

## National Theatre GM, Oyedepo, dies in auto crash

**T**HE General Manager and Chief Executive Officer of National Theatre, in Lagos, Dr Stella Oyedepo, is dead.

She died on Easter Monday while returning to Lagos from an official trip when her car was said to have rammed into an articulated vehicle at Sagamu along the Benin-Ijebu-Ode express road.

Director in charge of Business Development at the National Theatre, Mr Abiodun Abe, who confirmed the development, yesterday, said himself, Public Relations Officer of the National Theatre, Mr Steve Ogundele, and other management staff were taking the corpse of the deceased to Ilorin, her home town.

Abe said the management of National Theatre would soon issue a statement on her funeral details.

The late Oyedepo assumed duty as the incumbent CEO of National Theatre on April 22, 2018.

An artiste, Pelumi Lawal, said it was sad that the deceased was

returning from Calabar only to die around Sagamu.

He said; "She had begun to transform the National Theatre to its pride of place within the last one year of her leadership.

She was indeed doing a good job without making noise.

"The toilets and the air conditioners at the National Theatre's halls have begun to

function well. All these were to her credit.

"She was a very humble and a hard working administrator who used to listen to people's advice on how to move the National Theatre forward.

"It pains me that we have lost such a great woman. May she rest in peace."

## Man drags widow to court over late husband's N210,000 debt

A 46-year-old man, Uma Emeka, yesterday, dragged a widow before a Sharia Court II, sitting at Magajin Gari, Kaduna State, over N210,000 debts.

Emeka, who lives in NEPA Roundabout way, Kaduna, told the court that he deposited N210,000 into Malami Sa'idu's account of the widow's late husband in 2016 to help him buy a Toyota Highlander 2003 model.

He said Sa'idu bought the car and sold it, with a promise to get another one for him but he never did.

He said: "I lost Sa'idu's phone number because he has been avoiding me. I heard of his death afterwards.

"The deceased has a house in Shanono Rigasa, Kaduna, his family has put it for sale but they are rejecting a lot of offers made for the house, they don't want to sell the house to pay me my