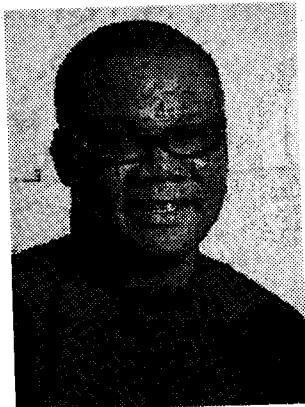


## Ford Foundation appoints Innocent Chukwuma West Africa representative

**F**ORD Foundation, has announced the appointment of Mr. Innocent Chukwuma, as representative for West Africa, serving Nigeria, Ghana, Senegal, The Gambia, Mali, Guinea and Sierra Leone.

Chukwuma will be based in the Ford Foundation's office in Lagos and will oversee all of the foundation's work in the region.

Chukwuma is a globally-renowned advocate for human rights and good governance as well as a leading scholar on police and criminal justice reform in West Africa.



Mr. Chukwuma

## TUC tasks FG over insecurity

BY VICTORAHUMA-YOUNG

**L**AGOS — Trade Congress of Nigeria, TUC, weekend in Lagos, expressed concern over the increasing rate of insecurity in the country, especially kidnapping, bombings and robbery attacks.

It also condemned the colouration by some religious leaders to the investigation being carried out by the military authority into the recent bombing of the military barracks in jaji by suspected fundamentalists.

This came as TUC announced the retirement of its Secretary General, Chief John Kolawole, after attaining a mandatory 60 years age.

Musa Lawal, a lawyer, has been named acting

# Man 42, stabbed to death for settling dispute

BY DONALD ARJI

**L**AGOS — The police in Lagos State have arrested an Okada rider simply identified as Igali for stabbing a father of two, Demola Talabi 42, to death.

The middle-aged Igali allegedly used a screw-driver to stab Talabi on the neck and other parts of his body because he prevented him from

stabbing his passenger with whom he had an argument.

The 42-year old Talabi from Ogun State married and had two children, was said to be trying to mediate in the argument between Igali and his passenger over destination.

Speaking with *Vanguard*, the late Talabi's younger brother, Ayo, said that the incident occurred at Osho Street, Opebi and they (members of his family) were contacted. Before

he got to the scene, his brother had died due to excessive bleeding.

The body has been deposited at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital, LASUTH, mortuary for autopsy report.

A witness told *vanguard* that the late Talabi was on a visit to his mother's house at 14, Irewole Street, Opebi, when he met the Okada man and a passenger arguing.

He was said to have tried to

settle the matter when Igali brought out a screw driver and stabbed him several times.

The suspect was arrested and detained at the Ikeja Police Station.

## Lagos fears influx from polio prone zones

BY CHIOMA OBINNA & GABRIEL OLAWALE

**L**AGOS — Lagos State government fears that the continuous influx of people into the state, especially from the northern states, where the polio cases are still recorded, may threaten the polio-free record of the state.

Meanwhile, no fewer than 4.3 million children are to be immunized with the polio vaccine in the four-day Mop-Up Immunisation Campaign against poliomyelitis which began yesterday in Lagos.

The state Commissioner for Health, Dr. Jide Idris, at a conference, blamed the increasing number of children unimmunised on influx of people into state from flood or violence prone states.

Idris, who acknowledged that immunisation remains the most cost-effective and efficient strategy to prevent the scourge, urged parents to ensure that their children under the age of five get immunized.



From left: Chief Edwin Clark, Chief Remi Adiukwu Bakare, former Lagos State Commissioner for Commerce and Industry and Prof. Osarhieghmen Osunbor, former Edo State Governor, during presentation of honorary fellowship award of Auchi Polytechnic, Auchi, in Abuja. Photo: Gbemiga Olamikan.

## Ogun PDP factions disagree over Tukur's endorsement

BY DAUD OLATUNJI

**ABEOKUTA**—The Adebayo Dayo-led State Executive Committee of the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, in Ogun State, has faulted claims that the National Chairman of the party, Alhaji Bamanga Tukur, affirmed the Dipo Odujinrin-led group as the party executive in the state.

A statement issued yesterday by Dayo faction, said while it is true that Tukur visited former President Olusegun Obasanjo at his hilltop residence in Abeokuta, there was nowhere he was quoted as affirming Odujinrin as the Chairman of the party.

"Rather, what our respectable National Chairman said was that 'whoever that the people have elected, as far as I'm concerned is the chairman of our party in Ogun'," he said.

Dayo added: "We are aware that it was the sacked National Auditor of the PDP, Bode Mustapha that manipulated the remarks of the National Chairman to suit his selfish interest."

"Our National Chairman knows that our exco emerged from the congresses organized

by the Dayo Soremi-led Harmonised Exco under the supervision of the Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) and other relevant agencies, and the Odujinrin group's had no INEC representatives.

"Even the Congress

Monitoring Committees of the party also declared the purported congresses as null and void. Again, the November 16, 2012 judgment of the Federal High Court, Lagos, which sacked the Odujinrin group, confirmed the position of the committees.

## One dies, 20 injured in Ogun auto crashes

BY DAUD OLATUNJI

**ABEOKUTA** — One person was yesterday reportedly killed while 20 others were on danger list in two separate accidents that occurred on the Shagamu - Lagos and Abeokuta Lagos express roads in Sagamu and Ewekoro local government areas of Ogun State.

*Vanguard* gathered that, the first accident occurred some metres away from Shagamu inter-change on Shagamu - Lagos expressway and claimed one life leaving 16 other passengers critically injured.

According to an eye witness, a white Toyota Hiace with registration number (Lagos) JJJ 319 XP was heading to Lagos from Ijebu before one

of the rear tyres suddenly burst.

The source further said that the driver of the bus, identified as Biodun Badmus suddenly applied the breaks which made him to lose control, which led to the death of a woman while the others were seriously injured.

Confirming the accident, the Shagamu Unit Commander of the Federal Road Safety Commission, FRSC, Mr. Ogundele Lasisi, said that the 17 passengers, who comprised seven females, five males and five children, have been rushed to the Olabisi Onabanjo Teaching Hospital, OOUTH, Shagamu where the woman gave up the ghost.

Ogundele, however, hinted that the 16 victims including five children were on critical condition at OOUTH.

"What is more, INEC and the several court judgments have also affirmed our Exco. So, if the National Chairman says whoever is elected by the people is the Chairman, then, with all sense of modesty, he could not be referring to any other person but me.

## Meantime, another lone accident occurred around Obada - Oko on the Abeokuta - Lagos expressway in Ewekoro Local Government Area of the state leaving five people critical injured.

The accident, according to an eye witness, involved a Toyota Corolla car with registration number (Lagos) RK 567 KJA conveying the five passengers dressed in Aso Ebi reportedly going for a wedding ceremony in Lagos.

Confirming the accident, the Ikorodu Unit Commander of FRSC, Mr. Fatai Bakare who supervised the evacuation of the injured victims, confirmed the victims were two males, two females and a child.

Bakare said that they had been taken to Ifo General hospital for medical attention.