

Generator Accident Kills Lawmaker

A member of Kano State House of Assembly, Alhaji Mukhtar Liman Rogo, an All Nigeria Peoples Party (ANPP) member, died in Kano as a result of alleged severe burns he sustained two weeks ago from a running generator at the legislators' quarters in Kano. He died last Thursday.

According to a reliable source who spoke with THISDAY in Kano said Rogo, aged 43, was said to have caught fire in his residence at the legislators' quarters at Farawa village along Maiduguri road while trying to refill a running engine generator.

It was also learnt that the generator exploded in a ball of fire and trapped Rogo. This subsequently left him with severe burns in sensitive parts of his body and he was later admitted at the Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital.

The late lawmaker, elected for the first time into the

*From Ibrahim Shuaibu
in Kano*

40 member Kano House Assembly, is survived by two wives and 10 children, and has since been buried in his country home Rogo, a 120 kilometre away from

Kano city.

The acting Governor of the state, Engineer Abdullahi Tijani Muhammad Gwarzo, who led the state government delegation to the village during the funeral ceremony prayed for the repose of the soul of the late

Sokoto Checks Quelea Birds' Invasion

*From Mohammed
Aminu in Sokoto*

adopt a pro-active approach this year as the farmers are losing farm products worth millions of naira to the destructive birds annually.

"We have made adequate arrangements to boost food supply in Sokoto during this farming season. Thus, we are indeed aware that this losses resulting from the invasion of quelea birds always affect the food supply situation in the state and reduce to a very large extent the profit margin of local

accounts in the red before leaving for embarking on "too many projects" at the same time and without finishing them.

To the contrary, he said the projects, which were now the pride of the university, included faculty buildings and banking plazas donated by stakeholders, most of them businessmen and politicians from the state.

farmers", he said.

Shagari noted that majority of the people in the state are predominantly farmers and depend on it for livelihood, hence the intervention by the state government to avert food shortage resulting from destructive effects of the birds.

"Ninety-five percent of the people are farmers and we believe more should be done in this direction to avert the negative effects of these birds. Food security is next to nothing and it should be guaranteed for all of us," Shagari added.

to have gone to Bariga to see the caller but on getting there, a quarrel ensued between him and another friend who stabbed him to death. Narrating the incident to the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* yesterday in Lagos, Ifeanyi's father said he put his trust in the Police to bring the killer to justice. "My only consolation will be for justice to be done by the Police," he said.

Police Arraign Girl, 22, over Murder

The Police in Lagos on Friday arraigned a 22-year old school leaver, Ganiyat Osumare, at the Ebute-Metta Chief Magistrate's Court for murder. Osumare is facing a one-count charge of murder. Police Prosecutor, Inspector Michael Onoh, told the court that Osumare murdered one Nathaniel Udo-Udo, 24, on Aug. 22, 2008, at Shogunle area in Lagos. Onoh said that the accused claimed that the deceased had been making advances to her which, she rejected but the deceased vowed to have sex with her one day. "On the said date at night, while the accused was going to buy food, the deceased grabbed her from behind, which angered the accused," the prosecutor said. Onoh told the court that the accused picked up a knife from an orange seller's tray and stabbed the deceased on the chest, which led to his death.