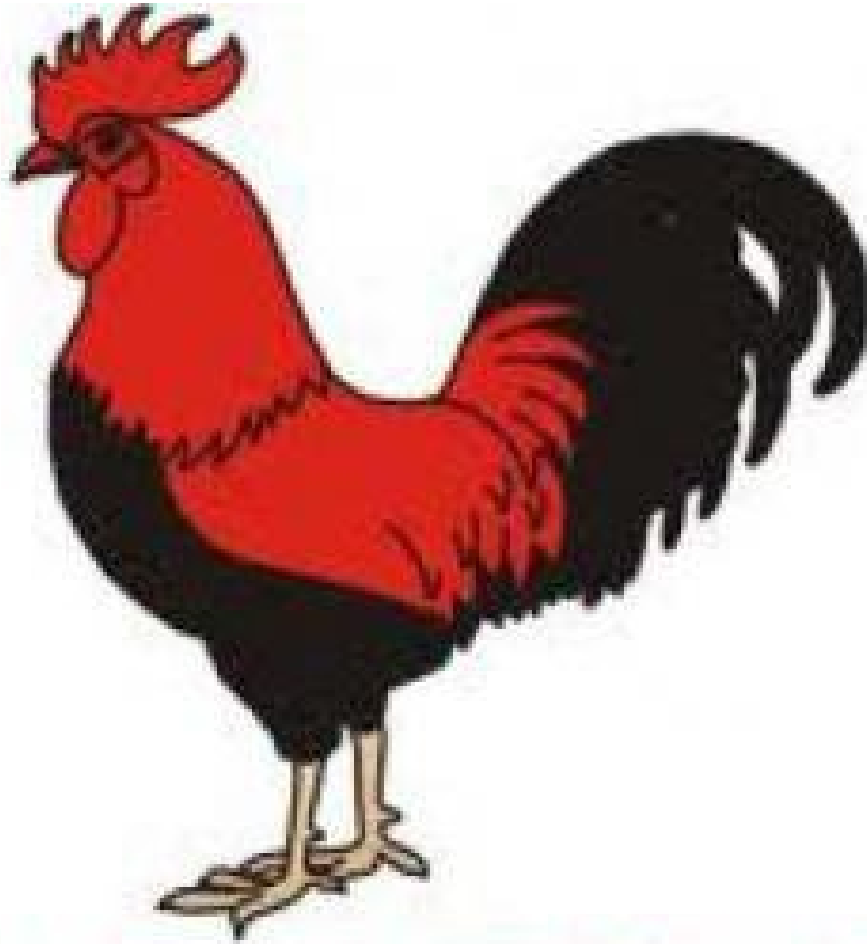


APGA mourns three officials



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The All Progressives Grand Alliance (APGA) Integrity Group yesterday described the death of its three members in an accident, while returning from Abuja, as shocking and sad.

The Publicity Secretary, Martin Kalu, said in a statement in Abuja: “APGA Integrity Group is pained and heartbroken that the three Imo State chapter officials, Mr. Tony Mgbeahurike, the state Publicity Secretary, Mr. Obinna Ibe and Mr. Uche Okeke died in a crash at Uromi in Edo State while the Organising Secretary, Chief John Iwuala, was injured and is in hospital. They accompanied one of the governorship aspirants, Okey Eze, to collect his expression of interest and nomination forms at APGA national secretariat, Abuja.

“The death of these politicians is a big blow to APGA and our democracy. They were the shining stars of progressive politics in Imo State and were determined to rescue the state from the cabal that has held it

hostage.

“The greatest honour APGA and Imo State electorate will give these heroes of democracy is to vote for the party’s governorship candidate in 2015 to take over from Owelle Rochas Okorocha.

“We mourn these APGA members, who died in active service. Our hearts go to their families and loved ones. We pray that God Almighty will give them the fortitude to bear the loss. We also pray for speedy recovery of the injured. We commiserate with the Victor Umeh leadership of APGA and enjoin him to mobilise members in Imo State to recover our stolen mandate, which Governor Okorocha took to the All Progressives Congress (APC).

“We urge politicians to imbibe issue-based politics and eschew violence. The era of do-or-die politics is over. The citizens want the dividends of democracy, not carnage, as we collectively deepen participatory democracy in the country.”