

# News

## Man kills another in Niger

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**EID-EL-KABIR** on Monday turned sour at Maje village in Suleja local government council of Niger State as a Fulani man, alleged to have acted under the influence of alcohol, terminated the life of a passer-by to evade arrest.

On the fateful Monday, some Fulani youths had trooped out into the village square to attend the days' market and as well continue in the Sallah celebration.

An eyewitness told our correspondent that while some of the Fulani were in joyful mood, exchanging banter, an argument started, leading to a free for all.

Miffed by the tensed situation as a result of the outbreak of fighting among the Fulani youths, it was further gathered that the vigilance group in the area immediately intervened to stop the fighting turning bloody.

Attempts by the vigilance group to arrest the prime suspect in the fighting was said to have caused more harm as the suspect, who was allegedly running away from Zamfara community an area close to the market where liquor was being sold suddenly bolted out of the joint.

The fleeing suspect, it was further learnt in the process of escaping met another person coming from the opposite direction and in what many believed to be on influenced by alcohol, descended on the innocent man with his machete.

The source further hinted that, the fleeing Fulani man, thinking that the man from the opposite direction was among those trying to arrest him, inflicted machete cuts on him, which led to his death before help could come his way.

## Ejigbo new road will be ready in November, contractor assures

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**PROJECT** Concern, the construction firm handling the rehabilitation of Kayode Double Power Line Road in Ejigbo Local Council Development Area has assured the local government authority that repair work on the road would be completed by the end of November 2012.

The site engineer for the construction firm, Gboyega Nurudeen, gave the assurance last Tuesday, when the chairman of the local government, Kehinde Bamigbetan, led members of the council's executive on a scheduled visit to the road, as part of his one day tour of on-going projects in the council area.

Gboyega told the council entourage that the initial eight weeks deadline set for the completion of the road repair, stated that when they moved to the site early September, they discovered that the scope of work is more than their original plan, and this required them to go back to the drawing board for a redesign of the job.

He made particular reference to the need for engagement of Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) for the removal of some high tension wires from the road to enable them get their correct alignment on the road and the removal of some abandoned vehicles from the road as some of the challenges militating against meeting the initial deadline.

## Okada riders as restricted

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A MASS exodus of okada riders from Lagos State has begun following the clampdown on commercial motorcyclists in Lagos by agents of the state government.

On Tuesday, scores of okada riders were seen hoisting their motorcycles into waiting trailers en route their home states in the North.

At Kara bus stop near Ojodu Berger area of Lagos, and Obalende in Central Lagos, dozens of

the okada riders are Nigerians were also with motorcycles as they relocate.

Many of them with *Daily* they prefer trade in their with peace with limited their okada officers world State government. "The people our services,



Minister of Works, Mike Onolemamen (left), and Deputy Corps Marshal Operation, Boboye, funded by the World Bank in Abuja on Tuesday.

## ExxonMobil donates

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**MOBIL** Producing Nigeria Unlimited (MPN) and Esso Exploration and Production Nigeria Limited (EEPNL), affiliates of Exxon Mobil Corporation on Tuesday announced the donation of \$500,000 USD (about N80m) to victims of the recent flooding disaster in five of the worst hit states.

The company made this known in a statement by Paul Arinze, its

General Manager Government. ExxonMobil and the Nigerian Red Cross to Akwa Ibom and other states, severely affected. "Our sincere hope is that the people of the states have millions moved by this disaster. Ward, Lead. ExxonMobil. "It's our hope

## 10,000 traders to grace

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**NO FEWER** than 10,000 Community Development Associations (CDAs), market men and women are expected to grace the 2012 Community Day (CD) celebrations in Lagos, the state government said on Tuesday.

Commissioner for Rural Development, Cornelius Ojelabi, who revealed this while briefing newsmen ahead of the celebration scheduled for 8 November, said the 2,765 CDAs in Lagos would come with their members as well as market men and women for the celebration of the CD.

"Preparation for this year's celebration is in top gear, which is

why we have plans and preparation," he said.

The commissioner said that the celebration with a visit to people's homes and Children's Home, Old People's Home, will be visited.

He listed up for the celebration the handing of rural community projects to 10 Araromi, M. Ikorodu, Epe, and other projects. Solar Power water scheme in Iru-Victoria Bay Village.