.D, Panti-Yaba that armed robbers numbering over six had invaded Wahum Manufacturing Company, Adeniyi Jones Street, Ikeja. Anti-Robbery policemen from the station, patrol vehicles from Area 'G' Ogba and Area 'F' Ikeja were mobilized to the scene.

**RECOVERED:** ON June 23, at about 11pm, a team of Anti-Robbery policemen attached to Isheri Police Station, while on patrol along CMD Road, Magodo accosted some yet-to-be identified hoodlums in a Toyota Carina II, Reg. No. EH 498 AAA. The hoodlums opened fire on and during the exchange of gunfire, the suspects abandoned the car and escaped. When the car was searched, one locally-made double barrel gun, two live and one expended cartridge were recovered.

**FIRE INCIDENT:** ON June 25, at about 9:30pm, a report was received at Ikeja Police Station that there was fire outbreak at a storey building located at 47, Joel Ogunaike Street, G.R.A. Ikeja, used as government lodge, due to electrical fault. The fire was put out by a team of policemen from the station and fire fighters.

**BANK ROBBERY:** IT was a day of guns in Lagos, last Wednesday, when policemen faced a gang of armed robbers who killed three persons, including a mobile policeman, as they attacked a Bank building in Ogudu area of the state. Police said the robbery was foiled and three members of the gang

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#### **KWARA**

**SECURITY CLASH: ANTI-RIOT** policemen and officers of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps was, last Wednesday engaged in fierce battle for supremacy at Ilorin, the state capital.

About six officials of the Civil Defence Corps were hospitalized at the end of the clash. Police spokesman in Kwara, Markus Gideon, said the clash started after NSCDC officials beat up a policeman who intervened in a disagreement between them and a policewoman.

#### **NIGER**

**KILLED:** A young lady, whose identity was unknown as at Wednesday, was stoned to death by irate youths in Izom, Gami Babangida local government area of Niger State. The mobs, reports said, killed the lady for allegedly distributing inciting leaflets bordering on religion.

#### **ANAMBRA**

**ATTACKED:** AN archbishop of the Methodist church narrowly escaped death when some hoodlums ambushed him at Onitsha. The state Commissioner of Police, Moses Anegbode has detailed a special team of detectives to arrest all the suspects.

#### **EDO**

**PHONE THEFT: THEFT** of GSM handsets is currently on the increase in Benin City. The state police last week arrested about 25 suspects who invaded hostels of students of UNIBEN and Edo State University to snatch handsets and money.

#### **OSUN**

**DISMISSED: THIRTY-SIX** students of the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife have been shown the way out of the school following discovery they forged certificate to gain entrance into the school. Those dismissed may also be probed by the police.

#### **HOT LINES**

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