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Wamakko advises Yero on governance

SOKOTO State Governor Aliyu Wamakko on Thursday advised his Kaduna State counterpart, Mukhtar Yero, to show maturity in discharging his duties, the *News Agency of Nigeria* reports.

Wamakko gave the advice when he led a delegation from Sokoto to commiserate with the government over the death of Governor Patrick Yakowa.

Wamakko said, "You have to show maturity and patience in this unique job you find yourself."

He noted that fairness and the fear of God would also help him in executing his programmes in the state which he described as "the heart of the North".

The governor said, "I am convinced that with good intention and fear of God, you are going to serve well."

Yero expressed his appreciation to Wamakko for the visit, noting that being governor was not easy.

He said, "The work of a governor is not an easy job, and we are mindful of the challenges."

"We believe that by God's grace these challenges will be easy for us. And we will try as much as possible to be fair and just."

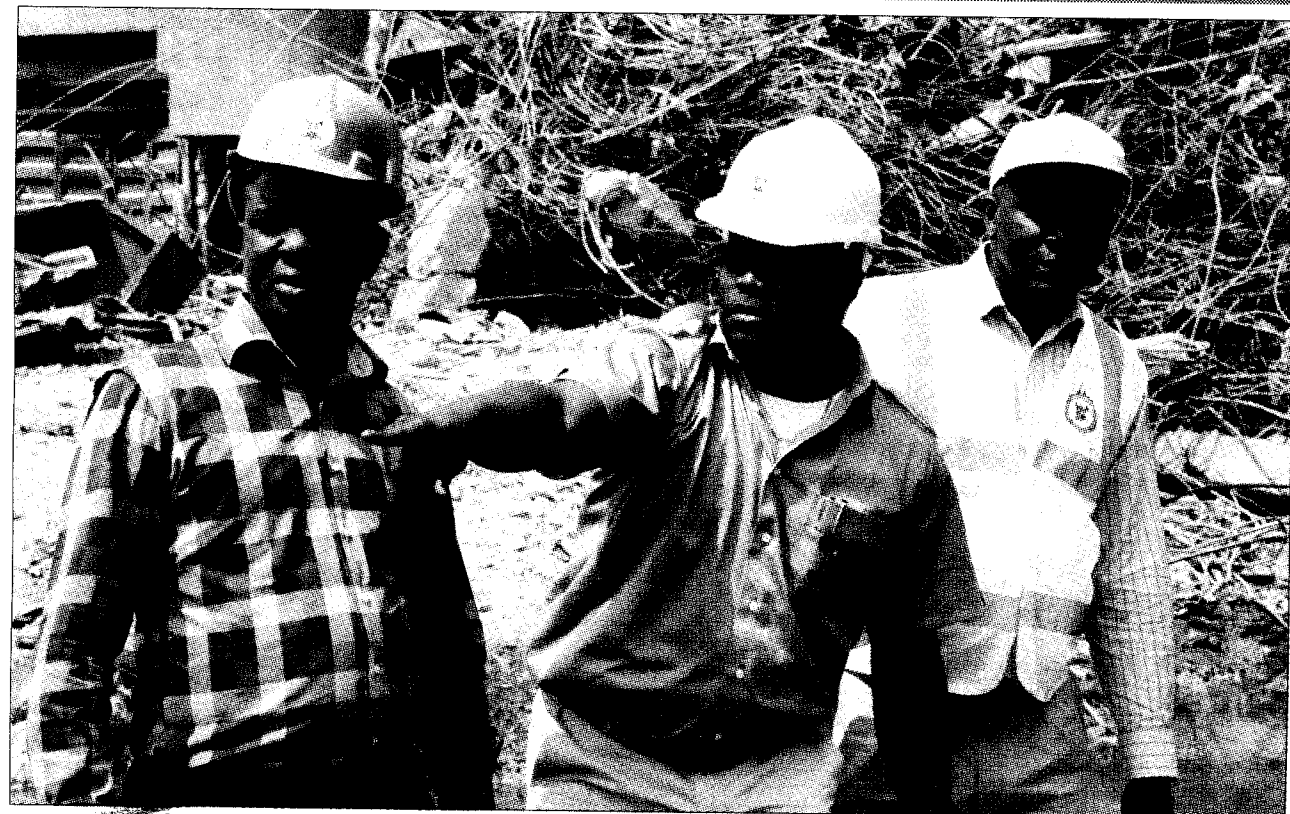
He maintained his commitment to peace, unity and development in the state.

INEC plans special salary for workers

Femi Makinde,
Ado Ekiti

INDEPENDENT National Electoral Commission is planning a special salary scale for its workers.

National Commissioner of INEC in charge of South-West, Prof. Lai Oluwalanle, said



L-R: Head, Logistics, Lagos State Emergency Management Agency, Mr. Femi Giwa; General Manager/Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Femi Oke-Osanyintolu; and Head, Operations, Mr. Olusegun Magnus-Davies, during the press conference on the explosion at Ojo Giwa/Okoya streets in Lagos...on Thursday. Photo: Goke Famadewa.

Seven killed in Oyo, Jigawa crashes

Festus Abu with agency reports

NO fewer than seven persons have been reportedly killed in auto crashes in Oyo and Jigawa states.

According to the *News Agency of Nigeria*, an accident, which occurred in the early hours of Thursday on the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, claimed three lives and injured 12.

who do their work as expected at times risk being killed. We hope that this would be granted before the 2015 election. We have started engaging the relevant authorities to make sure that the this is done."

He said INEC would

Meanwhile, four persons were said to have lost their lives in a canoe accident in Kirikasamma Local Government, Jigawa State.

A Lagos-bound Hiace bus coming from Osogbo, Osun State, was said to have lost control in the front of Guru Maharaji village close to Ibadan, Oyo State, killing three persons.

Federal Road Safety Corps Sector Commander

will not be employed in this recruitment. We are against corruption and we want charity to start at home. But there would be other opportunities when their children who are qualified could be employed."

in the state, Mr. Godwin Ogagaoghene, who confirmed the incident, said the vehicle with plate number Lagos YB 65 MUS was conveying 15 passengers.

Ogagaoghene said two male passengers and the driver died on the spot while two females and 10 males sustained injuries.

He attributed the cause of the accident to "overspeeding".

"The corpses of those who died have been deposited at the University College Hospital morgue and relatives of the victims have been advised to go there to identify their folks," he said.

He said N360,275 belonging to the victims was recovered from the

scene of the crash.

The Jigawa accident was said to have occurred when a wooden canoe conveying nine passengers capsized at Hadejia River after colliding with a bigger canoe moving in the opposite direction.

An eyewitness, Hadi Musa, said five persons were rescued by local divers, while the bodies of four others were discovered several hours after the accident.

Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mr. Abdu Jinjiri, confirmed the incident.

Jinjiri said those killed included a three-year-old boy, adding that investigation was still in progress to ascertain the cause of the crash.

Briefly

Osogbo murder

A 20-year-old, Adekola Adelugba, has been remanded in prison over the allegation that he killed a 22-year-old, Johnson Michael, during a carnival on Christmas Eve.

The charge sheet obtained by our correspondent on Thursday said the incident occurred at 1:00am on Eketedo Street, Osogbo, on December 24, 2012.

It said the accused person hit the Michael with a plank on the forehead during a free-for-all, which ensued at the carnival organised by Eketedo youths to user in Christmas.

Police prosecutor, Mr Meret Wilson, told the Osogbo magistrate's court presided over by Magistrate Olusola Aluko, that Adelugba was guilty of conspiracy and murder.

Wilson said the offences "are contrary to, and punishable under Section 516 and 316 (2) of the criminal code, Cap 34, Volume II, Laws of Osun State of Nigeria."

NACOMYO's appeal

PRESIDENT of the National Council for Muslim Youths Organisation, Alhaji Kamal'deen Akintunde, has appealed to the Federal Government to address the country's security challenges.

Akintunde made the appeal while speaking with the *News Agency of Nigeria* in Abeokuta on Thursday.

He said the security challenges facing the country could be tackled through job creation.

Akintunde also said government should ensure safety in the transport sector by providing good road networks and quality control facilities at the nation's airports.

Adamawa

Akunwili denies governorship bid