

in the South-west, ACN said it should be clear to the President that in over 10 years of democratic rule, PDP has not been able to convince the people that it deserves their votes.

states, especially in the South-West, during the last general elections, it should not have been a surprise to President Jonathan that those 'captured' states have now slipped away

is not about to stop until it has swept off all the vestiges of purposeless governance from the region, and that not even a president's wishful thinking could stand in its way.

Man beats wife to death in Lagos

By Albert Akpor & Ifeanyi Okolie

POLICE in Lagos have arrested a

middle-aged man for allegedly beating his wife to death. The man simply identified as Kunle Adeola reports say, was in the habit of beating

his wife to a state of coma for any slight provocation.

The deceased wife, Mrs. Oluwatoyyin Adetola, who lived with his estranged husband on 107 Community Road Bariga, had prior to her death complained bitterly to her father that she was opting out of the relationship for lack of love and battery. The father was said to have told her to go back to her husband promising to speak to the husband.

However, trouble was said to have ensued between the deceased and her husband on the December 15, leading to a heated argument during which the husband allegedly pounced on her and dealt several blows on her. She was reported to have slumped and died on the spot.

Sensing danger, the husband took to his heels and went into hiding while concerned residents and sympathisers went to report the case to Bariga Police Station. A search party was set up, which led to his arrest yesterday.

\$3.6bn for debt servicing, excessive —LCCI

By Naomi Uzor

LAGOS Chamber of Commerce and Industry, LCCI, yesterday, condemned the commitment of \$3.6 billion for debt servicing, saying it is excessive as the amount is over 50 per cent of the amount set aside for capital projects in the budget.

President of LCCI, Otunba Femi Deru, in a press release said in the 2010 budget, N497 billion was earmarked for debt servicing, which he said was simply not in the best interest of the people.

He said: "This further underscores the need to moderate the quantum of borrowing by government. The debt management of-

fice needs to slow down on the rate at which it is issuing bonds, while the Central Bank of Nigeria, CBN, should also reduce the issuance of treasury bills.

"The cost of servicing domestic debt in the economy has become unsustainable and unbearable. The opportunity cost to the economy is too high. If \$3.6 billion is additionally committed annually to power sector, it would surely have a major impact."

According to him, the chamber commends the decision of government to commit N50 billion to a job creation scheme, but said that such public sector driven programmes have very little chance of success.