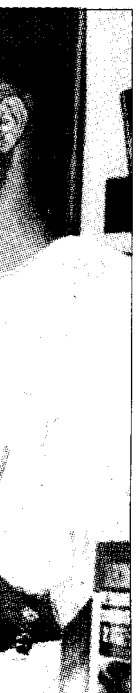


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Realnews Magazine

REALNEWS, an online weekly general interest newsmagazine, will debut on Monday, November 19, 2012. A publication of Realnews Magazine and Publications Limited, *Realnews* is the first online weekly newsmagazine in Nigeria.

A statement by the Editor, Maureen Chigbo, on Thursday said *Realnews* would thrive on investigative journalism and "aims to unearth exclusive stories about people and the challenges they face" in their day-to-day activities.

She said, "It will do this bearing in mind that governments can only act to influence the lives of people positively if they are aware of their plight."

"Its objective is to use its reporters' investigative skills to ferret out information in the sectors it focuses on and produce unbiased reports which will actually influence government policies and decisions that will make the society better."

Plateau killings

GUNMEN on Wednesday killed three people in Barakin-Ladi and Riyom local government areas of Plateau State.

Our correspondent learnt that some assailants, at about 7pm on Wednesday, ambushed some natives along Sho village in Barakin-Ladi Local Government and shot two of them dead while others fled into the bush.

A similar incident was said to have occurred less than two hours earlier when a farmer working in his farm at Rankebot village in the neighboring Riyom Local Government was shot at close range by some gunmen. He died before getting to the hospital.

Madam Ezekiel dies

ACOMMUNITY leader, Mrs. Maria Ezekiel, is dead.

She died on November 3, 2012 in her sleep at the age of 97 in Iruekpen-Ekpoma, Edo State, a statement by the family on Thursday said.

The late Ezekiel is survived by Chief Iyabo Martins-Kuye and Mrs. Margaret Dongo.

The family said funeral arrangement would be announced later.



• Ezekiel