

A CARING HEART...



•The President Rotary Club of Ajara, Badagry, Lagos, Rotarian(chief) Emmanuel Abidemi Ibigbami hands over food and sanitary items to the proprietress of Hephzibah Children Home, Iberek, Badagry as part of activities marking the 48th birthday of Chief Ibigbami...recently

APGA Gets Back Registration Certificate

The All Progressive Grand Alliance (APGA) has gotten back its registration certificate which was withheld by its former chairman, Chief Chikwas Okorie. The party's National Chairman, Chief Victor Umeh, who spoke to newsmen shortly after getting back the party's certificate of registration from the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), also said Okorie is seeking to cause confusion by adopting United Progressive Grand Alliance (UPGA) for his new party. He said UPGA was the original name of APGA. On the sudden decision by Okorie to return APGA's registration certificate, Umeh said contrary to the former chairman's claim that he returned the document of his own volition, there was nothing left for him to do under the circumstance since APGA was already making moves to use the police to recover it. "I feel extremely happy

•Protests recognition of UPGA

From Onyebuchi Ezigbo  
in Abuja

today that the distraction in APGA has ended. First, APGA which has been in the news for the past eight years for being engulfed in an intractable leadership dispute

has now put that to an end. It has been a very long journey at the courts. And I must express my happiness that it has now come to a sweet end," he said. Umeh recalled how Okorie after being expelled from the party for anti-party activities

decided to withhold the party's certificate of registration and to engage the leadership in a prolonged legal tussle which he finally lost. He said with the end of the leadership crisis, APGA will now focus more on re-building its structures which was affected by the tussle over the years.

Boko Haram Kills Two in Maiduguri

Two persons including a cleric and a cobbler were on Thursday night shot dead by the notorious Boko Haram sect in Maiduguri, Borno State. On the same day in another incident in the town, a suspected member of the Islamic sect was killed by the men of the Joint Task Force (JTF) during a shootout. It was gathered that some Boko Haram men had attacked the JTF troops around Gwange within the metropolis

From Michael Olugbode  
in Maiduguri

few minutes to the commencement of the 7pm curfew on Thursday night and subsequently met their Waterloo as the military were prepared.

Sources revealed that the sect suspected the slain cleric and cobbler to be informants of the Department of Security Services (DSS). Police Public Relations Officer, Samuel Tizhe, an

assistant superintendent confirmed the killings of the Islamic cleric and the cobbler. He said the police have since cordoned off the area, adding that "investigation into the killings have since commenced." He said: "It is true the two persons were killed last night by suspected Boko Haram members. One is a cobbler while the second is an Islamic scholar. We have commenced investigations into the killings and we call on good spirited individuals to avail us useful information to track down the sect members." In another development a deafening sound from an explosion was heard in the city at about 7.15am yesterday. Sources said the explosive went off around Gwange 4 Primary School, same area where the JTF engaged the sect in a gun battle on Thursday.

Senator Sekibo's Wife Abducted

Asime, wife of Senator George Sekibo has been kidnapped by yet to be identified gunmen Thursday night at Obiri-Ikwerre, along the East/West road axis of Rivers State. Sekibo, a member of the People's Democratic Party

From Muhammad Bello  
in Port Harcourt

A top security official who craved anonymity confirmed the incident, expressing the hope that the federal legislator's wife will be released

unhurt, "if she has not been released already." But a top government official who also confirmed the incident to our correspondent on telephone, was not optimistic about her freedom.