

PHCN cable vandal electrocuted

THE management of the Power Holding Company of Nigeria, Eko Distribution Zone, has decried the spate of vandalisation of its transmission facilities in the past few months.

The latest vandalisation, which happened last Tuesday, left one of the vandals dead through electrocution at the Papalanto 132/33kv substation in Ogun State.

The Public Affairs Manager PHCN, Mrs. Celestina Oshin, said the vandal destroyed and carted away some earthing conductors servicing various equipment in the switchyard of the 60MVA station.

She said the vandalised equipment were three capacitors, three voltage transformers, three porcelain stands, three gantries and one isolator, all running into several millions of naira.

She, however, said the vandalisation would not affect the supply of electricity to industrial and domestic consumers in the region.



•L-R: Lagos State Governor, Mr. Babatunde Fashola; Chief Imam of the state, Alhaji Garba Ibrahim; and Chairman, Christian Association of Nigeria, Lagos State chapter, Mr. Peter Okodua, at a one-day seminar for religious leaders in Lagos ...on Thursday. Photo: NAN.

Dina to appeal as tribunal upholds Daniel's victory

Ademola Oni, Abeokuta

THE Action Congress candidate in the April 14, 2007 governorship election in Ogun State, Chief Dipo Dina, has vowed to pursue his case against Governor Gbenga Daniel to the Court of Appeal.

This followed the dismissal of his petition, challenging the declaration by the Independent National Electoral Commission, of Daniel of the Peoples Democratic Party as the winner of the election.

Delivering the judgment in Abeokuta on Monday, the Chairman of the Ogun Election Petitions Tribunal, Justice Haruna Tsammani, said the petitioner had failed to substantiate any of his allegations raised in the petition before the tribunal.

While counsel to Dina, Mr. George Oyeniyi, told the tribunal that his client would

definitely pursue the case further at the Appeal Court, the supporters of the PDP, who were effectively locked out of the court premises, erupted in celebrations.

Oyeniyi, who appeared in the absence of the lead counsel in the case, Mr. Charles Edosowon (SAN), and Mr. Babajide Aladejobi, urged the court to assist his team in getting a Certified True Copy

of the judgment to facilitate the process of the appeal.

Counsel to Daniel, Prof. Taiwo Osipitan (SAN), who led three other Senior Advocates of Nigeria to defend the governor, commended the tribunal for its thoroughness and brilliance.

"We see this judgment as a victory for the rule of law and democracy particularly as we see it as a divinely inspired

judgment. But we want to be magnanimous in victory and so we don't want to press for costs," Osipitan said.

Oyeniyi told our correspondent after the tribunal judgment that his client never expected any favourable judgment from the panel.

He said, "We were not expecting anything different from what we have heard today from this tribunal."

Gunmen rob, kill teacher in Ogun

Yemi Dalemo, Ijebu-Ode

RESIDENTS of No 31, Ogunba Street in Ijebu Ode, Ogun State, were on Sunday subjected to a 30-minute robbery operation that left a teacher, Sunday Ogunba, dead.

The incident, according to a sympathiser, Mr. Bisi Ogunsile, occurred between 5.20am and 6.00am when the Muslims were going for their early morning prayers.

According to him, "I live in the next house to where they killed the man, we heard the gunshot since nobody could come out we hid ourselves in our rooms praying that the daredevils would not also attack us."

He said that the robbers were alleged to have been looking for the younger sister of the deceased, Tutu Ogunba, who is a trader at Ita-Osu market in Ijebu Ode. Ogunsile added

that the robbers came after the money she made on Saturday and which she could not deposit at the bank.

He said the deceased personally opened the door when the bangs from the hoodlums were becoming too much only to be ordered to bring out all the money he made the previous day.

He said that all attempts by the man to explain that he was not the trader fell on the deaf

schools had a free cocoa drink every school-day from next term.

"We are not going to import cocoa drinks for our children, but we may be taking from other states," he said.

Ekiti State currently has no cocoa processing industry but is the fifth largest producer of cocoa among the 14 cocoa producing states of the country.

"We want to take the population of the cocoa farmers and encourage them to plant new and trees with improved seedlings," he said.

To this end, Lawal said the state was ready to give the necessary support to anyone willing to establish a cocoa processing facility in the state.

ears of the hoodlums who shot him on the shoulder after dispossessing his family of about N10,000.

Narrating the story to our correspondent, the widow, Mrs. Bukonla Ogunba, a primary school teacher, said, "We were woken up with sounds of cutlasses, penetrating through our door and before we could get the true picture of what was happening, they had forced our door opened."