

LEADERSHIP reports that Pastor Oyakhilome's attention was drawn to the teenager and he asked him, "are you truly the boy who stowed away in a plane to Lagos?" and the boy replied in the affirmative. The boy also confirmed his age to the pastor, who cautioned him not to embark on such foolhardy venture again and also prayed for him.

## Fire Razes 300 Shops At Yankatako Market Zaria

BY ALIYU YUSUF, Kaduna

About 300 shops at Yankatako Market, Sabon Gari, Zaria, Kaduna State, were yesterday razed following a fire incident at the market.

Sources told LEADERSHIP that the incident occurred in the early hours of yesterday.

LEADERSHIP gathered that men of the fire service as well as residents battled for about four hours to put out the fire which raged ceaselessly.

Chairman of the Sabon Gari Market Traders Association, Alhaji Abubakar Bagobiri, told journalists that the incident was caused by fluctuation of voltage from the public power source.

He confirmed that over 300 shops and goods worth millions of naira were lost in the incident.

It was a gory sight in Owerri, Imo State, weekend, when a truck belonging to the 7UP bottling company skidded off the Orji/Okigwe road, few metres before the entrance of the Imo State University (IMSU) and crashed, heaping its contents on a yet-to-be-identified girl.

The incident which was said to have occurred at about 8:30pm at the ever busy IMSU junction left two pedestrians dead and several others injured.

from Orji, when the driver lost control of it and it swerved for a few seconds, crushing other vehicles in the process, before it finally toppled over.

"I was there and saw when some of the drinks started falling from the truck as the driver battled to bring it under control. But it skidded off the dual carriage way and fell with a thunderous sound," the witness said.

Although it was yet to be confirmed if the victims were students, another witness re-

roadside sustained deep cuts from the broken bottles likewise some people who were eating in an eatery and the traders there.

The driver of the truck was said to have escaped unhurt but deserted the scene for possible fear of mob attack.

A combined team of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC) and police as well as officials of the state government were said to have conveyed the injured victims to an undisclosed hospital.

## Housewife Slumps, Dies After Sex With Lover

BY KOLA NIYI-EKE, Asaba

A mother of three identified as Mrs. Ify Nwanokolo in Ibusa community near Asaba in Delta State has allegedly collapsed and died after sex rounds with lover on her matrimonial bed.

Reports said 30-year-old Ify had invited her new lover, Okey from Onitsha to her one-room apartment to spend the night with her and the lover came to the house at about 9pm but left and returned by 11pm when the woman's children had gone to bed.

LEADERSHIP gathered that the lov-

ers reached an agreement of N2,500 to be paid in two installments of N2000 before and N500 the following day, after the sexual encounter.

Sources said the duo were engaged in sexual acts up to 4:30am, when the woman became exhausted and began to scream, after which she slumped.

The late Ify's screams were said to have awaken her daughter, identified as Ebube as well as the landlord of the house where she lived and the landlord was said to have rushed to her apartment and forced the door open, only to find her on the floor, completely ex-

hausted.

Her lover, Okey was said to have attempted to escape through the window but was stopped by

the landlord of the house who grabbed his legs and pulled him back into the room, after which he was handed over to the vigilante group in the area who later handed him over to the police in the area.

LEADERSHIP learnt that the late Ify who regained consciousness after the police came to the scene, informed them that her husband works somewhere outside the area, after which she collapsed again and gave up the ghost.

## Fire Guts Fuel Station In Umuahia