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the grant, he described as quarterly, for further development of their domains.

Commending Bamigbetan's administration, the State Commissioner for Information and Strategy, Mr Opeyemi Bamidele, who was represented by the Assistant Director in the ministry, Mr. Yinka Bankole, described the council boss as an achiever who has continued to score first in all human enhanced projects.

Meanwhile, after eight years of disrepair, the Ejigbo Local Council Development Area (LCDA), Wednesday, commissioned the rehabilitated Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC)-Daleko Road as part of measures to ease chaotic traffic situation in the area.

Other roads commissioned include January 27 Road, Kudirat Adenekan Road, Ashogbon Goloba Road, Nurudeen Obe Road and Mechanic Village Road.

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When trial opened, the prosecution led one of the investigators, Ibe Dickson, a detective with the EFCC in evidence. According to the prosecution witness, the accused persons were said to have approached their victim through the internet in 2007, asking her to participate in building a mobile oil gas station, the idea she (Aquino) jumped at, but realised later that she was dealing with conmen.

According to the witness, moment the woman accepted the offer, she was paying the money requested by her swindlers into various Nigerian banks through the popular Western Union Money Transfer.

Group accuses of bias

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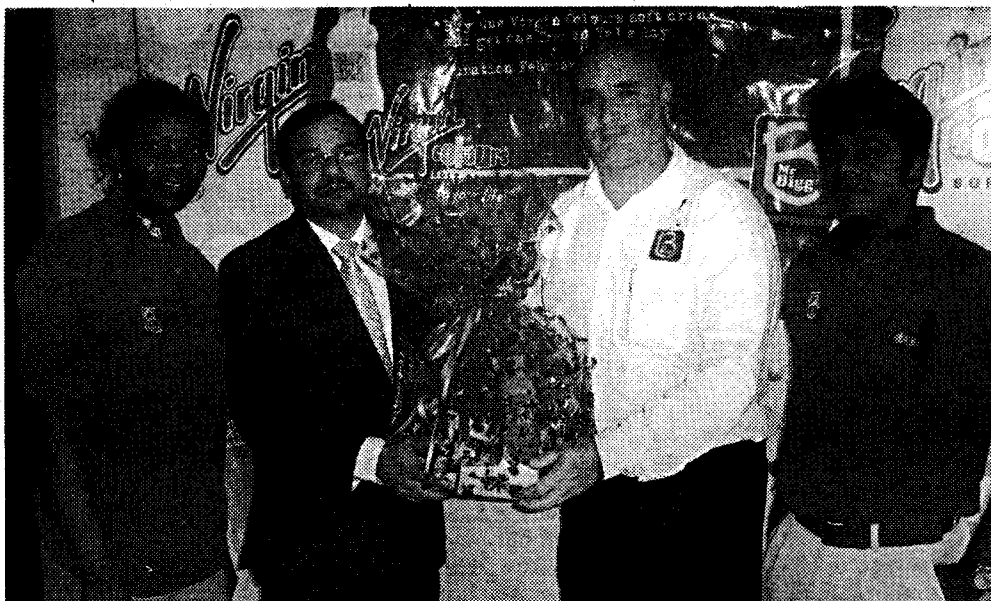
He said: "We have to cry out to the police boss based on complaints by the family members that the police have been shielding few powerful elements who were initially arrested by the police."

Policeman shoots 2 in Lagos

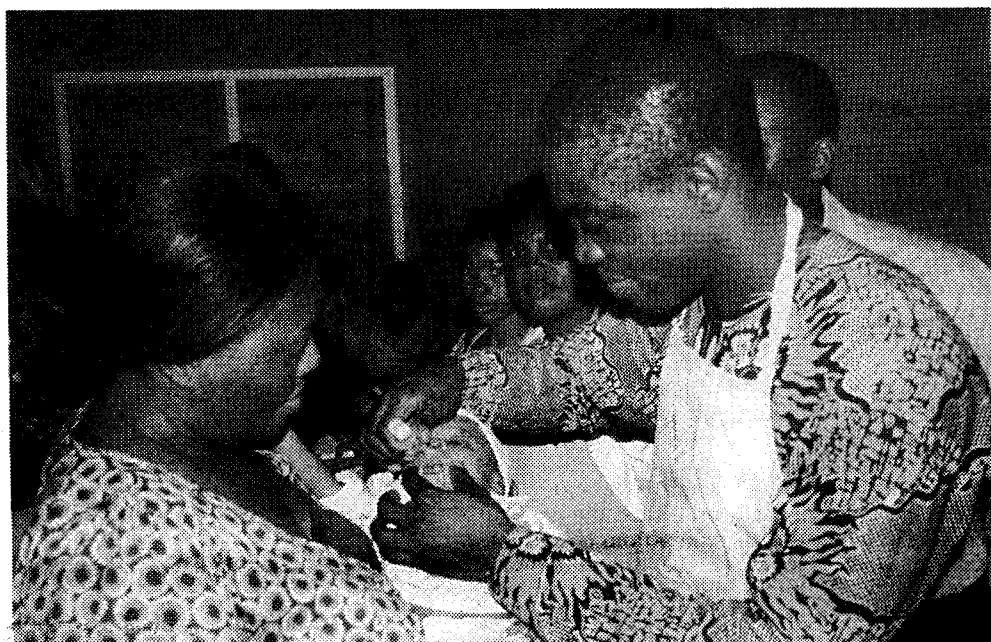
By Albert Akpor & Evelyn Usman

LAGOS—PANDEMONIUM broke out yesterday in Lagos after a police Constable who was on a special duty at a micro-finance firm located in Ijaye-Ojokoro shot into a protesting crowd, injuring two persons.

Sources said the policeman was attracted to a crisis scene in front of the finance house after a staff alerted him that a bullion van belonging to the firm was under attack by hood-



PRESENTATION: From left: Mrs Bukie Oluyadi, Marketing Manager, UAC Franchising; Prahlad Gangadharang, Chief Operating Officer, Classic Beverages Nig. Ltd; Marc Schreuder, Divisional Managing Director, UAC Franchising and Prem Kumar Kanojia, Marketing Manager, Virgin Colour soft drinks during the presentation of Valentine special packs by UAC Food Courts and Virgin Colour Soft Drinks in Lagos, recently.



IMMUNISATION: Chairman of Amuwo Odofin Local Government Council, Comrade Ayodele Adewale, administering anti-polio drug on a child in Lagos, yesterday.

Lagos govt stalls condemned inmates suit

By AbdulWahab Abdulah

LAGOS—A FEDERAL High Court sitting in Lagos has adjourned further hearing of the suit filed by five condemned inmates challenging their continue detention without execution for over 10 years.

The condemned inmates of

the Kirikiri Maximum Prisons, Lagos who have been waiting endlessly for the hangman noose to carry out the judgments of the court for over 10 years are challenging their further detention without execution, saying it is inimical to their fundamental human rights to dignity of human person.

At the resumed hearing of the case before Justice Lambo Akande yesterday, the Lagos State government, one of the respondents to the suit, pleaded to the court to grant them a short adjournment to file their defence to the suit.

The presiding Judge, last month, restrained the Lagos State and the Federal Governments from executing them pending the determination of their motion before the court.

The five men—Zuberu Abduraman, Taofiki Ojewale, Morufu Yussuff, Lukman Ajimola and Asimiyu Babatunde—brought the suit through their counsel, Mrs. Funmi Falana, to enforce their fundamental human rights.

Counsel representing the Attorney-General of Lagos

State, Mrs Abibat Adeyemi, told the court that the state was still in the process of filing their defence and, therefore, will be urging the court to grant them more time to perfect their papers.

The application was, however, not opposed by the applicants' counsel, Mrs Funmi Falana. The Judge adjourned the case till March 11, 2009 for the continuation of the matter.

The applicants are seeking a declaration that keeping them on death row at the prison for 10 years is illegal and unconstitutional as it violates their fundamental human rights to dignity of human person guaranteed by Section 34 of the 1999 Constitution and the African Charter on Human and Peoples Rights.

Also, they are asking the court to declare that the death sentence passed on them can no longer be carried out by the respondents in any manner whatsoever and however and a order commuting the death sentence to a term of imprisonment.

Truck crushes 2 men, injures others

By Evelyn Usman

LAGOS—A TRUCK, yesterday, crushed a motorcyclist and his male passenger at Satellite area of Lagos, leaving several others injured.

Among the injured were two beggars whose conditions were described as critical by eye witnesses.

Report said the tragedy struck at about 1 p.m, after the truck with number plate XA 583 NEN apparently had a break failure. In the driver's bid to control the truck, the motorcyclist reportedly tried to manoeuvre his way to avoid being hit, but unfortunately, eye witnesses said, the truck veered off its lane, and ran over the motorcyclist and the passenger.

When the truck finally came to a halt, the driver who was later identified as Emmanuel Tawari, took to his heels on sighting a surging crowd.

Valentine Groove

GURU Energy drink will hold 'Valentine Groove' to mark the St Valentine's Day which will hold in various locations in the country.

According to the Brand Manager, Kate Adeoyin, "lovers who come to the venue of the groove will be served free Guru Natural Energy Drink and lots of other goodies."

Concert

TENSTRINGS Institute, a musical training school, will hold its special Valentine's Day Concert tagged 'Songs in the key of love' at Festac Town in Lagos, tomorrow.

The concert targeted at youths, according to Akapo Emmanuel, MD/CEO of the institute, is aimed at awakening a sense of responsibility amongst young people.

Rotary distributes reflective jackets to motorcyclists

LAGOS—THE Rotary Club of Satellite Town has distributed reflective jackets to motorcycle operators in their community.

The District Governor, Mr Richard Giwa-Osagie, while distributing the jackets to the motorcycle operators said they were consistently involved in fatal crashes, adding: "This is because they are more exposed as a motorcycle provides little or no protection in the event of a crash."

The Rotary President, Engr. Mike Amaku, on his part said the decision by the club to embark on the project was a firm commitment to road safety and accident prevention, especially in their immediate environment in Satellite Town.