

## **Crane crushes 12**

**N**O fewer than 12 persons were crushed to death in Owutu area of Ikorodu, Lagos, when a heavy-duty crane rammed into them at 6.30 pm on Saturday.

*Sunday Punch* learnt that the crane, which was coming from the Ikorodu end of the road, heading for Lagos, suddenly lost control, ostensibly as a result of a brake failure.

The crane reportedly rammed into a set of shops, killing the victims made up of four males and eight females instantly, while six other persons were injured.

About five of the affected shops were destroyed, while three vehicles parked nearby were seriously damaged.

Though, the driver of the crane reportedly absconded shortly after the incident. *Sunday Punch* learnt that a team of policemen from Area H, Ikorodu and Owutu Police Stations, were at the scene of the accident. It later moved the injured to the hospital.

The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), said, the police were currently monitoring the progress of the injured in the hospital.

He added that the police were on the trail of the driver of the crane.

## **Ramadan**

**T**HE governor of Osun State, Prince Olagunsoye Oyinlola and his Nasarawa State counterpart, Alhaji Abdullahi Adamu, on Saturday, urged Muslims to use the lessons of the holy month of Ramadan for their spiritual and societal growth.

In separate statements made available to *Sunday Punch* by email, the governors were quoted as noting in their *Sallah* messages that the last one month had been of great spiritual and moral significance to all Muslims who went through fasting and abstained from all things unholy.

They asked muslims to imbibe the values and virtues which Almighty Allah "intend us all to learn from the sacrifices and self-denial of the past one month.

The governors advised that the society would be a better place if "as individuals and as a society, the spirit of endurance and sacrifice we displayed during the fasting period are carried over into our daily activities."