

Why police can't restore Dariye's security— *Ehindero*

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THE Inspector General of Police, Mr. Sunday Ehindero, has explained why he has not restored the security of Governor Joshua Dariye of Plateau State despite a Court of Appeal order for his reinstatement.

He said in a response to an earlier letter by Dariye's lawyer, Mr. Emmanuel Toro requesting him to restore Dariye's security in view of the judgement, that he had not done so because of the pending appeal against the judgement at the Supreme Court.

The letter with reference SB:8250/IGP.SEC/ABJ/VOL.5/133 dated March 26, 2007, said: "since the matter is now pending in the highest court of law, the appeal may be decided one way or the other. It is in this regard that we do not intend to do anything to render the appeal in the Supreme Court

negatory. Thus it is our intention to maintain the status quo in order to respect and give effect to whichever way the decision of the Supreme Court on this matter will go."

Ehindero had sometime last month told reporters that he was yet to restore Dariye's security because he could not give security to someone he had not seen. Meanwhile, the Supreme Court has fixed tomorrow for hearing of the appeal.

Car crash claims life of police officer

AN accident occurred at the early hours of yesterday at Ikeja claiming the life of yet-to-be identified police officer who was driving in a

black BMW (no numbers) and crashed into a trailer with Lagos XH 111 JJJ. The accident occurred at the Ikeja end of Agege Motor road

A team of *Sunday Vanguard* journalists covering the state elections who got to the scene of the accident learnt a police sergeant who is also a lawyer died in the crash.

At the time of this report, the body of the victim has been removed, the plate number of the vehicle missing while the brains and blood of the victim were splashed all over the place.

An eye-witness told *Sunday Vanguard* that some policemen from nearby police station numbering about fifteen had mounted a check-point in the place and had flagged down the trailer which was driving towards Agege and as the trailer was slowing down, the BMW which was on a high speed crashed into it, killing the occupants instantly.

Sunday Vanguard also learnt that the tyres of the trailer were immediately punctured to ensure it did not escape while rescue operation of the victims was going on.

The eye-witness said the identity card found on the dead policeman showed he was a sergeant and a lawyer.

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