

HELICOPTER CRASH IN BAYELSA

Amosun Expresses Shock

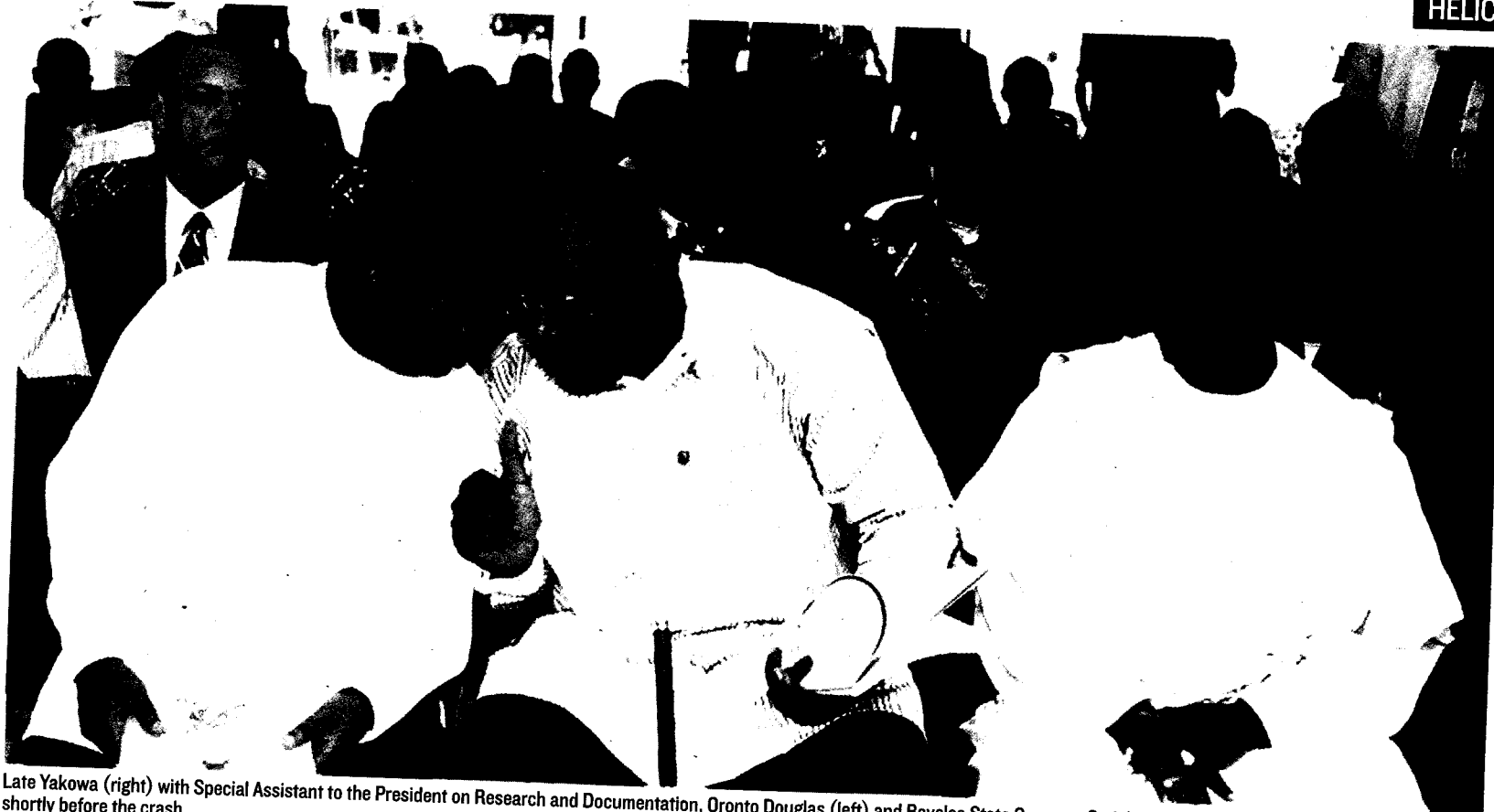
OGUN State governor, Senator Ibikunle Amosun, has expressed profound shock and disbelief on the death of Kaduna State governor, Mr. Patrick Yakowa and former National Security Adviser, General Patrick Aziza.

The governor condoled with the entire country, government and people of Kaduna State and the Governors' Forum on the loss of these two eminent Nigerians in the unfortunate helicopter crash that claimed the lives of other passengers on board.

A press release signed by his Senior Special Assistant on Media, Mrs. Funmi Wakama, Senator Amosun described the untimely death of Yakowa and Azazi as lamentable and great losses to Nigeria.

"Through dedicated leadership and pursuit of peace, Mr. Yakowa contributed immensely to the development of Kaduna State within a short space of time. He was an embodiment of commitment, humility and selfless service," the governor said.

He described General Azazi as a soldier who served his nation diligently in many capacities and still held a sensitive position after leaving service.



Late Yakowa (right) with Special Assistant to the President on Research and Documentation, Oronto Douglas (left) and Bayelsa State Governor Seriake Dickson at the burial in Okoroba, Bayelsa ... shortly before the crash

Death Of Yakowa, Azazi Shocking, Says Obi

GOVERNOR Peter Obi of Anambra State has described as shocking, the death of Governor Yakowa and Gen. Azazi in a helicopter crash yesterday.

The governor said the sad event "is a big blow to the families of the deceased, the people of Kaduna State,

Bayelsa State, all the states affected by the tragic event and all Nigerians."

He prayed to God to grant Nigerians, especially the President Jonathan the fortitude to bear the loss, adding that, "God knows better why such a tragedy should visit Nigeria at this time."

NEMA Recovers Six Bodies

From Joke Falaju, Abuja

THE National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) said it has recovered six bodies from the scene of the Naval helicopter that crashed yesterday afternoon in Nembe area of Bayelsa

State.

The search and rescue operation, which involved collaboration of response agencies and volunteers, led to the recovery of the bodies of the six passengers on board.

The spokesperson for the agency, Mr. Yushau Shuaib, said the bodies had been deposited in a mortuary and further details on the victims would be announced after their families have been formally informed.

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