

# More companies mourn Judith Adama, others

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report*

**M**ORE corporate organizations, political parties and associations have continued to commiserate with the families and organizations of the See Page 2 Col 1

# Judith Adama, others

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seven journalists who died on Wednesday last week in a road accident while on official assignment in the entourage of Governor Joshua Dariye of Plateau State.

Among the victims of the auto crash who lost their lives on the Yelwa-Shendam road was the Plateau State Editor of *New Nigerian*, Mrs. Judith E. Adama.

The sympathizers in their separate condolence letters include the management and staff of the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) Plc, the conference of Nigeria Political Parties (CNPP), All Progressive Grand Alliance (APGA), Citi-

zens Popular Party (CPP) and the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Sokoto State council, which declared a two-day mourning in honour of the deceased.

A condolence letter by the principal manager, Public Affairs of the PHCN, Kaduna Electricity Distribution Zone, Mr. Baba-Limmy Omar-Ikaije to the management of the New Nigerian Newspapers expressed shock over the "sudden and sad" death of the journalists.

"Special mention must be made of Mrs. Judith E. Adama, who is widely known to be a dedicated, honest and thorough

## Nnamani

to embarrass it as a corporate organization.

Reacting to the allegation, a visibly angry Senate President had said the allegation by INEC was baseless, saying that since he became a Senator in 2003, he had never allowed any company in which he had either controlling or minority shares to participate in any contract award in the country adding that there was no way he could have accepted a 50 million Naira contract while he was aware that some young boys and girls were being given

journalist in all senses of these words. She was also easy going, humble and a fantastic reporter. We will miss her condour, courage, dignity and kindness forever," it stated.

Also in its condolence, the National Chairman of Citizens Popular Party (CPP), Mr. Mazi Okwu described the death as a big blow to the journalism profession.

"We thank God for the lives of those who survived the accident and pray for the repose of those that died," he said

He, however, urged journalists to be steadfast in discharging their social responsibilities as "the conscience of the na-

contracts in billions of Naira, thus described the INEC contract awards as 'Bazaar' where every body went to shop

Obi stated that Alkatex Nigeria Limited was registered in 1998 with RC number 334945 by the Corporate Affairs Commission, stressing that the particulars of the company were available at the commission for any body to verify.

He, however, explained that while it was true that ALKATEX as a company bid for, got pre-qualified, won and executed fully the contract for the supply of small part of voting cubicles to INEC, it did not in any way have any dealing either directly or indirectly with the person or office of the Senate President Senator Ken Nnamani.

"Our company has track record of quality service with all our numerous customers both public and private. Senator Ken Nnamani is neither a director nor a shareholder in our company. Allegation that he is connected to our company is clearly false and unfounded," Mr. Obi said.

Accordingly, Alkatex Nigeria Limited said it viewed the misinformation in the Nigeria media as a calculated attempt to smear its good corporate image, thus demanded an unreserved apology from the erring media house. It also warned that failure to do so would compel the company to seek legal redress, just as it implored all well-meaning Nigerians to disregard any such insinuation in any quarters or in the media.

tion" and called on all the citizens to be more prayerful.

A statement from the Conference of Nigeria Political Parties (CNPP), signed by its chairman, Dr. Olapade Agoro, commended the patriotic efforts of journalists in the struggle to enthrone a genuine democracy in the country.

"We are heartbroken that these vibrant journalists died while on an official duty," he said.

In the same vein, APGA said in a statement that it was sad that "the brilliant journalists perished at the time when the nation needs them most."

It, nonetheless, called on journalists to see the tragic loss as a challenge in their efforts in building a strong democratic society.

Meanwhile, the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Sokoto State Council, has declared two days of mourning in honour of the seven journalists who died last week in Plateau State, as a result of road carnage.

A statement signed by the council's chairman, Muhammad Sajo said the two-day mourning period was in line with the directive of the national secretariat of the union.

Sajo also said in the statement that the council had opened a condolence register at the Press Centre, Zuru Road, Sokoto to receive condolence messages from individuals and organizations from across the state.

## Jigawa

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projects for which posterity would judge us after we have left office," he said.

Turaki advised that in the interest of peace, unity and mutual co-existence, people should always cross-check facts before rushing to conclusion.

Governor Turaki also said 200 Jigawa State indigenes were now in Singapore undergoing training in Information Technology.

Turaki said the scheme was geared toward the realisation of empowering the people, which he explained, was one of the cardinal principles of his administration.

He explained that the state government had put in place a viable scholarship scheme for the programme.

Turaki said the beneficiaries

## Houses in Abuja

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included Oceanic Bank, Union Bank, First Access Bank, Stanbic Bank, Zenith Bank, GT Bank and Intercontinental Bank amongst others.

With the arrangement put in place by the Federal Government, the FCT Minister said all career public servants or political office holders occupying government houses who had indicated interest and paid the first 10 per cent, 20 per cent or any amount of deposit, should go to any bank of their choice from the aforementioned to acquire loan to complete payment for their houses before or on Friday.

Failure to do so before Friday by career public servants or political office holders, according to the FCT Minister, translated to forfeiture of such houses to government for sale to other persons.

It would be recalled that the

Federal Government decided to sell non-essential government houses to the general public as part of its monetisation policy, and directed the FCTA to be responsible for the sales process.

An ad-hoc Committee on the Sale of Government Houses was set up by the FCTA and was responsible for the selling of the houses.

To ensure the success of the sale of houses, the FCTA on its part restructured its mortgage finance company, Aso Savings & Loans (Aso Savings), which originated 25 billion Naira of the mortgages in the first tranche, while other sellers originated over 10 billion Naira, thus making 35 billion Naira for the first series of the bond.

To finalise the arrangement, President Olusegun Obasanjo expressed satisfaction that the bond would be launched before the expiration of his administration.