

Trailer kills motorcyclist

From Bisi Oladele, Ibadan

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motorcyclist was yesterday in Ibadan crushed to death by a trailer.

The accident was said to have occurred at about 9:00 am when the trailer driver lost control of the vehicle due to a break failure.

The truck, with registration number Jigawa XC 237 HJA, was said to have lost control while approaching the T-Junction linking Oyo Road at Ojoo.

Eyewitnesses said pedestrians and traders fled when they noticed that the driver had lost control of the truck.

But the deceased, simply identified as Blessing, was caught unawares.

His body has been deposited at Adeoyo Hospital.

Police sources confirmed that the driver had been arrested and would be charged to court soon.

Awolowo lecture

THE lecture series for the centenary celebration of the late sage, Chief Obafemi Awolowo, holds today in Lagos.

The lecture, organised by the Obafemi Awolowo Foundation and entitled: "Between Nationhood and Nation Space," will be delivered by Prof. Wole Soyinka. Prof. Ayo Banjo will chair the occasion.

Lawyers praise Yar'Adua

REAL Estate Lawyers Association of Nigeria (RELAN) has commended President Umar Musa Yar'Adua over his bid to amend the Land Use Act of 1978.

It described it as a step in the right direction.

In a statement by its Executive Vice-President, Mr. Adekunle Omotola, the association said: "The initiative is indeed a watershed development as it affords Nigerians the opportunity, for the first time in 31 years, since the inception of the Act, to critically discuss the operation of the Act with a view to retaining, reviewing or amending its provisions."

Fake Rep held

From Sanni Ologun, Abuja

The Federal Capital Territory (FCT) Police Command yesterday paraded a 40-year-old man for impersonating a member of the House of Representatives, Hon. Sa'ad Tahir.

Luck ran out of Sanni Umar of Girei when he fell into the Police dragnet after over 12 months of posing as a lawmaker.

He was arrested with fake complimentary cards, bearing the logo of the National Assembly, a posh car and three women.

The Command Public Relations Officer, Jimoh Moshood, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), said the suspect had confessed to the offence of impersonation, forgery and cheating.

"He also confessed to duping a lot of people using the name of the honourable member. Some of his victims who lost money to him, ranging from N850, 000 to N3.2million and three exotic cars, have identified the suspect," he added.