

as they were stuck in a traffic gridlock which stretched tens of kilometres.

Some of those who left their homes around 5 am were still stuck in traffic which

The unprecedented traffic jam has resulted in increase in transport fares by about 400 per cent, while some vehicles broke down due to overheating. The faulty vehicles has

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Ritualists Kill Lady, Dump Body At Hospital Gate

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People suspected to be ritualists have killed an unidentified lady and dumped her body opposite Ikeja General Hospital, Lagos Southwest Nigeria.

The corpse was seen on Sat-

urday morning.

P.M.NEWS learnt from sources that the lady may have been killed by some ritualists because some of her body parts were removed.

It was also gathered that the lady may be a commercial sex

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with the judgment and to stop the process of garnisheeing the naval account, the force took the matter to Court of Appeal, Calabar.

Counsel to Etene, Mr. Ogar alleged that Navy Captain Chomoko, after the sitting at the Appeal Court on 28 June 2011, the officer threatened to beat up his client (Etene), saying that if he had been at the Navy gate the day Etene was allegedly beaten he would have supervised his killing.

He also claimed that the Naval officer threatened that having collected some part of the money, he (Etene) should watch his back, adding that the officer always threatens to kill him and his client whenever they come to court.

But Navy Captain Chomoko denied any form of threat or harassment of the lives of Mr. Ogar and his client, adding that he was even the person that was threat-

Police Kill Armed Robber

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The Nigeria Police at Orile-Coker area of Lagos State have shot dead a suspected robber at Ikuforiji Street near a hotel in the area.

A police source said the robbers were on an operation when residents sent a distress call to the police at about midnight on Saturday.

Acting on the information, the Divisional Police Officer, DPO, for Orile, SP Robinson Erbghare led his men to the scene of the crime.

The robbers reportedly opened fire on the police who also engaged the four-man gang in a gun battle that lasted some minutes.

At the end of the encounter, one of the robbers was shot dead but the other three managed to escape.

Before the police arrived the scene, the victims had lost cash, handsets and other valuables to the robbers.

When the body of the dead robber was searched, police recovered amulets, charms and a knife.

The corpse of the robber has been deposited at the Isole General Hospital, mortuary for autopsy.

When P.M.NEWS visited the police station, the DPO was not available to comment on the incident. But a police source confirmed the incident and added that the police have organised a manhunt for the fleeing robbers.

A Catholic priest in Lagos, Southwest Nigeria, has described Boko Haram as a satanic and unislamic sect that is hiding under the guise of religion to impose Islam in Nigeria at all costs.

Speaking with P.M.NEWS at St Anthony Police Catholic Church, MOPOL Barracks in Ikeja on Sunday, the priest, Rev Fr John Aniagwu stressed that as far as he is concerned, members of the Boko Haram sect are misguided and misinformed persons, who are determined to heat up the system in Nigeria, throwing bombs and causing violence all in desperate attempts to do the bidding of their pay masters.

Monsignor Aniagwu wondered if there is any portion of the Holy Bible or Koran that says a person should resort to throwing bombs to kill both Christians and Moslems alike in order to draw the attention of government to their selfish interest.

According to him, members of the sect, who foment trouble and make the northern region of Nigeria ungovernable, are simply a bunch of devils that are being sponsored probably by politicians to cause trouble, since some politicians in the north think some juicy positions at the center are their birthrights.

The Catholic priest advised Christians in Nigeria,

especially from the north to continue to tolerate other Nigerians regardless of his or her religion, since according to him, Christians, as followers of Christ, are expected to be Christ-like in their actions.

But, if Christians are continuously pushed to the wall, they have the option of resisting in a more mature, non violence and non bloody manner, he said.

Also speaking during the Feast Celebration/ Commissioning of the Grotto of Immaculate Conception of St Anthony Police Catholic Chaplaincy, Highway Police

Barracks in Ikeja, Southwest Nigeria, Rev Fr (ASP) Paul Omotosho, the parish priest disclosed that to the glory of God and service to humanity, the parishioners of the church contributed to build the grotto as well as an ultra-modern toilet for both the members of the church and the police barracks community.

Omotosho, however, said that the giant generating set that used to supply power to all the residents of the barracks is now too old and he appealed that there is an urgent need to replace it so that it could serve the power needs of the barracks each time PHCN cuts off electricity supply to the place.

Fashola

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ernor of the state, Asiwaju Bola Ahmed Tinubu, deputy governor, Adejoke Orelope-Adefulire, ACN stalwarts, House of Representatives members, traditional rulers, among others.

The 37-member cabinet comprises 21 commissioners and 16 special advisers who were screened by the State House of Assembly last week.

Speaking at the occasion, Fashola said the commissioners and special advisers were the privileged few to be chosen among the lot and that the hope of Lagos State residents depended on them.

"You have been chosen to hold one of the most sought after offices in our country today. I advise you to quickly set forth to very diligently work to earn and justify your place in the Lagos State Executive Council.

"The expectation of our people is very high. It is understandably so. They have seen lives improve year after year from 1999 to 2011 and they will not settle for anything less," he said.

"This new team must resist the temptation to dwell on any successes of the last team.

We must see whatever they achieved as challenges to us to do better. That is the only way we can reward and appreciate their sacrifices and service.

"We must challenge ourselves to exceed their achievements even if the circumstances may be different. That team thrived on a few qualities. They brought integrity into public service that made it attractive for the private sector," he added.

Fashola warned that "if anyone of you come here with the quest for just a status or an office, you are in the wrong place. If you are here looking for an easy job, the Lagos State Government does not offer one.

"Our days will be as long as our nights. Our task is enormous. We are the repositories of a mandate won by the Action Congress of Nigeria in an election that was vigorously contested and valiantly won."

The governor urged the new cabinet members to be modest in their actions, moderate in their public appearances and shun all sense of ostentation and waste that could be suggestive of insensitivity on their part.

According to him, "our public conduct must at all times be a strong restatement



A cross-section of commissioners sworn-in today in Lagos. PHOTO: EMMANUEL OSODI

Bishop, Worshipers At War

CYRIACUS IZUEKWE

The controversial sale of Alpha International Christian Centre, AICC, without the knowledge of its members by the founder, Bishop Chinedu Adigwe, has set the church members against the Bishop as both prepare for war.

P.M.NEWS gathered that Adigwe sold the church located at 8, Council Street Ojodu, Lagos State Southwest, Nigeria, to the Redeemed Christian Church of God, RCCG, without informing the church members.

Aside the church building, he also sold other church prop-

erties, including chairs, musical equipment, fans and the public address system.

The congregation learnt about the sale of the church when the RCCG men led by their provincial pastor came during a Sunday service to inspect the properties and assess the church members whom he had negotiated with the RCCG.

The shocked members claimed that the bishop sold the church without informing them and was planning to relocate to America with the money.

The members are protesting that he should not have sold the church without their approval because they jointly built and owned the church. They are now poised to reclaim the church. They have appealed to the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, EFCC, to investigate the matter.

They alleged that Adigwe secretly changed the members of the church's Board of Trustees at Corporate Affairs Commission and replaced their names with those of his children to perfect his plan of selling the church.

In response, Bishop Adigwe claimed that his decision to sell the church was a divine direction.

He said that God instructed him to do so and relocate to Atlanta in America for another divine assignment with his wife.

But he did not explain whether God told him not to tell his members before selling the church.

The former pastor of the Redeemed Evangelical Mission, TREM, who established the church with the financial support of his members, said that the church was losing steam and he had to quickly transfer it to RCCG.

He said he did not need to get approval from the leaders of the church because the church belonged to him and he appointed them as leaders.

On why he chose to sell it to RCCG, he said it was his wife who saw the vision and he instructed his lawyer to start discussion with the church (RCCG).

When P.M.NEWS visited the church premises, the RCCG was renovating the church.

It was gathered that the church has been temporarily closed pending the time the renovations will be completed.

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worker who may have fallen victim of some ritualists.

When contacted, Samuel Jinadu, Lagos State Police Command spokesman, said he was not aware of the incident.

However, some Mobile police officers at the state police command were heard discussing the incident.

Our reporter further learnt that the corpse of the lady was later removed and deposited at the Ikeja General Hospital mortuary for autopsy.