

MUHAMMAD, Kano.

FOR the second time in many weeks, hundreds of youths rooting for the return of Dr. Rabiu Musa Kwankwaso as governor of Kano State yesterday stormed Kano streets protesting alleged plot by the top echelon of the ruling PDP to drop him for someone else.

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the on-going Voters Registration.

He highlighted the need to ensure a hitch free registration exercise for residents of the state and opined that the restriction would further compound the logistics and transportation plans of officials of the Independent National Electoral Commission, INEC as well as residents to the various registration units.

massed at Dr. Kwankwaso's residence on Lugard Road, Nasarawa GRA before launching their peaceful protest that took them round the city bringing commercial activities to a standstill.

The youths defied the heavy security presence in the city, chanting pro-Kwankwaso slogans.

The youths who wore PDP colours threatened to unleash on the state what they called 'political jihad' should the former governor be short-changed.

Some of the placards carried by them read: "Kwankwaso is our man; "No Kwankwaso No PDP", "Substitute Kwankwaso and pay dearly for it," "We love him and we are ready to spill our blood for him."

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Senator Folarin wins rerun in Oyo

BY OLA AJAYI, Ibadan

A FACTION of the APDP in Oyo State yesterday held a rerun election in respect of Oyo Central Senatorial District and declared Senate leader, Alhaji Teslim Folarin as winner.

The winner of the first

Kwankwaso Support Group, Alhaji Sharif Umar Garba Gwamaja accused Vice President, Namadi Sambo of masterminding the latest round of crisis in Kano PDP.

"The VP is acting the

Five die on their way to register

BY SAMUEL OYADONGHA, Yenagoo

FIVE persons said to be on their way to participate in the ongoing voter registration died in a boat mishap in Beyelsa State.

The 12-seater passenger fibre speedboat capsized on Thursday, a short distance from Nembe.

It had taken off from the

individual in the Kano, and we want to assure him of our readiness to frustrate their plan through our blood and political jihad," he said.

Ogbia jetty before running into turbulent wave along the Nembe creek.

But another version said seven people lost their lives in the mishap. Four corpses have been recovered. The identity of the victims could not be ascertained as at press time but the recovered corpses were said to have been deposited at Nembe.

A resident of the area said the accident could have been averted if only the driver exercised restraint and was not on top speed.

Contacted on the development, Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Eguavoen Emokpae an Assistant Superintendent of Police said he was not in town and as such not aware of the mishap but boat drivers at the Yenagoo jetty confirmed the tragic incident.

Truck crushes two to death

BY IFEANYI OKOLIE

A MOTORCYCLIST and his female passenger yesterday, lost their lives when a diesel truck crushed them to death along the exit part of Kirikiri Link Bridge, Lagos. Several motorcyclists also escaped death, as a forty feet Mark truck with plate number XD 540 FKJ lost control and smashed a motorcycle against a pavement on the same road. Eyewitnesses said the driver of the diesel truck, with plate number XB 226 DKA, was fleeing

when policemen at a check point went after him. The driver of the truck was said to have lost control when he got to a narrow part of the bridge and he reportedly rammed over the motorcyclist and his passenger whose identities were yet unknown as at the time of filing this report.

Policemen from Kirikiri who were at the scene, used teargas in dispelling the angry crowd, who immediately smashed the windscreen of the truck and were on the verge of setting them ablaze before the arrival of police.

INEC extends voters' registration by one week

BY BEN AGANDE, Abuja

THE Independent National Electoral Commission has extended the on going registration by one week following the amendment of the Electoral Act 2010 by the National Assembly on Wednesday.

In a statement in Abuja yesterday, the Secretary to the Commission, Alhaji Abdullahi Kaugama said the extension would take

effect from tomorrow and terminate on Saturday, 5th February, 2011. He said the extension is to allow Nigerians who have not been able to register do so with the period of the extension.

The display of the preliminary list of voters would commence on the 12th of February and end on the 17th February, 2011.

He enjoined Nigerians who have not register to come out a do so.