

•Lagos State Governor, Babatunde Fashola (middle), his Deputy, Adejoke Orelope-Adefulire (right) and the Head of Service, Prince Adesegun Ogunlewe (left) during a 3-day retreat for members of the State Executive Council and body of Permanent Secretaries ... at the weekend

Gunmen kill Oyo NURTW deputy chair

THE Deputy Chairman of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) in Oyo State, Alhaji Kamorudeen Beyioku, has been killed by gunmen in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital.

Beyioku, who was shot earlier in the week, died at the early hours of yesterday at the University College Hospital (UCH), Ibadan, yesterday.

Medical personnel battled in vain for four days to save his life at the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) at the hospital.

A reliable source at the hospital disclosed that armed policemen kept vigil at the

From Bisi Oladele, Ibadan
ICU while the battle to save his life lasted.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Mr. Ayodele Lanade, confirmed the incident but explained that he was yet to be fully briefed.

Lanade, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), said the fortification of the hospital's ICU was necessary to prevent the gunmen from coming to complete the killing during treatment.

Beyioku was inaugurated as the Deputy Chairman of the union last December 21 after over three years of a

properly constituted State Administrative Council (SAC) for the union in the state.

Crisis engulfed the union when former Chairman, Alhaji Lateef Akinsola (aka Tokyo)-led Council was sacked by the administration of former governor Adebayo Alao-Akala in 2008.

Tokyo is still in court challenging the legality of the current SAC.

The 14-member SAC comprises Alhaji Taofeek Oyerinde, aka Fele (Chairman); Comrade Akin James (State Secretary); Elder Lekan

Aleshinloye (Assistant Secretary); Alhaji Kamorudeen Beyioku (Deputy Chairman); Alhaji Abideen Olajide (Vice Chairman); Alhaji Ademola Adeoye (State Treasurer); Elder Joseph Odeyemi (Assistant Treasurer); Alhaji Musa Adeleke (Financial Secretary); Alhaji Abass Adigun (State Auditor) and Alhaji Kasali Lawal (Assistant Auditor).

The National President of the NURTW, Alhaji Nojeem Yasin, swore in the SAC to steer the affairs of the union in the state for the next four years.

Minister seeks strict verification of certificates before appointment

MINISTER of Education, Professor Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i, has advised labour employers to verify any certificate before appointment letters are issued.

The minister disclosed that the certification verification unit of the Federal Ministry of Education (FME) is active and

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can be consulted at any time for clarification.

Rufa'i, who gave the warning in Abuja at the post 2012 Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) teachers retraining workshop review meet-

ing, reiterated that the FME is worried about the poor quality of education in the country in terms of delivery and outcome.

Government, she said, has set an agenda to continue to address the problem of quality in the education sector with the

view to ensuring that teachers' training and retraining are given priority this year.

She said: "The bottom-line of the training is to equip teachers with basic skills and knowledge that will enable them to improve on their professional practices."

Suspect admits killing wife

A 31-YEAR-OLD man, Henry Obialo, who allegedly murdered his wife two days after their traditional marriage said he was still wondering what led him to commit the act.

He reportedly married the late wife on January 12 and killed her on January 15 at about 2am at their residence in Benin City.

Henry, who is detained at the Criminal Investigation Department at the Police Headquarters, gave the name of his late wife as Precious.

He said he met the wife last year and proceeded to marry her due to pressure from the late wife even though his brothers were not aware of the wedding.

Narrating what happened to newsmen, Henry, who was in tears, said the incident happened at about 2am and that something unexplainable took over his room.

He said: "I am here because of the problem I had with my wife which led to her death."

"In the night, I didn't know what came over our

From Osagie Otabor, Benin

room that brought problem between us. I was confused. I didn't know what to do.

"I was sweating and she was struggling. I didn't know what made my hand to hold her neck and I turned her back."

"She fell on the ground. I held her on the ground for about 30 minutes. I later woke up and the sweating stopped."

He continued: "I went to lay on the bed feeling that

she was not dead. At 5am I woke up and touched her she was not moving.

"I was afraid to tell anybody. I went outside and knocked on the window of my neighbour who said he could not get up."

"At 6am, I touched her and she did not shake. I started crying. I went to work and told my friend about the incident. I asked him to help me contact the police."

"After he called the police, I went to the police and made

my statement. The police followed me home and they took her to the hospital where she was confirmed dead.

"When I held her that night, it was as if I was not holding anything. She was very light."

Henry said he and the late wife planned to start having sex after their white wedding.

Assistant State Police Spokesman, Ejiroro Ahwara said the police was still investigating the incident.

Anambra is well governed - Anyaoku

FORMER Secretary General of the Commonwealth, Chief Emeka Anyanwu, has described Anambra State as one of the best governed going by indices of good governance.

He spoke at the weekend during the gathering of parliamentarians, diplomats and captains of industry to honour him as he turned 80 at the Marlborough House, London, the Headquarters of the Commonwealth.

Anyaoku worked for 34

years at the Commonwealth, rising to become the Secretary General from 1990-2000.

He said: "Peter Obi is the governor of my state, Anambra, which is one among the 36 federating states."

"In the most recent rating, Obi is acclaimed as one of the best performing governors in Nigeria. This is not hearsay."

"Even recently, Bunmi and I were in the state to cel-

ebate the Christmas and can attest to the transformational activities taking place in the state under Peter Obi. At 80, this gives me special joy."

Obi thanked everyone that paid reverence to Anyaoku, saying he was proud to be the CEO of a global and wonderful brand.

He said that the real celebration would be in Anambra where he will take the opportunity to present Anyaoku as a role model.