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ASCON DG re-appointed

THE Administrative Staff College of Nigeria (ASCON) Director-General (DG), Mr. Ajibade Peters, has been re-appointed.

The approval was conveyed by the Head of the Civil Service of the Federation, Alhaji Isa Bello Sali, in a letter dated May 18.

The re-appointment is to take effect from June 20, 2012.

Man beaten to death over alleged traffic offence

From **Charles Coffie-Gyamfi**,
Abeokuta

TRAGEDY struck in Abeokuta yesterday as some officials of the Ogun State-owned Traffic Compliance and Enforcement Agency (TRACE) allegedly beat a middle-aged man to death.

The officials accused the deceased, Mr. Samuel Adoke, of driving on the yet-to-be commissioned six-lane Ibara/Sokori/Totoro expressway.

The TRACE officials said to be 15 in number, according to an eyewitness who spoke with *The Guardian*, claimed that the late Adoke contravened the road diversion order banning persons not to ply the road for now.

Gunmen kill policeman in Borno

From **Njadvura Musa**, Maiduguri

TWO gunmen yesterday in Maiduguri, Borno State, trailed Mr. Manu Birma, a superintendent of police, to his Abuja Talaka residence and shot him dead before his wife.

Birma was trailed to his house after dropping his children at school at about 8.10 a.m.

An eyewitness, Karimu Hassan, said: "We were in our houses when we heard some gunshots. We thought they were from men of the Joint Task Force (JTF) patrolling our area, but a few minutes after the gunshot, some people started crying that one police officer had been killed by suspected gunmen."

Confirming the incident yesterday in Maiduguri, spokesman of Borno Police Command, Samuel Tizhe, said the remains of the policeman have been deposited at the Specialist Hospital, Maiduguri.

Workers to hold shares in PHCN firms

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herculean task for the PHCN because it has been charging electricity consumers a commercially-sustainable tariff. The PHCN currently owes Agip N60 billion, Shell \$78 million, Nigerian Gas Company N10 billion, NIPP N6 billion and Ibom Power N300 million.

"With a new tariff coming into force on June 1, the PHCN should now be able to pay for gas and power suppliers promptly. The Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) is owed N110 billion by various customers, including governments and their agencies which account for 20 per cent of the debt."

Meanwhile, President Goodluck Jonathan has approved for workers of PHCN to own certain shares of the PHCN 17 successor firms.

Ahead of the privatisation of PHCN, the government has excluded the Transmission Company of Nigeria (TCN) from the firms to be sold to private owners.