

•Fidelity Bank team receiving award for the Best Company in Nigeria in Youth Focused Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) at the 2013 CSR award. L-R: Chioma Offor, Charles O'Tuder presenting the award to Emma Esinnah, Pascal Nzeribe, Augustina Akabuogu and Uche Ogbonna.

Father of Boko Haram victims dies in hospital

From **EMMANUEL
UZOR, Onitsha**

Mr. John Nnamdi Ezebuala, the father of Chinemerem, Chiamaka and Nmesomachukwu Ezebuala who were killed by members of Boko Haram in Kano bombing has died after battling for survival in Kano State Teaching Hospital.

Ironically, the burial of his children had been fixed for tomorrow.

Ezebuala, a 48-year-old Kano-based businessman and the only surviving child of his mother, Madam Helen Ezebuala, who had been bedridden for years died yesterday following the injuries he sustained in the bomb blasts that killed his three children.

Though the bodies of his children had arrived in

Uga in Aguata council area of Anambra State, the news of Nnamdi's death also hit the community like a thunderbolt, leaving his aged mother, whose condition is worsening by the day, in a dangerous condition.

The Chairman of the Uga Democratic Vanguard, Sir Peter Okala said they received the news of his kinsman's death in the early hours of yesterday and barely a few hours his wife left for the South-East ahead of the burial of her three children slated for tomorrow.

He said the family and the entire Uga community were in confusion following the death of the father of the children and the condition of their grandmother, Helen, whose health deteriorated since the Kano incident. Okala called on the federal and state governments to intervene in the matter.

He said despite the re-

cent calamity following the death of Nnamdi Ezebuala few days to the burial of his three children, arrangements had been concluded to lower the three children

into the grave by 2 pm tomorrow after a brief church service at the Salvation Army Central Corps Field in Uga.

Judges, lawyers pay last respect to Justice Nwodo

From **GODWIN TSA,
Abuja**

Eulogies poured in yesterday as the acting President of the Court of Appeal (PCA), Justice Zainab Bulkachuwa and the President of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Okey Wali (SAN), led other legal luminaries to pay their last respect to the fallen jurist, Justice Regina Obiageli Nwodo.

It was at a valedictory court session of the appellate court held in her honour at the Court of Appeal, Abuja. In attendance at the emotional and

solemn occasion were the representatives of the Attorney General of the Federation, Judges of Supreme Courts, Senior Advocates of Nigeria (SANs) and legal practitioners.

Wearing a forlorn face, Justice Zainab Bulkachuwa said the late jurist was a firm believer in the sanctity of the court.

In his address, Okey Wali, said the late jurist exhibited impeccable character and unflinching integrity to which members of the bar and bench can attest.