

attention has been drawn to reports in the papers of July 27, crediting Rivers State Governor as saying that Rivers State Government sold one of its three aircraft to Cross River State for \$9 mil-

State Government engaged the services of an aviation consultant, who inspected the aircraft and said the interior needed to be reconfigured from its VIP configuration to a 32-seater commercial con-

ed by a commercial airline, will charge commercial rates, and operate scheduled flights to **Bebi Airstrip**.

"The two states had agreed on instalmental payment, spread over two years and Cross River has paid about

"The administration is known for its prudent management of resources, which accounts for the massive developmental strides achieved across the state, despite its lean resources."

Labour declares strike in Edo today

CIVIL servants in Edo State will embark on a solidarity strike today with teachers in public schools over their exclusion from the new minimum wage.

The seven-day ultimatum issued by Organised Labour to the government to address the non-inclusion of teachers

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and others in the minimum wage expired yesterday.

A communiqué issued at the end of an emergency meeting of Nigeria Labour Congress (NLC), Trade Union Congress (TUC) and Joint Negotiating Council (JNC) signed by NLC Chair-

man Emman Ademokun; Joe Aligbe (TUC) and Shaka Otoide (JNC) urged the workers to remain at home.

The communiqué reads: "Consequent upon the failure of Edo State Government to address the ultimatum earlier issued, the entire Edo State Government workforce is hereby directed to com-

mence an indefinite strike with effect from today.

The Nigeria Bar Association (NBA) has threatened to file a legal action to force the state government to conduct elections into the 18 local councils.

It gave the government one month to dissolve the present caretaker committee.

Teenagers' bodies discovered in Edo

TWO persons, 19-year-old Vincent Egwuchi and 11-year-old Oziegbe Osakwe were found dead at different locations in Edo State.

Egwuchi's decomposing body was found dangling from a tree at Ubiaja, the headquarters of Esan South-east Local Government.

He was said to have been last seen on July 22.

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A source said the deceased was an Abuja-based automobile engineer, who complained of low patronage.

The source said no suicide note was left and that his remains had been taken to a mortuary.

Osakwe, a primary-six pupil, was said to have been found tied to a window pro-

pector, a few hours after he returned home from school last Tuesday.

The incident led to the authorities of his school, Classic Academy Nursery and Primary School, Aduwawa, to cancel their graduation ceremony scheduled to hold last Friday.

It was gathered that the late Osakwe was the only child of

his mother and the eldest of his father, who is now remarried.

His grandfather, Mr. Eboehise, said he was drinking the water Oziegbe fetched for him, when other children in the house screamed "OZ don die".

Eboehise said he saw the boy's neck tied with his shirt to an iron bar in a window in the house.

Two killed in bank robbery

TWO persons were killed yesterday and many others injured, when armed robbers raided a new generation bank in Uromi, Esan Northeast Local Government of Edo State.

The hoodlums were said to have stormed the bank in a bus, forced their way in and started shooting sporadically.

Sources said the incident lasted over one hour, with the

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robbers carting away huge sums of money.

Banks in Uromi and its environs closed for more than two months, owing to incessant robberies.

Police spokesman Peter Ogboi said he was aware of the incident but had not been given details.