

Police probe death of three church members

By Evelyn Usman

LAGOS—POLICE detectives at Dopemu division are now investigating circumstances surrounding the death of three members of a Pentecostal church in Dopemu area of Lagos (name withheld) who were found dead last Monday inside the church, as a result of what was described as excessive inhalation of fume from a power generating set, otherwise known as carbon monoxide.

The deceased, two males and

a female who were identified as Sunday Nwaogwugwu, Chinedu and Nwaolu were said to be church workers who had an all night prayer with other members. But they were said to have stayed behind at the end of the vigil, with the intention of going home at about 6am.

Sources at the church said as a result of power failure, the deceased decided to put on a power generating set which was stationed at the entrance of the church, while they slept off with all the widows shut.

NBA sets up two additional disciplinary panels

By Innocent Anaba

LAGOS—THE Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), has set up two additional disciplinary panels, to ensure speedy determination of petitions bothering on misconduct against practicing lawyers in the country.

President of the association, Mr Olisa Agbakoba (SAN), said yesterday in Lagos that "everyday, the national secretariat of the NBA is inundated with petitions against lawyers asking for disciplinary measures to be taken against lawyers whose conduct are alleged to be tantamount to professional misconduct".

According to him, "due to the fact that many petitions come in on daily basis, the hearing and determination of petitions have been slow and sometimes delayed. In view of the complaints about the delay with which petitions are heard and determined, with regards to NBA disciplinary process, the Nigerian Bar Association has come out with some steps aimed at redressing this challenge."

Further he said, "the NBA therefore, has taken steps aimed at a speedy dispensation of the petitions. The Measures which will take effect immediately include the creation of two more disciplinary panels, one in Lagos and another in Ibadan".

Disputed boundary: Lagos, Ogun talks end in deadlock

By Olasunkanmi Akoni

LAGOS—EFFORTS to resolve amicably the boundary disputes between Lagos and Ogun States over parcel of land in Agbara, Olorunda Local Development Council Area and Isheri Oke may have suffered another setback as recent meeting held by the teams from both states could not reach an agreement.

Both states had been claiming ownership of some parcels of land around Agbara and Isheri Oke area of Lagos State for many years.

In a meeting between the officials of both states and the National Boundary Commission (NBC) held in the Ministry of Local Government, Alausa, Ikeja, the teams presented their findings, with each state claiming ownership of the disputed lands.

Lagos State Deputy Governor, Mrs. Sarah Adebisi Sosan alleged that Ogun State government had capitalized on urbanization to encroach on the land.

She recalled that when the state was created in 1967, all its LWBCS pillars were buried in the areas considered "remote and rural," recalling that Ogun State government took advantage of the spill over effects of urban development of Lagos State to encroach on Lagos lands which has "deprived the people their ancestral connection to their roots."

Her Ogun State counterpart,

Alhaja Salmat Badru who was represented by Professor Anthony Asiwaju however punctured Sosan's contention, insisting that Lagos was the actual culprit in the accusation of encroachment.

She alleged that Lagos State encroached on Ogun land in or-

der to generate revenue.

However, in his speech, the Director-General of NBC, Mr. Sadiq Diggi called on both state governments to continue to embrace peace and wait for the final report by the commission to enable them know their legal rights in the disputed areas.

Students protest death of mate at Ikorodu

By Evelyn Usman & Irethiwa Showunmi

LAGOS—BUSINESS activities at Tipper garage area of Ikorodu, Lagos, was brought to a total standstill yesterday after some hoodlums and students from Majedo Grammar school took over the entire area protesting the death of one of their own.

This is just as a paint company in Ajangbadi area of Lagos, yesterday went up in flames, following an explosion from a tanker load of product suspected to be diesel, destroying property which monetary value is yet to be estimated.

The hoodlums, said to be armed with dangerous weapons reportedly set the popu-

lar Tipper garage ablaze, as they attacked anyone on sight.

Report said trouble started Sunday after a man identified as Christopher Omomoh was arrested by operators at Tipper garage, for alleged theft. They (operators) were said to have beaten Mr Omomoh to a stupor after which they tied him to a stick.

Meanwhile, his son, John Omomo said to be searching for his father, traced him to the garage on Monday, in the company of some of his friends. But their attempt to forcefully release John's father reportedly met stiff resistance by the operators at the garage who report said engaged the teenagers in a fight at the end of which John was dragged home in a state of unconsciousness.