

NEWS

3 soldiers, 11 others die in separate accidents

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NO fewer than 14 persons including three soldiers were killed in two separate accidents yesterday.

The soldiers were trapped and burnt to death in an auto crash at Aiyegunle, Oka-Akoko, near Owo, Ondo State alongside five students of a military school and two others.

In the other accident which occurred along Benin-Agbor Road, four persons reportedly lost their lives while 11 others sustained injuries.

The incident which claimed the lives of the soldiers and seven others, according to eye witnesses, occurred at about 12:40 p.m. and involved a military vehicle marked NA 880 B01 belonging to the military school and a tanker.

The tanker was said to have lost control and rammed into the military vehicle.

The impact, according to the eye witnesses, caused both vehicles to burst into flames, burning the trapped victims in the military vehicle to death.

The Benin/Agbor Road accident, it was gathered, involved a commuter bus with the inscription, "The Young Shall Grow", and another vehicle, which particulars could not be immediately ascertained, occurred when the commuter bus was trying to overtake a trailer.

The vehicle closely following it hit it from behind, resulting in the accident.

The bodies of the dead passengers were immediately deposited at the University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH) mortuary, just as two of the injured passengers were receiving medical attention at the hospital.

The remaining injured passengers, according to a

source, were admitted in a private clinic along Sapele Road, Benin City.

Meanwhile, the accident raised security concerns as none of the passengers was identified to be Nigerians.

"Many of the passengers are from Mali and none could speak English," a source at the UBTH told newsmen.

'Women education will curb prostitution'

• as KIND holds mentoring walk

BY FUNMI AJUMOBI

KUDIRAT Initiative for Democracy (KIND) held its annual Women Mentoring Walk in collaboration with Idea Builders last week in its Ikeja, Lagos. At the talk session, Mrs. Awesiri Eyieyen, CEO of Décor and Design Victuals Ventures, advised women to empower themselves economically, socially and financially through education.

According to Eyieyen, women are nation builders and, if educated, will reduce anti-social behaviours like prostitutions, cultism and armed robbery. She said since lack of finance is the major cause of problem in the family, women are usually the most affected because they have the tendency to nurture and when there is not enough money to take care of the family, a woman can have nervous breakdown but an educated woman will go out and earn money to supplement the family income.

She advised young wom-

en to pursue more than their first degree because in modern times, first degrees are synonymous with school leaving certificate. Also speaking at the event, Mrs. Emmy Oyekunle, Executive Director of Kudirat Abiola Initiative for Democracy (KIND), explained that the Women Mentoring Women Walk program is an annual walk in which established women leaders and rising women professionals convene and walk together in their community.

ANPP raises p building

BY PAUL ODENYI,
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ALL Nigeria Peoples Party, ANPP, has constituted a small committee of members to drive the proposed national headquarters project that will be situated in Abuja.

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