

CITY NEWS

Three die in rail crash

From Layi
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TWO officials of the Nigerian Railway Corporation (NRC), and a passenger lost their lives at the weekend when a cargo train from Lagos to Kano lost control and crashed.

The incident occurred at Jebba, few metres after the main entrance of Jebba Paper Mill. There was also a second crash few metres to the River Niger Bridge at Jebba, but there was no casualty recorded.

Officials of the corporation, who spoke with *Daily Sun* said the two staff were a male guard and a female staff simply identified as Janet.

The remains of Janet was packed into bodybag by a combined team of medical personnel, police, and Road Safety Corps at about 3.40pm yesterday. it was gathered that the head and one leg of another victim had earlier been retrieved from the crash scene.

A crane from the NRC was deployed to the scene to lift the three coaches that crashed. The opera-

tion was still ongoing as at the time of filing this report.

Officials of the corporation, who were on ground refused to make comments because they were not authorised to speak with the press.

Meanwhile, it was gathered that the Permanent

Secretary in the Federal Ministry of Transport was on his way to the site but was yet to arrive as at the time of filing this report.

The second leg of the crash created a huge traffic of trailers stranded on the ever busy Ilorin-Jebba

road.

The Kwara State Governor, Abdulfatah Ahmed, has commiserated with the families of those who died in the accident.

Ahmed also wished the passengers who sustained injuries as a result of the accident speedy recovery.

Barrack residents send SOS to IGP

By Iloro Godwin

RESIDENTS of Police Barracks, at number 6a, Ruxton Road, Ikoyi Lagos, have cried to the Inspector General Of Police (IGP), Mr Solomon Arase, to save them the embarrassment of planned forceful eviction by alleged Police authority.

The senior Police officers who stormed the premises of corporate office of the Sun Newspapers said the Police they have been serving under the rain and in the sun should save them the humiliation of throwing them away like common criminals.

According to a petition by O. Ajetunmbi on behalf of the traumatised officers, "we deem it fit to bring to your notice, the unlawful and illegal sale of No 6A, Ruxton Road, Ikoyi, Lagos, hereafter referred to as the barracks.

"The barracks comprises of 18 flats presently occupied by serving Police officers, and to their surprise, an Assistant Commissioner (ACP) Abubakar, attached to Department of logistics and supply, Force headquarters Annex, Kam Salem House, Lagos, came to inform our clients that the Police have gotten a buyer for the barracks.

He ordered our clients to his office on their report, he compelled our clients to drop their bank accounts or risked the wrath of the force.

"Some of the occupants were credited with unsolicited sum of N6million while some were given N10million and asked to vacate the barracks."

We see this act as cruel, intimidating and callous to serving Police officers. This was during the time of Suleiman Abba. The officers rejected the money but we are surprised that the same issue has resurfaced again.

"It is based on this that we want to intimate you of the development. The purported sale is bereft of due process, transparency and probity. Police barracks is an inheritance of the Nigeria Police and must be protected for the generation to come.

"However, we know that the current IGP, Mr Solomon Arase, is a man of high integrity with absolute honour, who is always ready to protect the interest of the Police officers."

However, the senior Police officers who were weeping like orphans said "we are still serving Police officers. We are not retired.

"The Police deduct our monthly pay from our salaries. We don't need the money ACP Abubakar forcefully forwarded into our accounts. This kind of humiliation cannot happen in the military. Why must we be humiliated.

"Where do the Police management who we have been serving for many years want us to go when they throw us out? Where do they want our children to go. we are confused and the action is affecting our job. Our children are now living in fears.

When Daily Sun visited the barracks, behind the Special Fraud Unit (SFU) a quit notice pasted on the doors of the flats read: "The Inspector General of Police has noted that the president implementation committee" (The presidency) has disposed off the Barracks in view of directives those who are not obliged are advised to do so before Sunday 8th May, 2016. Recovering of the property through forceful ejection will be effected on Monday 9, 2016."

When contacted, the Force Public Relations Officer, (FPRO), ACP Bisi Kolawole said that the Inspector General of Police was looking into the issue "As it is now, I cannot brief you until further notice".

Cattle rustling: Boy nabbed with AK 47, 3 others also in net

From Attahiru
Ahmed, Gusau

THE Zamfara state police command has arrested a 10-year-old boy with AK 47, and three other suspects linked with a notori-

Illegal detention: Court awards N10m damages against FECC

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