

event is a home-coming, Obaigbena said. "It is now a source of entrepreneurship endeavour and I

Nigerians want to take their future in their hands. "That will happen when we take our votes in our

major income earners the event, it is designed to be one of the biggest art fairs in Africa.

## Sokoto Flood Claims 2 Lives, Destroys 200 Houses

At least two people have lost their lives as a result of flood disaster in Giyawa village of Goronyo Local Government Area of Sokoto State. The flood also destroyed over 200 houses, farmlands

and livestock worth several millions of naira in the area. Member Representing Goronyo in the State House

of Assembly, Alhaji Bello Muhammad, who confirmed the incident to newsmen in Sokoto yesterday, described the deaths as shocking and unfortunate.

He said the House committee on disaster management has been informed about the incident and all measures would be taken to alleviate the suffering of the displaced victims.

Muhammad called on the state and federal government to come to the aid of the victims, saying this is the worst flood incident recorded in the area in the last 10 years.

Commenting on the issue, Special Adviser, State Emergency Relief Agency, Hajiyu Kulu said the agency has taken inventory of the destruction caused by the flood in the area.

She stressed that efforts are being made to deliver relief materials to the village with a view to bringing succour to the victims.

## up Tackles Gbagi University Privatisation

By Chukwubuike Oguh

tion system. Soweto said: "Deregulation, if introduced into the university system, will destroy the education system, jack up fees and other costs of education beyond what students from poor working class background can afford."

Gbagi had in a recent occasion said that deregulation will make Nigerian university certificates worthwhile and involve serious-minded individuals in the provision of

university education. But Mr. Soweto said that deregulation will only make university education an exclusive preserve of the rich.

He said: "The class system which already has been introduced into the education sector between students from rich homes who can afford private education and children from poor homes who can only afford decrepit public schools will be deepened the more as private investors and banks are encouraged to take over existing public universities."

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