

a vacuum in the political-historical-economic cum religious life of the Yoruba.

"This is because for several decades and in numerous instances the Matriarch was vocal in protecting the heritage of Yoruba. These had cumulatively positioned the people in the rightful position.

"Our president, Olumide

her lifetime her granddaughter became the wife of Vice President.

"Although her demise epitomises the end of an era, but her immediate community (Ikenne), Yoruba and this generation will not forget her in a hurry for her stabilisation role, which goes beyond the shore of Yoruba."

Three die in Ibadan accident

THREE people died yesterday in Bakatari town on the Ibadan-Abeokuta Expressway.

The accident involved a Galaxy Volkswagen with registration number Abuja KWL 4082 A and a commercial motorcycle.

It was gathered that the vehicle took off from Abuja for Abeokuta with two passengers, a ram, supposedly for the *Sallah* celebration, refrigerator, mattress, and other household goods.

An eyewitness said the driver swerved into the other lane and rammed into a commercial motorcycle, killing the rider and his two passengers.

The victims were Paul Emma (motorcyclist), Mallam Yahaya and Mohammed Bello.

Angry residents blamed the accident on the driver, who they accused of sleeping.

Some aggrieved youths protested against reckless driving and over-speeding by commercial drivers. They attempted to set the driver ablaze.

The riot was stopped by a team of anti-riot policemen from Apata Police Station.

The Divisional Traffic Officer (DTO 2), Makinde Michael, led traffic officers to control traffic.

The team later towed away the wrecked vehicle and the pieces of the motorcycle.

The victims' remains were deposited at the Adeoyo State Hospital morgue.

The Baale of the Community, Elder Isiaka Abe, called on the Federal Ministry of Works to construct speed breakers on the expressway.

'We won't interfere in trial'

OME members of the