Police Kill American-based Nigerian Businessman

Nigerian businessman and philantrophist, Mr Alex Shado was weekend killed by a policeman at a checkpoint in Magongo, Ogori/Magongo local government area of Kogi State leading to the razing of a police station and several police vehicles.

Reports said Shado, in company of two other friends, Mr Tunde Adesola and Mr Sunday Bakare was coming from Lampese, Edo State, a distance of 10 km from Ogori where they had gone to buy fuel when he was flagged down by a policeman, who immediately opened fire on him.

The shot, which pierced through the windscreen of the car, hit him on the chest. As he slumped, one of the policemen at the scene hurriedly opened the car door, and in conjuntion with other occupants of the vehicle, carried the busineesman to the back seat and rushed him to the General Hospital, Okene where he gave up the ghost.

The news of the sad incident spread like wildfire and when the news broke in Ogori, his home town, the sleepy town which has produced several academics was thrown into mourning and the youth, in their hun-

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From Wole Ayodele in Lokoja

dreds, besieged the police station in the town and razed it down before proceeding to Magongo police station where vehicles were also set ablaze. On recieving the information, the Police Area Commander ordered the immediate arrest of the policeman that fired the fatal shot and visited the town in company of the newly sworn-in Caretaker Chairman of Ogori/Magongo local government, Mr Anthony Awuru, to assess the extent of damage and appeal to the aggrieved commu-

nity.

When contacted by THIS-DAY, the state Police commissioner confirmed the incident, which he described as unfortunate. He also said he has directed the Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Ambrose Igbokwe to clarify certain information on the incident and also promised that it will be fully investigated.

Be Good Ambassadors, Duke Charges Graduates

fife of Cross River State Governor, Mrs Onari Duke, has charged graduates of the United Nations Development Programme/Emprete Nigeria Foundation entrepreneurship workshop to be good ambassadors.

Duke urged them to apply the Personal Entrepreneurial Competences (PECs), so that the behavioural process can positively†reflect in their businesses.

The advice was contained in her address to the graduates, at the end of the 10-day Entrepreneurship workshop in Lagos.

Duke, who was one of the

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lecturers, spoke in her capacity as Empretec Nigeria Foundation Country Manager, as only four of the 13 graduates received their certificates.

The four recipients were Opubo Braide, First Bank Plc sponsored Creative Academii 2006 winner, Ejiro Emos-Tafiri, Eniola Dada, a Public Relations practitioner and Chuba Nnonyelu, a furniture maker.

Others are to get theirs sometime in April 2007, when they are expected to complete modules they missed during the workshop, as the assessment procedures do not subscribe to excuses.

Duke said the presence of top bankers from United Bank for Africa Plc and Access Bank Plc to receive and access each participantís business plan underscores the seriousness attached to the all-important course.

She reminded the graduates to expect EMPRETEC Nigeria Foundation at their respective business places, as they will be visiting to ascertain how well each participant have applied the experience into their business ventures.

She said, ifor those who collected their certificates and those who did not, it is not the end, as we have to come periodically as part of our diagnostic check, to see how you are doing and see