



(L-R)--Guest Speaker, Mr. Benjamin Dikki, Director General of Bureau of Public Enterprises; Chairman of the occasion, Mallam Yunus Ustaz Usman, SAN; and President of Just Friends Club of Nigeria, Mr. Jerome Green-Amakwe, at the maiden Just Friends Club of Nigeria Annual Lecture which held on June 27, 2014 in Abuja

Bloodbath averted in Kano

Police intercept 13 bombs

A major bloodbath was averted in Kano as Nigeria Police Force, intercepted 13 gas cylinders of improvised Explosive Devices (IED) primed to explode on worshippers at a Jumat Praying Ground in the state capital.

The IEDs were loaded in a rickety ox-blood Nissan Starlet car with registration number, AV 234 NSR, within the surrounding of the Praying Ground at Sana General Area, Dakara in Kano State, a few minutes ahead of the praying time.

FG's plan to cripple our gov't'll fail - Aregbesola

FROM BAMIGBOLA GBOLAGUNTE, OSOGBO

O sun State governor, Mr. Rauf Aregbesola has declared that the plot of the Federal Government to cripple his administration before the August 9 election in the state through the statutory monthly allocation will fail.

The governor while answering questions during the eight edition of

Terrorism won't stop Jonathan - Niger
FROM TONY JOHN, PORT HARCOURT

Youths of Niger Delta region have declared that no amount of terrorism by the Boko Haram would

Mouka urges terrorists to embrace peace
BY VERA WISDOM-BASSEY

General Overseer of the Lord's Chosen Charismatic

ger off the explosion, also announced the recovery of some live bullets in the ill fated vehicle.

Talking about the recovery of the IEDs (bombs) he said the police received information from the members of the public that a vehicle was abandoned in their vicinity.

He added that following the tip from the community, the police immediately dispatched their Explosive Ordnance Unit to the spot. According to him, upon arrival, the vehicle was screened and found to be loaded with explosive devices. He explained that the police first asked the residents of the area to leave the vicinity of the parked

Aregbesola said that, despite the failing allocation his administration will continue to pay the workers regularly.

According to him, "the Federal Government aside from the drop in the allocation has devised a means to cripple our government before the August election by not giving us the statutory monthly allocation. "Though the allocation aside from the drop has not been coming on time, the allocation for the Month of May only came yesterday, even before it came we have paid the May salary

George Tunah. The youths, who described the Islamist set as a political creation to distract Jonathan's presidency, warned the group against further violence, pointing out that no group had monopoly of violence.

President of Niger Delta Youth Movement (NDYM), during a press conference in his office after the just concluded church programmes entitled.

Stressing that the insurance should not deter our

7 die, others injured in auto crash

BY CHRISTOPHER OJI

It was a bloody Friday at the Mowe Bridge on Lagos-Ibadan Express Road, Ogun State as a truck killing seven persons and injuring about 10 others.

The accident happened when the trailer with registration number FK1297XB rammied into the truck with registration number, BDG 623KK, loaded with artisans going for a building construction from Lagos to Mowe, Ogun State.

At least seven persons, five women and two men died on the spot while 10 others were rushed to hospitals.

When Saturday Sun visited the scene, six mangled bodies were on the road. Also human blood, brain and flesh littered the road. A survivor, Ruth Olasunkomi who had broken limb said, "We boarded the truck from Ojodu. We were all artisans going to a building construction at Mowe when all of a sudden a trailer hit our truck. As we were all standing inside the truck, some of us fell off the vehicle. Some unlucky ones fell under the trailer and fast moving vehicles crushed them to death."

Anglican primate Okoh visits Isoko

The Primate of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), the Most Rev. Dr. Nicholas Okoh will tomorrow dedicate two new church buildings and vicarage in Ojeh, Isoko Local Government of Delta State.

The churches are St. Philip Anglican Church Owhelebo and Emmanuel Anglican Church, both in Owhelebo Archdeaconry in the Diocese of Ojeh.

The Primate who is on an Episcopal visit will be a guest of the Diocese of Ojeh and its Lord Bishop Rt. Rev. John Usiwoma Arakpor.

Speaking on the visit, Bishop Arakpor said: "We are full of excitement, awaiting the Primate's arrival.

All church leaders and traditional rulers (Ovies) in Isokoland as well as bishops from other dioceses in Bendel Ecclesiastical Province, (Church of Nigeria) will be around to accord our Primate grand reception. It is going to be a great celebration.

Bishop Arakpor expressed appreciation for the financial commitment of the late Speaker of the Delta State House of Assembly, Hon. Young Igboye, Mr. James Igboye, Sir Peter Akpororo and their friends especially the Governor of Delta State, Dr. Emmanuel Uduaghan as well as the Secretary of the State Government Comrade Oyazurike Macaulay for the fulfillment of pledges made during the funeral service for the late Speaker Hon. Young Igboye last year.

Why we offered mega schools, free bus shuttle in Ondo

-Mimiko

Ondo State governor, Dr. Oluisegun Mimiko, has revealed that the mega school and free school bus shuttle initiatives of his government were designed to bridge the gap between the children of the rich and the poor in the state.

Governor Mimiko said this in his office during a courtesy visit on him by the President, Global Development of Bill and Melinda Gate Foundation, Dr. Christopher Elias.

While appreciating the support so far received from the foundation, Mimiko explained that his administration took a deliberate step to focus on innovations that impact positively on the lives of the downtrodden in the society. He maintained that the mega school and free shuttle bus concepts were all targeted at bridging the gap between the children of the rich and the poor so that the poor can have a sense of belonging in the society.

Dr. Mimiko described primary healthcare as a vital tool to reach out to the people at the grassroots, noting that the collaborative efforts of the state and local governments with relevant stakeholders have assisted greatly in achieving zero-tolerance for polio in the State.

He added that his administration has been able to track pregnant women from conception to delivery and offer them free health care, including cesarean operation.

Speaking earlier, Dr. Elias commended the innovation of the state government in the health sector, saying that his foundation has no regret in partnering the government on polio eradication. It would be recalled that Ondo State won the 2012 edition of the leadership challenge award of the foundation in Nigeria. Dr. Elias noted that his tour of health facilities in the state has shown that the State government had achieved a lot in tackling infant and maternal mortality.

He also expressed happiness on the rate of reduction in polio disease in Nigeria with statistics showing appreciable decline. He stressed that evidence-based reports were also being received through the confidential inquiry into maternal death programme of the state government.