

citizens consumed by crash



•Maimuna Anyene, with her twins Kaiyen and Kalma, three, while pregnant with Noah, aged five months when he died

Imo Speaker mourns Anyene six, others

SPEAKER of Imo State House of Assembly Benjamin Uwajumogu has expressed his condolence to the Governor of Imo State, Owele Rochas Okorocha over the death of Imo sons and daughters in the DANA plane crash.

He described the death of Prof. Celestine Onyuliri, Mrs Jennifer Ike C. Ike, Dr. Dev Ajiunuma, the Onyeagocha's, Mr. Dike Chinwe (SAN), Onyeka Anyene, Maimuna Anyene, Noah Anyene, Kamsisoyona Anyene, Kaigenotochi Anyene, Enuma Ebuka, Enuma Sunday, Onyeriri Oluchi, Ngozi Hope, Njoku Ogechi, Njoku Charles, Okeke Hope, Ike Ochonogo, Okocha Christopher, Philip Chukwu Ebuka and others.

Frank Enuna Mgbahurike, Owerri

Uwajumogu urged the affected families to bear the losses with the assurance that Almighty God will grant them eternal rest.

The Speaker has postponed all activities marking the one year of the Assembly dated for June 7.

He said: "In view of the unfortunate situation in the state and the country at large, it would be unethical, insensitive and indeed morally wrong for us to continue with the activities to mark out one year of inauguration on the 7th of June 2012. We therefore join millions of our citizens to mourn the departed souls."

The flight disappeared from radar screens on Sunday one minute after declaring the emergency at 3.43pm local time an aviation ministry statement said.

At the crash site in Lagos' Iju-Ishaga neighborhood, about five miles from Lagos airport, local residents carried fire hoses, trying to extinguish the plane's burning fuselage.

The major challenges of life in oil-rich Nigeria quickly became apparent as there wasn't any water to put out the flames more than three hours

later.

Torrential downpour and strong winds prevented emergency crews from returning to the devastated neighborhood where the airliner crashed.

Dana, which began operating in 2008, issued a statement following the crash, specifying that the plane was carrying 146 passengers and seven crew.

The airline's website said all flights had been suspended.

Dana Air have also announced

that the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority is leading the crash investigation with help from the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board.

Harold Demuren, the director-general of the Nigerian Civil Aviation Authority, said the pilot of the downed aircraft was an American and the co-pilot was Indian.

Chinese officials have said six of its nationals were on the plane and France said that one of its nationals, a woman, was on the flight.



•The late Jennifer

Queen Elizabeth condoles with Nigeria

The queen, in a message sent to President Goodluck Jonathan, said she was saddened by the development.

She prayed for the families of those who either died or have suffered losses as a result of the crash.

The message reads: "I was shocked and saddened to learn of the tragic aeroplane crash in Lagos on June 3. My thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of the bereaved and with the Nigerian people, who have suffered from this devastating loss of life. I send my deepest condolences to all those who have lost relatives or have been injured."



•Queen Elizabeth

QUEEN Elizabeth 11 of England has condoled with Nigeria over the Dana Air plane crash, which killed over 150 people.

British woman 'dead in crash'

ABRITISH statistician is thought to be among the 153 people killed on board a plane that crashed in Nigeria, her sister said.

Jill Chime, from Liverpool, said she had seen the name of her sister, Antonia Attuh, on the final passenger list from the Dana Air flight, which crashed on Sunday.

Another sister has flown to Nigeria to help relatives find her body, which they believe is in a hospital mortuary.

Ms Attuh was travelling to Lagos to attend a course and regularly flew to Nigeria, Ms Chime said.

Speaking to BBC Radio 5 Live's Up All Night programme, she said: "My sister was travelling to Lagos and that was as far as I knew. I wasn't certain of what airline she had gone on."

"We were immediately concerned because we had spoken to my sister in the morning and she was telling us she was going to Lagos that afternoon."

"When I heard about the crash I had to try and find out what airline

she had taken."

She added: "My sister was a wonderful person, quite an exceptional person. She was a statistician - maths was the thing she loved doing and loved most."

A cousin, who was due to collect Ms Attuh from the airport, told Ms Chime her sister was aboard the flight, which was also confirmed by Ms Attuh's husband, who had seen her off.

"I also have my cousin who yesterday had gone through 30-odd bodies trying to locate her, and today he has gone through a further 40. But as of yet, we still have no confirmation of a corpse," she said. "It is very difficult and distressing."

Ms Chime called for an inquiry into the cause of the crash.

She said: "Only then can the lessons of this tragedy be learned. My sister would not have rested until she had gotten to the bottom of what happened and why it happened."

The plane crashed about five miles north of Murtala Muhammed



•The late Mrs. Attuh, with her husband on their wedding day. With them are Mrs. Attuh's parents

International Airport in Lagos, southwest Nigeria after travelling from the Nigerian capital Abuja. It crashed into a printing works and residential buildings in the busy Iju-Ishaga suburb.

An unknown number of people on the ground were also killed.

The Foreign Office was unable to confirm whether Ms Attuh was aboard but a spokeswoman said: "It is believed that there was a dual

British-Nigerian national on board the flight.

"The Foreign Office has been in contact with a member of her family and offered consular assistance."

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