

## Tragedy, as three pipeline vandals, security man burn to death

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**T**RAGEDY struck on Thursday when three suspected vandals of a pipeline station and a security man of New Age Global security outfit belonging to the founder of Oodua People's Congress (OPC), Dr Fredrick Faseul, were burnt to death at a pipeline point close to Sagamu/Ibadan Expressway.

Sunday Tribune gathered that tragedy struck

when the New Age security men attached to the station were pursuing the vandals who came in a Sienna Space bus to scoop fuel from an already punctured pipeline.

In a bid to escape from the security men, the driver of the vehicle put on the ignition of the car which suddenly ignited fire that spread to all the surrounding bushes and the expanse of land already soaked in fuel.

The vandals and a security

man who held on to one of the them to prevent him from escaping got caught up in the inferno, which killed all of them instantly.

According to an eye witness, the vandals and the security man were badly burnt by the fire.

As of the time of filing this report, the security company was already making efforts to retrieve the body of their dead member for proper burial.

It will be recalled that the same security outfit, on

April 28, 2015 after taking over the monitoring of the pipeline station at Mosimi in Ogun State caught two vandals while attempting to make away with 750 litres of plastic kegs already loaded in a vehicle.

The various arrests had been commended by members of the public who argued that while the pipeline stations were under the surveillance of the government security agents, not much achievements were made.



The couple, Mr and Mrs Mowo Olajide Adeniyi, flanked by their parents during their wedding ceremony in Lokoja, Kogi State, recently.

## 'Oronto lived for others, made me the most documented president'

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He posited that Oronto Douglas would continue to live in the hearts of Ijaw sons and daughters, particularly for all he stood for in the Ijaw nation, even as he noted that several renaissance movement for self-actualisation and total emancipation that culminated into the recognition of Ijaw people could not be unconnected with his intellectual struggle.

He noted that government would provide support for his wife and children, and prayed the repose of his soul.

In his remark, the officiating priest, Bishop Oko Jaja, said that death is only a transition, and urged well-wishers, friends, family and sympathisers to live a worthy life because there is life hereafter.

He explained that human struggles and toiling are all vanity because all men

shall respond to the call of death some day, adding that it has nothing to do with the number of years spent on earth, but how many lives an individual was able to impact positively and his relationship with his creator.

Meanwhile, Dickson, while standing in for President Jonathan at the commissioning of one of the libraries built by Oronto

Douglas, named after Prof. Bruce Powell, at the Federal University, Otuoke, in Ogbia Local Government Area of the State, described the Douglas as a quintessential gentleman who lived his life investing in broadening knowledge in Nigeria and the world.

He noted that the footprint of Oronto Douglas would remain on the sand of time for contributing to

capacity-building in education, which is a critical sector needed to move Nigeria to greater height among comity of nations.

Saying that Douglas was not material-conscious and that underscored the naming of several libraries built by him after others, Dickson stressed the need for his allies to work towards a foundation to immortalise him (Douglas).

## 14 Ajasin varsity students, 45 others bag foundation scholarship

FOURTEEN students of Adekunle Ajasin University, Akungba-Akoko (AAUA) were among the 59 students who received scholarship awards at the 2014/2015 scholarship award ceremony and career roundtable of the Bisi Ogunjobi Foundation (BOF), which was held in the multipurpose hall of the university last week.

The ceremony was chaired by the Vice Chancellor of the institution, Professor Igbekele Ajibefun.

All the beneficiaries were students of Ondo State origin, 54 of whom were

drawn from tertiary institutions across the nation, while the remaining five were from Community Secondary School, Ibopara, Ondo State.

The roundtable segment of the ceremony had the theme: "Enhancing Entrepreneurial Schemes for Sustainable Development."

Speaking at the event, the founder of BOF, Chief Bisi Ogunjobi, a former Pro-Chancellor and Chairman of the Governing Council of AAUA, thanked God for giving him the opportunity to give back to the society that made him.

The BOF founder, who is

the incumbent Pro-Chancellor of Samuel Adegboye University, Ogwa, Edo State, added: "Our aspiration is to help people do better than what they are, particularly to assist young people to acquire knowledge and education."

Earlier in his welcome address, Professor Ajibefun had appreciated Chief Ogunjobi for "his legacy to humanity and for making a loud statement that it is possible and profitable to live an exemplary life in a world and a nation where evil men and women thrive and sharp practices have unfortunately become the norm."

## Buhari: Nasarawa APC woman leader commends Nigerians

THE Woman Leader of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Nasarawa State, Hajia Rekiya Haruna Idris, has commended Nigerians for ensuring the victory of the APC presidential candidate, General Muhammadu Buhari in the March 28 presidential election.

Idris specifically appreciated the women whom she regarded as the mothers of the nation who constitute the largest percentage of voters in the country, stressing that the incoming APC administration will live up to people's expectation by ensuring that the dividends of democracy reach the doorstep of Nigerians.

Idris, who also congratulated the governor of Nasarawa State, Alhaji Umaru Tanko Al-Makura on re-election, promised that the women folk in the state would be 100 per cent loyal to him and support him in his effort at taking Nasarawa to a greater level.

"It was the impressive performance of Governor Al-Makura in his first four years of office that led to his resounding victory at the polls. Al-Makura has, so far, been putting smiles on the faces of Nasarawa people in the areas of opening training centres for the unemployed youths; massive infrastructural reform and the increment in the Internally-Generated Revenues of the state, among others."

## Ogun indigenes in Canada congratulate Amosun

OGUN indigenes in diaspora have sent a congratulatory message to the governor of Ogun State, Senator Ibikunle Amosun, on the recent renewal of his mandate for another four-year term.

Their message was contained in a release, at the weekend, signed by the association's president, Chief Femi Shodunke and General Secretary, Mr Lukmon Afolabi Bakare.

Amosun, the candidate of the All Progressives Congress (APC) defeated his main challenger, the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) candidate, Prince Nasir Gboyega Isiaaka, in the last April 11 polls.

The indigenes, who are of Egba and Yewa origins from the Gateway State, under the umbrella of Olumo Progressive Association Canada Inc, also commended the people of the state for reelecting Amosun.

According to them, they were not surprised by the decision of the electorate to return the governor for another term.

"We congratulate you, Mr Governor, on your victory. With the giant strides you have recorded in our state since your assumption of office, particularly in the areas of roads, industrial development, education and infrastructure development, amongst others, you deserved another term in office," the citizens said.

They submitted that the decision to elect Amosun was in the overall best interest of the state, particularly as his government would operate under a federal government with the same party.

## Why we want OBJ Solidarity Group resuscitated —APC chieftain

By MOSES ALAO

FORMER President Olusegun Obasanjo has been described as a political colossus whose wealth of experience, advice and words of wisdom are still required in assisting the nation's leaders in getting the country to greater heights.

Making the disclosure in an interview with newsmen, an All Progressives Congress (APC) chieftain from Saki West Local Government, Alhaji Waheed Olatunde Lawal, referred to the former president as one who has become a political phenomenon of sort and therefore hinted that he in conjunction with people of like minds have perfected plans to get the Obasanjo Solidarity Group, which was formed years back resuscitated.

"Obasanjo as a political leader and eminent son of Africa deserves to have his ideals for peace and unity recognised; we need to sustain his legacies and philosophy of a united Nigeria. We also plan to gather all books and records of his achievements and explain his influences in the way the pendulum swung during the recently held elections," he said.

Lawal said those planning to resuscitate the group included a former Secretary to the Oyo State Government, Chief Layiwola Lakojo; Chief Lateef Gbadamosi and Chief Mrs. Funmi Arulogun, among others, noting that a forum online had been created online to recruit those who have sympathy for the former president.

### CHANGE OF NAME

I formerly Miss Oluokun Olubunmi Temidayo now MRS ALADE OLUBUNMI TEMIDAYO. All former documents remain valid. General public take note.