

Secretary to the State Government, Mr. Timothy

pointment followed due consultations with the State Council of Chiefs.

personnel management in the council.
The last Osuku of Obi,

Alhaji Ibrahim Atangi, died in 1994.

Murder case: Court orders service on accused militarymen

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DURUAMAKU, Owerri

AN Owerri High Court has ordered the Imo State Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) to without further delay, effect personal service on the two soldiers attached to the 34 Field Artillery Obinze, accused of killing one Nnaemeka Sylvester Obiekea on December 24, 2006.

The presiding Judge, Justice Ngozi B. Ukoha handed down the order, Thursday, when the accused persons, Bassey Asinya and Augustine Nwolisa failed to appear in Court to take their charges.

According to the Judge, the DPP, should get the State Attorney-General involved in the process of serving the accused persons the notice of the murder case against them if it is difficult to effect service on the two military men.

The Judge's reaction came when the matter came up for mention and the state counsel Mr. Silas Amacchi told the court that the Murder case involved two military men and as such it has been very difficult to personally serve the accused persons.

According to the state counsel, the military high command has made it impossible for the accused military men to be served the notice

of the action against them.

However the Judge, urged the Military High Command of 34 Field Artillery brigade Obinze to release the accused military men to the police to

come and face their trial.

The Judge therefore adjourned the matter to June 7, 2007 for proper hearing of the matter.

It will be recalled that the

two accused military men allegedly shot Nnaemeka Sylvester Obiekea to death in Owerri on December 24, 2006, the eve of Christmas of 2006.

Donate your cornea to save the blind

THE National Eye Bank has appealed to Nigerians to donate their cornea for use after their death, to restore the sight of cornea-related blind people.

The Acting Medical Director of the bank, Dr. Mosun Faderin, made the appeal in Lagos at the annual Media Day of the Nigeria Society for the Blind, held to create awareness about blindness and how to assist the blind attain their full potential.

Faderin said the present prac-

tice of people dying with their cornea was wasteful as it could still be useful 24 hours after their death.

"All you need do is to pick up forms and return the completed forms to the bank for processing but a donor is expected not to be afflicted by any communicable diseases or HIV.

"Anyone who has completed the forms should immediately inform his family and relatives that he has donated the

cornea of his eyes for the treatment of people living with the condition.

"And that his/her family should contact any Ophthalmologist immediately he or she dies," Faderin said.

The News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) reports that the cornea is that transparent front part of the eye, lying over the iris and the pupil, providing most of the eye's optical power.

Together with the lens, the cornea refracts light and also

Airline apologises to Nigerian travellers

EMIRATES Airline has apologized to Nigerian travelers for the inconveniences they suffered as a result of the disinfection of its aircraft.

A letter signed by Hafeez Azeem, the airline's manager and addressed to the Minister of State for Air Transportation Femi Fani-Kayode, was given to the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) in Abuja.

Hafeez said the apology was in reaction to the Minister's earlier letter to the airline against the spraying of the cabin on Emirates flight EK783 from Dubai to Lagos.

The Minister had in the letter warned that such practice should stop.

Hafeez said that Emirate had stopped the practice for all flights arriving Lagos and departing Lagos with imme-

diated effect.

He, however, promised that the airline would always

