

Cut in his prime: Robbers kill 28-year-old driver

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WHEN his Courier Company in Isolo Lagos purchased a new Daf diesel truck for his official use as a driver, last month, Mr. Okpaku Sunday Inaku was full of praises to the Almighty God.

He was happy because he believed that with the new vehicle, his job at the company was unshakable. He was relieved of his duty in a previous company because of lack of vehicle attached to him. So he

thought of all good things including building a house in his village soon.

So if a visionary had prophesied to him imminent death, Inaku would have rejected it. Particularly when there was nothing to suggest to that. He was not sick nor had any deadly diseases diagnosed on him. Malnutrition as a result of hunger was not at sight because of his new job.

Aside from these, he had a pretty lady that he married recently who just gave him a bouncing baby boy to make him happy.

So October 10, this year when he was traveling to Kaduna, for official assignment, he bided his family members farewell to his darling wife and his family members with a broad smile and promising to return with various gifts items.

Indeed, he had no thought of death but had his mind set on good things that would come from his new vehicle.

But he did not return home again as he was killed by rampaging gunmen along Oka-Owo road in Ondo state while returning from Kaduna to Lagos. His body was

conveyed home from the mortuary at Ondo State where he was deposited, after the incident.

Inaku 28 who hails from Wanokom North Nkwele in Yala local government area of Cross River State was shot at point blank by robbers.

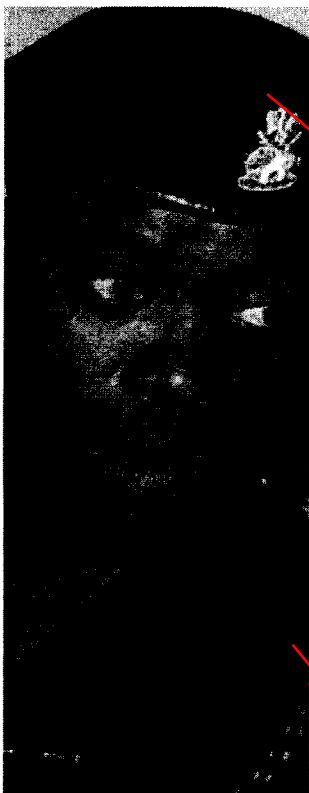
A brother to the deceased, Mr. Dan Okomi told *Daily Champion* that his brother had delivered the goods at Kaduna and was returning to Lagos when armed robbers, on road block, fired on his truck.

Okem said the wife was waiting for her husband's return when the news of his death was broken to her.

Explaining further, Okomi said that he was surprised that robbers could attack and kill a truck driver who was not conveying passengers or money to anywhere.

He called on the Inspector-General of Police, Mr. Sunday Ehidero to deploy more policemen on the high ways to protect the lives of road users plying the roads.

Okomi said his brother was killed at his prime, noting that his (deceased) parents are still shocked over the incident.



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