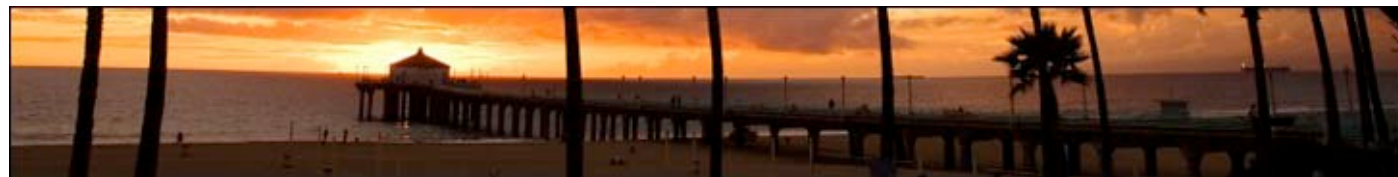


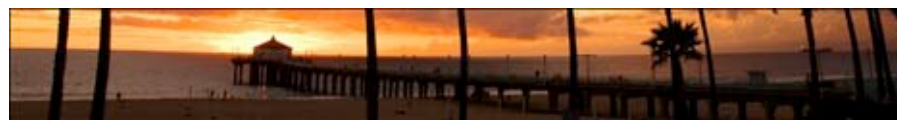
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Lokoja — Some of the victims of Tuesday's robbery attack on the Lokoja-Abuja Road were given mass burial at 12.30 p.m. on Wednesday at the Adankolo cemetery in Lokoja.

About 50 passengers were crushed to death while being robbed by armed robbers. Kogi State Governor, Ibrahim Idris, visited the Federal Medical Centre and the State Specialist Hospital, Lokoja on Wednesday.

He was received at he medical centre by the Administration Manager, Emmanuel Osaie, who told him that two persons survived and seven more corpses were lying in the morgue.

One survivor is at the medical centre, the other at the State Specialist Hospital, Lokoja. Idris made a cash donation of N100,000 to one of the survivors, Reuben Ezirim, whose son was killed in the attack.

Ezirim recounted to Idris that the luxury bus marked XL 300 ABC was heading to Abuja when it was stopped by armed robbers at about 5 a.m. on Tuesday at Zariagi. All the

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passengers were ordered to disembark and to lie face down.

As they were being robbed, another luxury bus came and ran over them. Idris vowed to tackle the incessant armed robberies in Kogi.

In another development, the body of Pastor Josephine Kuteyi, 56, has been laid to rest in

Ondo amid wailing and encomiums by her relatives. She died last Friday in an helicopter crash in Osun State on her way to Ilorin.

A special farewell service held at the Oba Adesanoye Civic Centre was attended by Governor Olusegun Mimiko and his wife, Olukemi, and captains of industry.

Johnson Odesola, Assistant to the General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God, Enoch Adeboye, in his homily at the service assured that anyone who dies in Jesus Christ has a legacy and gain in heaven.

Adesola described death as the only thing shared equally by the rich and poor, and urged the people to be close to God so that they can inherit the kingdom of heaven. Kuteyi had done her part to God and humanity, he stressed.

He admonished the people to re-examine their lives and avoid sin and wickedness which can serve as impediments to their eternal glory.

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Mimiko told reporters after the interment that Kuteji was a true child of God who never allowed her chains of businesses to distract her from the service of God.

"She was a passionate woman, a devoted Christian, a very notable entrepreneur. She combined all of these as a good mother, a good Christian, an evangelist, and at the same time, she was also a very extra-ordinary businesswoman.

"She was a philanthropist, and one exciting thing about her life was that in spite of all the challenges that business placed on her time, she had time for God," Mimiko recalled.

"The children will miss her, the Ondo community will miss her, the church of God will miss her, and Nigeria will miss her. Our only consolation is that she lived a worthy life."

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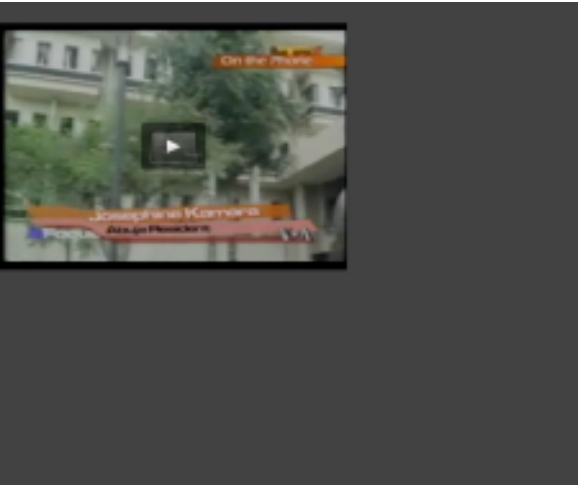
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