

Wife of the donor of the Olamodesi Memorial Scholarship, Lady Florence Akinsipe, presenting the scholarship award to one of the beneficiaries at the 24th edition of the award, held at the Ondo Boys High School, Ondo, recently.

Ikorodu boat mishap: LASWA recovers missing body

A rescue team from the Lagos State Waterways Authority (LASWA), on Saturday, recovered the body of a man declared missing after the tragic boat mishap on Majidun River in Ikorodu, near Lagos, on April 2.

The Managing Director of LASWA, Mr Olayinka Marinho, confirmed the recovery of the body.

He told the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* in Lagos that the rescue team recovered the lifeless body of the 38-year-old shipping company executive, identified as Mr Isaac Akere, at 7.00 a.m.

NAN learnt that Akere was working with CMA CGM Delmas Nigeria Ltd based in Apapa, Lagos.

"Our search team discovered the wreck of the boat mishap that happened on Wednesday evening at Majidun, in Ikorodu, on Friday.

"Another team went in search of the missing body and it was recovered this morning.

"The body was identified by family members and a colleague of the deceased

and it had been deposited at the hospital morgue," Marinho said.

A colleague of the deceased, Mr Kelechi Chukwudi told NAN that the news of Akere's death came to the office through survivors of the accident, who worked in a neighbouring organisation.

"We got the news of the death of our colleague and his fiancée, whose wedding

will come up on April 12 by two survivors who work in a nearby organisation.

"When we heard the news, we went to the Ebute-Ero Jetty and we were referred to LASWA office and later to Ikorodu General Hospital where the corpse of his fiancée was identified on Thursday.

"The loss of our colleague and his fiancée is a

big blow to us but we thank LASWA for recovering his body," Chukwudi said.

NAN recalls that the 22-capacity boat, plying Ebute-Ero to Ikorodu, was involved in the deadly accident which occurred on the river at 5.45 p.m.

NAN reports that 13 people were rescued during the mishap while eight were dead with one passenger declared missing.

Ilaje/Ese-Odo by-election: Election peaceful but...

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THE bye election to fill the vacant seat of Ilaje/Ese-Odo federal constituency of Ondo State was held on Saturday which was peaceful in many of the voting centres.

Although there were reports of irregularities and non voting in some of the units of the federal constituency, the election went on peacefully across the area as people came out to exercise their rights.

Election materials got to the voting centres early enough as the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) had, on Friday, distributed the non sensitive materials to the areas.

Also, checks across the areas showed that INEC officials arrived at the voting units on time thereby making accreditation to commence in earnest.

Accreditation of voters was said to have commenced in the two local

government areas as early as 8.30 am, while election proper started by 12. 30 pm as scheduled.

However, there was said to be crisis in Arogbo ward 2 of Ese-Odo local government area as some ex-militants were said to have prevented the distribution of voting materials to the various units.

The people, who were said to have scared security operatives drafted for the exercise away, according to reports, were said to have complained of neglect by government.

Apart from this, elec-