

## Missing councillor found dead

By AbdulSalam Muhammad

**KANO**—POLICE detectives have commenced investigations into the mysterious death of a councillor, representing Sabon-Gari and Ragada constituency in Doguwa Local Government, Malam Musa Muhammad.

Muhammad left his hometown, Thursday, for Jos, Plateau State and was subsequently declared missing by the family following a break in communication.

*Vanguard* learnt that nothing was heard from Musa four days after he embarked on the journey until the sad news that his corpse was found in a remote village near Saminaka, Kaduna State.

The councillor was reported to have boarded a private vehicle on the ill-fated journey to Jos, and there is a strong suspicion that he might have been a victim of armed robbery.

Kano-Jos Highways gained notoriety following persistent robbery incidents by a syndicate that specialised in hanging their victims before dispossessing them of their valuable, a situation that compelled the police authority to draft a combined team of army and the police on patrol.

Confirming the incident to newsmen in Kano, Police Public Relations Officer, Baba Muhammad declared that the police is working to unravel the circumstances that led to the death of the elected councillor.

He stressed that the police is working on several clues that may lead to the perpetrators of the act, and urged the public to remain calm. Malam Musa's remains had since been buried in his home town according to Islamic rites.

Prominent politicians attended the funeral ceremony.

## Jigawa FMC threatens to sack striking workers

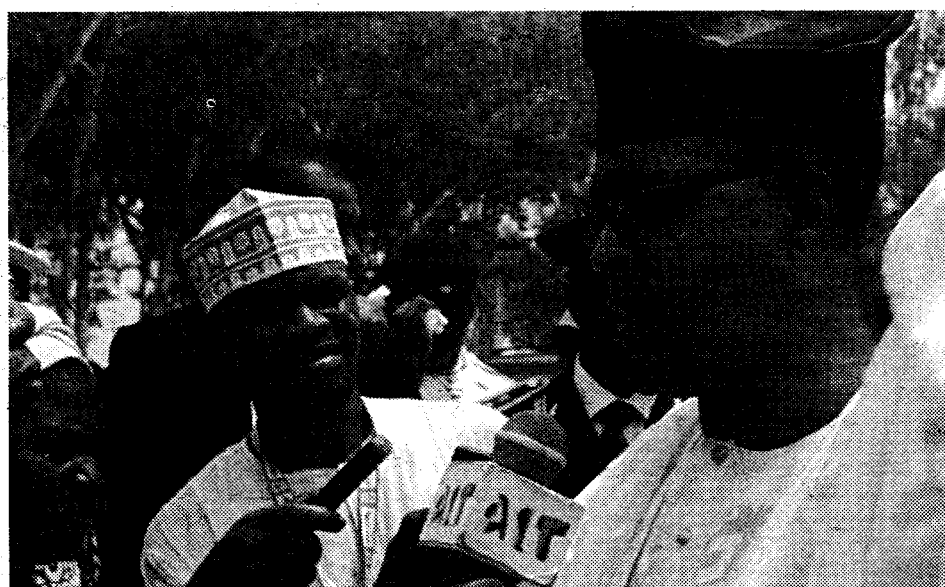
By Tina Akannam

**DUTSE**—BARELY two weeks into the nationwide strike embarked upon by the health workers of Federal Government health institutions, the management of Federal Medical Centre Birnin Kudu, in Jigawa State have threatened to sack any worker who refused to return to work.

Addressing newsmen in Birnin Kudu, weekend, the health workers union alleged that the management have allegedly been threatening to

dismiss any staff who continues with the strike, saying they were forced by their superiors to either return to work or be sacked.

According to the Secretary of the Nursing and Midwives Workers Union, FMC Birnin Kudu chapter, Mallam Hamisu Abubakar, "We started successfully, but later, some of our superiors started threatening us to either report back to our various offices, or be sacked. Already some workers have been forced to return to work in the hospital despite the fact that the strike is still on."



**GRADUATION:** Minister of State for Defence, Chief Ademola Rasaq Seriki with defence correspondents at the Senior Course 31 graduation ceremony of the Armed Forces Command and Staff College, Jaji, recently. PHOTOS: Olu Ajayi.



**FUNCTION:** From left, former Kaduna State Governor, Alhaji Lawal Kaita; Alhaji Musa Saulawa and former Governor of Katsina State, Alhaji Saidu Barda at a public function in Kaduna recently.

## Fresh crisis in Benue claims 3, renders 760 homeless

By Peter Duru

**MAKURDI**—A FRESH outbreak of communal crisis between the Nyieev and Uyougho communities of Kwande Local Government Council of Benue State have claimed the lives of three persons while over 760 persons have been displaced and rendered homeless.

An eyewitness told *Vanguard* that herds of refugees from the affected villages have taken over neighbouring towns and villages bordering the feuding communities while heavy fighting continued unabated.

According to our source, the renewed fighting in the area was sparked by allegations of land trespassing traded by the warring communities, adding that the feuding communities ac-

on disputed land which had hitherto claimed lives.

He intimated that the conflict has taken a dangerous dimension with the involvement of militia groups by both sides resulting in the use of dangerous weapons by the communities.

The renewed clash, which is about the fourth between the warring communities in recent time, has left the communities deserted with farmlands utterly destroyed by the rampaging fighters.

Our source further hinted that economic trees and huts have been torched by the fighters who are bent on establishing their authority over the disputed territory.

According to him, "At the time I fled my home to escape with my dear life, heavy fighting was still going on and homes of some prominent indigenes of the area had already been reduced to rubble with no end to the conflict in sight."

Meanwhile, all attempts to reach the Kwande Local Government Council Chairman, Mr. Terlumun Akputu for his comments on the renewed crisis proved abortive.

Moreover, one of his Special Assistants told *Vanguard* that the Chairman has embarked on moves to per-

manently address the crisis in the area by personally assuming the position of a mediator in the conflict.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Samuel Jinadu informed that he was yet to get the full brief on the conflict.

## Councillors exchange blows over impeachment move

By Isiaka Oyibo

**LOKOJA**—TWO councillors, yesterday, sustained serious injuries in Ugwolawo, headquarters of Ofu Local Government Area of Kogi State as heavy fighting broke out among the legislators over alleged moves to impeach the chairman of the council.

It would be recalled that the legislators had, last week in a unanimous resolution, served an impeachment notice to Mr. Peters Enejo seeking to remove him from office over what they described as his "woeful performance in the last two years as chief executive of the council".

The impeachment notice

## Kaduna Police aborts lecture on corruption

By Emeka Mamah

**KADUNA**—OFFICERS and men from the Kaduna State Police Command, weekend, aborted a lecture on corruption earlier billed to take place at the Kagoro Town Hall, in southern Kaduna.

"The action of the police is a clear indication that those in government are not sincere with the fight against corruption," said one of the invited speakers and National Secretary of Action Congress (AC), Dr. Usman Bugaje.

Other dignitaries also invited to speak at the public lecture on the topic, *Corruption and the Crisis of Development*, organised by the Movement for a Better Future, included the Action Congress governorship candidate in Ekiti State in the 2007 general election, Dr. Kayode Fayemi, Vicar-General of the Kaduna Catholic Diocese, Rev. Fr. Matthew Hassan Kukah, as well as Prof. Sam Egwu, a lecturer at the Kogi State University, Ayangba.

Police Division Officer in the area, I. Attahiru, who led a team of policemen, had arrived the venue at about 8.00am in an ALGON jeep with registration number NPF 2659 B and a Hilux van from the Kaduna State security outfit, *Operation Yaki*, with registration number AG 271 KRA and Code 001 and sealed off the hall.

Bugaje said, "Whoever stopped the event must have done so because they do not want us to expose their corruption. Whoever is stopping it is corrupt and do not want corruption to stop."

"Whatever they want to tell anybody now will not hold water because this is a very strong message that the citizens cannot even speak about corruption," he added.

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