

10 die in auto crash

OKENE, KOGI—TRAGEDY struck at the Obiera-Adavi road in Okene Local Government Area of Kogi State as 10 persons were yesterday roasted in a ghastly motor accident.

The incident which threw residents of the area into mourning was the second of its type in four months.

Eye witnesses account said the accident occurred when the driver of a lorry loaded with rods, while ascending the Obi era hills, suddenly had a break failure and rammed into an up-coming passenger bus which eventually caught fire with the occupants trapped inside.

The Sector Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission (FRSC), Yomi Asaniyan confirmed the incident in a telephone interview with *Vanguard* yesterday.

Asaniyan said their was little his men could do to safe the situation as the infortunate incident occurred at the wee hours of the morning when people were still fast asleep.

Consumers accuse NNPC station of creating petrol scarcity

By Bala Ajiya

DAMATURU—CONSUMERS who have been subjected to artificial scarcity for over a week now have called on the management of the NNPC to heck the excesses of all the employees of the Damaturu mega station as they seem to



RECEPTION: From left: Senator Olorunmbé Mamora; Olori Ojuolape Ojora and Otunba Kunle Ojora at a wedding reception of Mr & Mrs Adetokunbo Adefuye in Lagos, recently.



LAUNCH—From left: Miss Amaka Ogochi, Miss Commonwealth, Chief Demola Edu, Chairman, Evans Medical PLC, Dr Mathew Udoe representing NAFDAC and Mr. Kiran Virat, Group Managing Director at the launch of three new products of Evans Medical Plc in Lagos, yesterday. Photo by Lamidi Bamidele.

Why Boni Haruna parted ways with Atiku

By Dayo Benson, Political Editor

MORE facts emerged yesterday why

AC of late and he has succumbed to the PDP pressure", said the source.

"He believes that Atiku is taking too long to make up his mind to return to PDP and he (Haruna) can no longer

All Nigerian Peoples Party, (ANPP), to PDP.

It was learnt that Turaki may have taken that step after having struck a deal with PDP leaders for charges against him to be dropped as a

No ambition for Adamawa guber race in 2012 — Hong

YOLA—SOME people have started agitating that the Honourable Minister of State for Health, Dr Aliyu Idi Hong should contest for the office of Governor of Adamawa State in 2012.

According to a statement by the Minister, he has no ambition in that direction. As a member of the Federal Executive Council where it was decided that no campaign activities should start until the end of 2010.

His words: "My present preoccupation therefore, is how to assist the President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, Mallam Umaru Musa Yar'Adua fulfill the campaign promises made by the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) to the people of

Nigeria.

To this end, I am currently directing my efforts at reforming the nation's health care delivery system which is my area of primary assignment within the overall objective of achieving the Seven Point Agenda of Mr. President targeted at making Nigeria one of the 20 most developed nations by the year 2020".

Adding that, "while I am therefore not against people expressing themselves freely as has been provided for in a democratic set up such as ours, I will like to dissociate myself from such agitations as I have not either directly or indirectly instructed anyone to do so on my behalf".

How robbers attacked Jigawa community—Police

KAFIN-HAUSA, JIGAWA—PANIC has gripped the people of Balangu community in Kafilin Hausa local government area of Jigawa State over the weekend when a gang of armed robbers stormed the town killing one person and left many others injured.

The Spokesman of the Jigawa State Police Command, ASP Abdul Jinjiri told *Vanguard* that the robbers numbering about 10 entered Balangu town at midnight and went straight to the house of one Mallam Alasan Bukar where they collected the sum of N7,000 and directed him to escort them to one of the wealthy individual, Alhaji Adamu Ilya's residence.

Jinjiri further explained that on their way to the residence of Alhaji Adamu one of the residents heard them discussing how they would enter the house. He then

came out of his house to ask the thieves why they were going to Alhaji's house at that ungodly hour and what offence did the man commit?

One of the robbers was said to have shot the man immediately. According to the spokesman, when the gang arrived at Alhaji Adamu's residence they requested for money but he told them that he had only N16,000 at home. "He was lucky they collected the money and left without hurting him."

According to him, no arrest was made but the police had recovered three empty shells of AK 47 ammunition at the scene of the incident, adding that efforts are being made to arrest the robbers as information has been passed to all police formations across the state and beyond to assist the command in arresting the suspected robbers.