

# CD Condemns Ribadu's Dismissal

**T**he Campaign of Democracy (CD) has condemned the dismissal of Mallam Nuhu Ribadu, former Chairman of the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC) from the police.

President of CD, Dr. Joe Okei-Odumakin, described Ribadu's dismissal as worrisome, considering the role the former police officer played in the fight against corruption.

"The Campaign for Democracy (CD) strongly condemns this latest assault on Mallam Nuhu Ribadu who is being persecuted for the zeal and zest he brought into the anti-corruption crusade in Nigeria during his leadership of the EFCC," Okei-Odumakin stated.

She further described Ribadu's sack as a bold statement that corruption has seized the soul of Nigeria.

## Hour Of Mercy Opens Prayer Session For Nigeria

**P**rophet and Lady Evangelist Moses Mohideen Kasali, General Overseer, are to lead a three-day prayer session for Nigeria, at Mount of Breakthrough (Ori-Oke Alaseyori), Moniya, Ibadan, Oyo State, between December 29 and 31, 2008.

The theme of the annual programme is: "Open Heaven" (Orun Sii).

The chief hosts are to be assisted by Pastor Tosin Fapohunda, Lady Evangelist Bisi Alawiye Aluko and Dr.

"The desperation to finish Ribadu at all cost is bewildering. It starts with his unconstitutional removal from the EFCC, to forced scholarship at Kuru, to malicious demotion and assassination attempt. Corruption has left no one in doubt that its revenge mission against Ribadu has been firing on all cylinders," she stated.

"In dismissing Ribadu from the force, the Yar'Adua regime has only succeeded in dismissing any vestige of integrity from itself and has portrayed itself as a promoter of corruption to the international community.

"The anti-graft war has effectively being killed and the EFCC henceforth serves no more than a propaganda value," she added.

The CD president called on all Nigerians to do all within their powers and ensure that corruption was not allowed to thrive in the country.

Bola Balogun, head of the London branch of the church.

About 200,000 worshippers drawn from Nigeria and overseas are expected at the three-day programme organised by the Hour of Mercy Prayer Ministry International.

Personalities and men of God expected at the programme include Elerio of Erio of Ekiti, Lady Evangelist (Dr.) Bola Are, DIG Adeoye, Deaconess Obafunke Adeogun, Prophetess Onibiyo, Pastors Adedeji and Morakinyo, Rev. Ola Ojo and many others.

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**R**esidents of Ewe Nla Street, Ijegan, a suburb of Lagos, were stunned on Saturday morning to discover a headless corpse in their market.

The male corpse was discovered in Ajegan market at about 6 a.m. and residents suspected that the corpse was dumped there by suspected ritualists because the head, hand and part of the thigh were removed from the body.

The residents, it was learnt, contacted the police at Isheri Osun Station who raced to the scene and removed the corpse.

# Headless Corpse Found At Ijegan Market

When *P.M. News* visited the scene, residents were seen in groups, discussing the matter and were unwilling to talk to strangers for fear of being arrested.

The police came to the scene and removed the corpse in a chartered Toyota Hiace with registration number XT 835 EKY. The corpse was conveyed to the Isolo General Hospital.

The DPO also refused to

comment on the strange corpse. One of the policemen at the scene, however, confirmed that investigation had begun on the matter.

Special Adviser to the Chairman of Igando Ikotun LCDA on Youths and Sports, who is a resident of the area, Hon. Sulaimon Olatunji, said he, like other residents woke up to find the corpse in the market.

"We were surprised to see the corpse in the market and immediately we saw it, we raised an alarm and invited the police," he disclosed.

Commenting on the state of the corpse, the council official said: "There is likelihood that it was the handiwork of ritualists."

He appealed to the police to conduct a thorough investigation into the incident and bring the culprits to book.

