

FIRE KILLS 4 IN AKOKO

ONDO State Governor Olusegun Agagu has con- doled victims of a night fire that claimed four lives and razed houses, shops, vehi- cles and property worth mil- lions of naira in the Owaro Oka in the Akoko area of the state.

Agagu described the fire in- cident caused by fuel spillage from a tanker that fell down in the heart of the community as a disaster and great calamity. However, he said the state gov- ernment had already com- menced processes of provid- ing relief to the victims.

The governor, who was re- presented by his deputy, Otunba Omolade Oluwateru, during a visit to the scene, said the local government authori- ties had been mandated to get the estimate of the number of persons, houses and property involved with a view to allevi- ating the impact on the peo- ple.

"We commiserate with the people of this community on this sad development. We are deeply touched especially that

lives, which are irreplaceable, are involved. The Agagu-led government, in its characteris- tic manner of responsiveness and commitment to the wel- fare of the people has started thinking of ways out of this and how to assist the victims

within the next one week," he said.

He assured the community that the Federal Government and necessary agencies would be in- volved in the process with a view to providing an alternative route for heavy-duty trucks which had

Kaduna FRSC preaches road safety during Christmas

KADUNA zone of the Fed- eral Road Safety Commission (FRSC) has again warned motor- ists on the danger in non-observ- ance of road traffic regulations.

The zonal commanding officer in-charge of Kaduna zonal Com- mander Assistant Corp Marshal Wubang Khinma Lepzem who gave the warning at a press brief- ing said his commission was poised to ensure accident free Christmas, Sallah and new year celebrations.

To this end, Lepzem said spe- cial Marshals from the zone will be on duty in all the highways for 24 hours through out all the festi- vals.

He reminded commercial driv-

ers to make sure that they strictly adhere to all traffic laws to avoid being arrested by his men.

Lepzem added that his officials have been instructed to appre- hend any drivers that refuses to obey traffic laws especially dur- ing the up among festivities.

He identified many factors that always lead to fatal accident to include over speeding, danger- ous driving, drunkenness, over loading, night journeys, using of mobile phone while driving, lack of use of seat belt and over taking among others.

The zonal commanding officer of FRSC also spoke on the dan- gers in allowing under aged kids to drive on the highways by their

ways because the cause of acci- dents in the community.

Head of the community and the Asin of Okaland, Oba Law- rence Omorinbola, who thanked the governor for immediate re- sponse and humane posture, appealed for speedy assistance to the victims, adding that some- thing must be done to bar trucks from plying the road.

parents, saying that his men would arrest any under aged driver while the vehicle would be impounded.

Lepzem therefore appealed to wealthy parents not to allow their under aged kids to drive on the highways.

He also announced that the commission is equipped with tools with which to work like am- bulance and patrol motorcycles to enable them take part effec- tively in rescue mission in case of accident.

The zonal commanding officer appealed for cooperation from both the road users, commercial drivers, NURTW and NARTO officials to ensure that these pe- riods of festivities were marked without accident on the roads.