

News around the

Jubilation as
cult leader
meets Waterloo

By Christopher Oji

IT was wild jubilation yesterday in Ishashi, Ojo, Lagos, as a notorious cult leader in the area was shot dead by the police. Oloruntobi, 31, had been on the wanted list of police for a period of time for criminal cases, until he was shot dead during an exchange of gunfire with the police.

The police said Oloruntobi was the leader of the dreaded Aiye confraternity in the area, who met his end at Durosooto Street, New Mebamu, Ishashi, at about 2.40am. A police source said the cult group, led by the deceased, was responsible for

2 die in Taraba boat mishap

From Sylvanus Viashima, Jalingo

TWO persons were feared dead while 10 others were rescued when a speedboat conveying passengers across River Benue from Karim Lamido Local Government Area to Lau capsized.

Taraba State police public relations officer, ASP David Misal, who confirmed the incident to our correspondent on phone in Jalingo, said that 10 of the 12 persons on board the ill-fated boat were rescued, while efforts were still on to recover the remaining two persons several

hours after the accident.

Misal said that the chances of the two other persons being found alive were very minimal, considering how turbulent the river was and the amount of time that has passed since the accident.

A witness, Joseph Lesku, said that the speedboat was crossing the Karim-Lau stretch of the River Benue with 11 passengers and the boatman at full speed when it capsized but divers were able to rescue 10 persons, including the driver.

"The speedboat was coming from the Karim Lamido side of the river and heading towards Lau at top

speed. When the boy that was riding, it wanted to dock, I think he just lost control because of the speed and the boat overturned.

"We usually have divers on both sides of the river, so they were able to rescue 10 persons out of the 12, including the rider. Unfortunately, two persons are still missing and we are now searching for their bodies. At this time of the year, the river is very high and strong, so you cannot expect them to still be alive. We just want to make sure that we, at least, recover their bodies," Lesku said.

The latest accident is coming weeks after nine National Youth

Service Corps members died to the state drowned in Salihu during a picnic.

PAC holds security seminar for CSO coordinators
By Merit Ibe

POLICE Assistance Commissioner (PAC) has commenced a round of nationwide security workshops for chief security officers (CSOs) of public and private establishments, chairmen, secretaries and public relations officers (PROs) of traders' associations on information dissemination and intelligence gathering.

In a statement in Lagos, the director-general of PAC, Dr. Martins Oni, said the seminar

Alleged N9.7bn fraud: FG re-arraigns Suswam, others

THE Federal High Court, Abuja, has fixed November 20 for the re-arraignment of former Benue State governor, Gabriel Suswam, on a 32-count charge brought against him by the federal

counsel, Justice Ekwo adjourned the matter until November 20 and 21.

Suswam was arraigned before Justice Gabriel Kolawale alongside his former Commissioner for Finance

Suswam was governor of the state. They were also accused of conspiracy, conversion of property derived directly from corruption, collaboration to conceal property derived from corruption