

From left: Special Assistant to Ekiti State Governor on Labour, Comrade Arogundade Joseph, Chief Whip, Ekiti State House of Assembly, Mr. Ade Ajayi; Commissioner for Labour Productivity and Human Capital Development, Mr. Oluwale Ariyo; Deputy Governor, Prof. Modupe Adelabu; and Commissioner for Education Science and Technology, Mr. Kehinde Ojo, during a media briefing after the state chapter of the Nigeria Union of Teachers (NUT) called off the four-week strike, in Ado-Ekiti...yesterday.

* Man 'beats wife to death'

A 45-year-old man, Mr. Adewale Daramola, on Monday allegedly beat his wife to death at Ig-bemo-Ekiti in Gbonyin Local Government Area of Ekiti State.

A source said the deceased, Iyabo, 38, had three children for her husband.

Daramola, popularly called *Wasco*, reportedly buried his wife in a shallow grave in a nearby bush after killing her.

The source said his action enraged the people of the

• Dumps her in shallow grave

From Sulaiman Salawudeen, Ado Ekiti

community and the deceased's relations.

The Nation learnt that the wife was not well-fed and was malnourished because of the uncaring attitude of the husband. On the day of the incident, she appealed to him to give her money to buy food for their children.

The source further said rather than give her the mon-

ey or go out as he usually does, Daramola "dealt his frail wife blows as though he was fighting another man."

"At a point, the woman ran out of the home, she kept running. However, she later fell down as she could not run too well. Daramola continued to beat her, hitting her with his feet.

"The woman later died. When he realised that he had killed her, he escaped into the bush, abandoning their mat-

rimonial home on Ijan Road."

Daramola is said to be a motorcycle mechanic and often engages in farming. He is also said to be fond of going out with friends to drinking bars, neglecting his wife and children.

Detectives from the Iworoko Police Station are said to be on the trail of Daramola, who is on the run.

Police spokesman Mr. Victor Olu-Babayemi, who confirmed the incident, said investigation was on to get to the root of the matter.

Ekiti's community-based programmes get boost