

AIG blames cops' killings on operational error

By Evelyn Usman & Idowu Olaide

ASSISTANT Inspector-General of Police in-charge of Zone II comprising Lagos and Ogun states commands, Mr Adedayo Adeoye, yesterday attributed the killings of eight policemen by robbers in Lagos state three weeks ago to operational error on the part of the fallen

officers.

Adedayo who was speaking at the inter-religious prayer meeting for the Nigeria Police Force Zone II, organised by Police Officers Wives Association (POWA), with the theme a "Fervent Call on God to put an end to sudden and untimely deaths in our midst", stated categorically that the policemen lost their lives because they mis-

calculated.

The AIG who did not hide his disappointment over the loss said the deceased sacrificed their lives while carrying out their constitutional responsibility, adding however that it was not that they did not know how to operate their duties.

Said he: "It is not that the men did not know how to operate their duties, but at times, we have operational errors and that was what happened. They miscalculated."

He appreciated POWA for organising the inter-religious prayer, saying it could not have come at a better moment than now. Prayers by both Muslim and Christian clerics were rendered to God for victims and for such calamity not to repeat itself.

National president of POWA, Mrs Omolara Ehindero, prayed God to grant the bereaved families the fortitude to bear the loss, even as she said the association would on its own assist the families in its own little way. Already, she said the Inspector-General of Police, Mr Sunday Ehindero had directed that widows' dues be given to them without hesitation.

But the association's zonal

president, Evangelist Chioma Adedayo, who could not control her emotions while praying, broke down in tears after asking everyone to stand up and observe a minute silence for the departed officers whom she said set out for work on that fateful day unaware of the tragedy that would befall them.

Agagu vows to tackle Ondo water problem

GOVERNOR Olusegun Agagu of Ondo State has pledged that permanent solution to the water problems being faced in some areas of the state before the end of the year remains one of the dividends of democracy that his administration will give to the people.

Apart from completing the 200 solar-powered boreholes in various communities and rehabilitation of water works and ongoing laying of pipes for new reticulations in parts of the state, the governor said arrangements had been con-

cluded to award contract for the procurement of a water master dredger.

When provided, the dredger will be used to rehabilitate all water dams in the state to ensure they are in top form to make enough water available to the state.

Agagu made the disclosure yesterday at the Ose Local Government area while commissioning solar powered boreholes in the Idoani, Okeluse and Imoru, hinted that over 135 of the boreholes had been completed and being put to use in different communities.

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By Gbenga Ariyibi

ADO EKITI — THE Bishop of Ekiti Diocese and the Archbishop of Ondo Province, Most Right Rev Adedayo Abe, said yesterday that he put a curse on Fayose's government the moment the government pulled down the wall of the church for his road project.

Speaking with newsmen in Ado Ekiti during the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the diocese, the Cleric said he had the opportunity of ad-