

on government at all levels to involve youths in decision-making, adding that youths must be properly educated on issues of governance.

"We urge the federal, state and local governments to intimate the youth in their policy and decision-making in order to enhance our capacity and give us a sense of belonging," he said.

SEYM is a pan Igbo youth organisation, committed to the cause of Ndigbo.

vice president Mohammed Namadi Sambo flanked (left) by Acting Amb. Joseph Daze and Minister of State, Foreign Affairs, Idi Hong during the d'Ivoire Independence celebration in Abidjan.

Cleric decries materialism in church

THE Superintendent of the Western and Central Africa Chapter of the Apostolic Faith Church, Rev. Emmanuel Adeniran, has decried materialism in the church, saying that it has become idolatry.

Adeniran made the statement on Saturday while interacting with

journalists after the church's 2010 annual International Camp Meeting Concert at the church's campground in Igbesa, near Lagos.

"One of the greatest sins of our time is raising another god in the house of the almighty God. Today many churches are turning money

into a god. This is unacceptable.

"Seeking another thing with the passion with which God is to be sought makes that thing a god to the seeker."

"We are not saying that people should not pursue the means of their daily living, but they should not do so at the cost of their souls," the cleric said.

He urged church leaders to resist materialism and to discourage members of their churches from illicit wealth acquisition.

Adeniran said that the camp meeting with theme "Behold He Cometh," was a call to humanity to live righteously in readiness for the judgment of God.

"I urge Nigerians to seek the almighty God because when we seek God, He will make this nation great again," he said.

The cleric urged Christians to pray for the peace of Nigeria and Africa

at large to facilitate the development of the continent.

Former Nigeria's Ambassador to Ethiopia, Segun Olusola, who gave the vote of thanks at the concert, urged well-meaning Nigerians to identify with the African Refugee Foundation (ARF) to alleviate the suffering of African refugees.

Olusola, the founder of the foundation, said: "I call on royal fathers to join hands with ARF to make everywhere a home in Nigeria."

"Ensure that you do not discriminate against anybody in your domain."

The Director, Africa Work of the Apostolic Faith Church Headquarters, Portland, Oregon, U.S. Rev. Dwight Baltzell, and the church's District Superintendent in Canada, Rev. Rene Cassel, as well as some Nigeria monarchs attended the occasion.

Tanker crash kills 10 in Enugu

From IGNATIUS OKPARA, Enugu

TRAGEDY struck yesterday at Abakpa- Nike area of Enugu metropolis in Enugu east local government area, when a tanker carrying kerosene to an unknown destination ran into a building killing no fewer than 10 persons.

Our correspondent gathered that the ugly incident which also left scores of people seriously injured, occurred when some men of the Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps

(NSCDC) attached to the state command forcefully jumped into the moving tanker and started struggling with the steering with the driver as a result of his refusal to stop when the security operatives flagged him down.

The NSCDC, men our Correspondent also gathered were out to seize the vehicle because they suspected it was conveying an illegal consignment.

As at the time of filing this report, some lifeless

human bodies were still trapped under the heavy duty vehicle at the scene of the unfortunate incident.

When contacted for comment on the issue, the state commandant of NSCDC Mr. Adisa Sikiru Raimi, described the incident as quite unfortunate, blaming it on the refusal of the driver of the vehicle to obey his men.

According to the commandant, the accident, could have been avoided if the driver had obeyed the uniform on duty.