

# Police: 8 Dead in Motor Accidents at Sallah

No fewer than eight people lost their lives at different locations in Lagos during the just concluded in Lagos Sallah celebration.

According to Public Relations Officer, Lagos State Police Command, SP Frank Mba, "there were about six fatal accidents within the state between the 16 and 17th November and eight people were killed at different locations."

He stated that in Festac, a coaster bus with registration number AA487DED driven by one Ahmed Salawudeen ran over a motorcyclist identified as

By Chiemelie Ezeobi

Elon Chibueze along Badagry Expressway. The motorcyclist eventually gave up the ghost in the hospital.

Also in Victoria Island, at about 9pm, a Toyota Sienna car owned by Ogunbayo Adebayo reportedly ran over five pedestrians at Kuramo Beach junction. They were later hospitalised but one of the victims was later confirmed dead.

Maroko area of the state was not left out in the death galore as a Toyota jeep with registration

number JA478EKY driven by one Isaac Ojigwe ran over another motorcyclist Babagana Mohammed and its passenger, Yaya Goni, at the Civic Center Junction along Epe Expressway.

He added that while the motorcyclist survived the ordeal, his passenger however died.

For late Afeez Ajani, death came calling at about 9.30am when one Kazeem Odebiyi with a BMW car with registration number CW240SMK reportedly ran him over at Berger, along Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

At Shasha Police Station, that same day, at about 10am, a tricy-

clist popularly known as Keke, driven by one Dare Akinsara had a head-on-collision with a Mercedes car with registration number FD258LSR at Odo Bus stop along Shasha-Ejigbo road.

THISDAY learnt that

although the tricyclist was rushed to the hospital, he was later confirmed dead by medical personnel.

Also, at Bariga area of the state, a yet-to-be identified motorist ran over an unidentified

motorcyclist and three other pedestrians at Gbagada along Oshodi-Oworo expressway.

THISDAY also gathered that the pedestrians died on the spot while the motorcyclist is receiving treatment in the hospital.

Confirming these accidents and deaths, Mba advised all road users to exercise care especially during festive periods.

## 2 Feared Killed as 16 LG Chiefs Assume Office

From Toba Suleiman

in Ado-Ekiti and John Shiklam in

Indian hemp peddlers was alleged to have resisted arrest and in the process, he was allegedly shot and killed by the police.

In Ekiti, an unconfirmed report indicated that two people were feared dead during the fracas which lasted for some hours, especially in Ijero Ekiti, when heavily armed people suspected to be members of the Oodua Peoples Congress (OPC) allegedly invaded the council's secretariat and launched attack

on some targeted crowd who converged in front of the council's secretariat.

However, this development did not prevent the chairmen from successfully taking over the mantle of leadership in all the local governments, though amid tight security and serious resistance from the opposition party, the PDP.

Public Relations Officer of the State Police Command, ASP Mohammed Jimoh, who said no life was lost, maintained that the prompt intervention of the state anti-riot policemen had brought normalcy to the state.

## 'Road Accidents Claimed 7,850 Lives in 10 Months'

Save Accident Victims of Nigeria (SAVAN) yesterday disclosed that no fewer than 7,850 people died of road traffic accidents in Nigeria between January and October 2010.

In addition, it said more than 27,000 people sustained various degrees of injuries within the period under review, adding that the figure of the accident victims might be higher as not all accident cases were reported to the police, hospitals and the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC).

Coordinator-General of SAVAN, Dr. Eddy Ehikhamenor, who disclosed this in Benin while speaking on the theme: "Role of the Stakeholders in Management of Road Traffic Accident in Nigeria", at a one day workshop for commercial motor cycle riders, lamented that over 90 per cent of reported accident cases in the country involved "Okada" riders.

From Adibe Emenyonu

in Benin City

On the banning of commercial motorcycles from the roads, he called on the government and agencies involved in transport management to immediately commence the education and re-integration of "Okada" riders on their roles on the highways, insisting that banning them would be like throwing the baby away with the bath water.

"Okada riders are often the first people to arrive at the scene of accidents" he said, adding that they should be given education on how to administer first aids to accident victims.

He also disclosed that most commercial motorcycle riders have one medical ailment or the other such as high blood pressure, diabetes, seizures (epilepsy) eye problems among others, and canvassed medical check up for them before they are allowed to drive on the highways.

## 61 Nigerians Deported from United Kingdom

By Martha Eigbefoh

Sixty-one Nigerians were yesterday deported from the United Kingdom (UK) for immigration related offences. A source at the Nigeria Immigration Service (NIS) disclosed this at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport, Lagos.

According to the source, the affected Nigerians were those

without valid travel documents and were deported back to Nigeria in a chartered flight. The Nigerians comprising 45 males, 16 males were flown into the country in the morning.

The source said shortly on arrival, the deportees were taken

through security checks by appropriate security agencies at the airport, including NIS, the police and other agencies to avoid causing any nuisance around the airport.

It would be recalled that some Nigerians were deported early in the year from Libya, and Malaysia.

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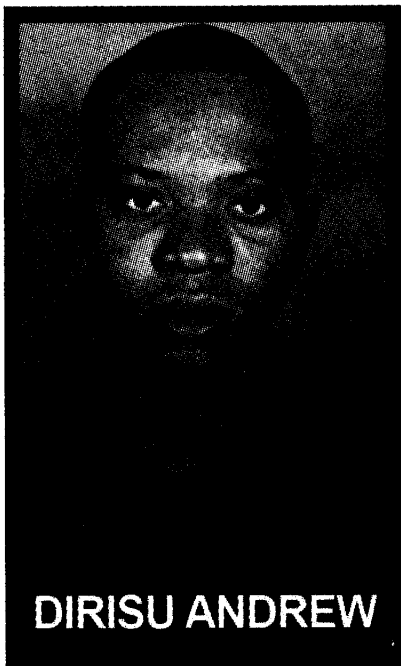


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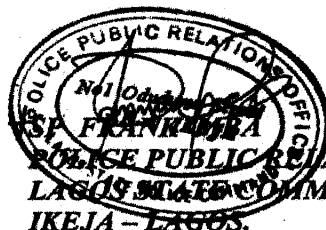
The Lagos State Police Command has declared the above-named persons wanted in connection with a case of conspiracy, forgery and stealing money belonging to Leaders & Company Limited, publisher of THISDAY Newspapers of 35 Creek Road, Apapa, Lagos State.

**Dirisu Andrew 'M'** is about 30 years old, 5ft 8inches tall, fair in complexion, speaks Okpella, Yoruba and English Languages fluently with last known address at 30 Ogunbowala Street, Ilesamaja and hails from Afokpela Town in Edo State.

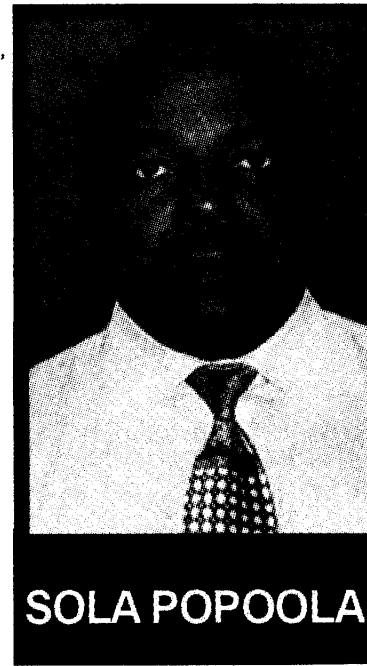
**Sola Popoola 'M'** is about 30 years old, 5ft 4inches tall, dark in complexion, speaks English and Yoruba Language fluently with last known address at 9 Idowu Williams Street, Off Toyin B/Stop, Agbado Road, Iju-Ishaga, Lagos and hails from Okemesi Town in Ekiti State. They were both staff of THISDAY.

Any person who knows their where-about should contact Apapa Police Station or Police Public Relations Department or the nearest Police Station. Such person can also call the following telephone numbers: 08025486068, 07055922225, 01-5677324 or 08033280955.

A handsome reward awaits anyone with useful information that could lead to the arrest of the culprits, please.



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