

## Tears as slain Kaduna teacher is laid to rest

From **Abdulganiu Alabi**, Kaduna

**I**t was a sad moment for family members and friends as 39-year-old teacher and mother of two, Esther Taiwo Oloriade, who was strangled and her Peugeot 307 car taken away by her assailants, was laid to rest in Kaduna on Monday.

The incident happened last week Thursday, after her husband, Mr. Gbenga Oloriade, had left home at Angwan Maigero, Chikun local government area of Kaduna State with their two children while she prepared for the day's task.

It was after her colleagues at a private school, Goodnews Academy, where she was teaching did not see her and attempts to reach her through her mobile

phone failed that, they alerted her husband who decided to go back home. According to the husband, when he got to the house and the car was not around, he thought she had gone out. "But I discovered that the sound of the television was louder than necessary. I became apprehensive and quickly entered the house and saw rope on her neck with bruises all over her face. I rushed her to the hospital where she was confirmed dead. It was the saddest moment of my life," he said. Reverend Simon Adewuyi of First Baptist Church (English Assembly) Kaduna, told the gathering at the funeral to do good and serve God faithfully because whether short or long, death is inevitable.

## Fire guts shops in Ondo

From **Oluwaseun Akingboye**, Akure

**A**n array of shops stocked with goods worth millions of naira in preparation for the yuletide season were razed to ashes in the early

one of the affected traders, Mr. Paul Emmanuel, disclosed that 12 shops selling foodstuffs, cosmetics, costly mercantile and others were involved in the inferno. Emmanuel, who lamented