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Dokpesi, Keshington, Gambo, Lawan others grace Christian wake, as Olusola goes home today

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FORMER Nigerian Ambassador to Ethiopia, Segun Olusola, will be interred in his country home Television House in Iperu-Remo, Ikenne Local Government area of Ogun State today.

Preparations for the burial, which will be preceded by a special farewell in his honour at the behest of 'Akesan (Iperu) Club 1954', as well as a funeral service at Wesley Methodist Cathedral, have reached the crescendo.

At his TV House residence in Iperu Remo where he will be interred, works had been concluded on the face-lift of the place, which also houses his arts gallery.

The face lifting had been done as relations from far and near who were clad in different "aso ebi" had started arriving in droves.

Also at the palace grounds of the monarch of the ancient Ijebu town, Alaperu of Iperu, Oba Adeleke Adelekan, guests who adorned white and purple attire had started trooping-in for the Christian wake keep as at the time of filling this report.

Presbyter of the church, Very Rev Odumade, who spoke in an interview described late Olusola as an easy going church class-leader who will be greatly missed.

Among the dignitaries that grace the wake keep are the Chairman of DAAR Communications Plc., Raymond Dokpesi who described the death of Olusola as a rude shock to him.

Another member of the Board

30 feared dead, as boat capsizes in Niger

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ABOUT 30 persons, including women and children, have been declared missing and 10 bodies recovered after a passenger boat capsized late Wednesday night while crossing the Nupeko River in Bida local government council, Niger State.

Our correspondent gathered that one of the victims mostly affected was a woman, who lost two of her children in the mishap but was lucky to be among the three that were rescued.

The accident occurred late in the evening, an eyewitness said, adding that it was dark in the night thereby making rescue operation difficult for the divers and other res-

cuers, who tried their best to save as many people as possible.

Seven bodies were reported to have been recovered on Wednesday night while three others were picked from different riverbanks by Thursday morning.

One of the victims identified as Abdullahi, a civil servant with the Niger State government, was said to be on an official assignment when the boat he was travelling in suddenly capsized mid way.

Late Abdullahi who could not be rescued, our correspondent gathered, left behind a child and a pregnant wife. His corpse was taken to Kontagora for burial according to Islamic injunctions.

However, two days after discovery of three persons, who drowned as a result of the rain of

last weekend in Ibadan during which five persons reportedly drowned, another lifeless body of a 23-year-old radio mechanic apprentice, Abayomi Amusan, was discovered.

On Tuesday, three dead bodies were found floating at Dandaru, Premier Hotel/Cultural Centre junction along Parliament Road in the state capital contrary to the earlier impression that the last weekend downpour did not record any casualty.

Confirming the recent development, the spokesperson of Oyo State Police Command, Olabisi Clet-Ilobanafor, disclosed that the deceased was found dead in the drainage by workers of a construction firm.

The police officer said the de-

ceased was found at Alakia Adenubi in Egbeda Local Government Area, an outskirt of the state capital, adding, "The deceased was a resident of Oba Odan area in Olosan area in the state capital and was found dead in the drainage by construction workers".

According to her, body of the deceased was recovered by the workers of construction firm working on Papa-Olosan road and had been taken to Adeoyo General Hospital mortuary.

The victims earlier declared wanted, Ojo Adelusi, Sunday Ijoh, Sunkami Iyiola, Wole Iyiola and Ope Ogungbemi, out of which three were seen on Tuesday had left for a popular night club in the metropolis around 10.30pm on Saturday and had their vehicle fell into a canal at

Why Oshiomhole won Edo guber election, by Osunbor

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FORMER Governor of Edo State, Professor Oserheimen Osunbor and a member of the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP), has congratulated Governor Adams Oshiomhole of the Action Congress of Nigeria (ACN) on his victory at the last Saturday governorship election in the state.

The former governor, in a statement signed by his media aide, Emma Ehijene, said the result of last Saturday's Governorship election in Edo State did not come to him as a surprise because the PDP had defeated itself before the election was co conducted.

According to him, the "PDP in fact lost the election on 25th February when the party leaders manipulated the primaries that produced the candidate when they fielded a candidate that was relatively new to the politics of Edo State against Oshiomhole.

"The outcome was predictable. His sponsors knew or ought to have known that the PDP will be heavily trounced in the election as it turned out to be.

"Those whose mission at the primaries was to disgrace Osunbor have themselves been disgraced without any exception. They made a costly mistake and should take responsibility for PDP's woeful performance", he said.

He, however, shifted the blame for the performance of the party at the poll to the leadership of the PDP in Edo State, saying, "the result has made it abundantly clear that the leadership of Edo State PDP has failed having lost in all the local government areas and scored 23 percent of the votes."

Magistrate

