

Sallah Tragedy:

Father, son shot dead

A man and his son were on Wednesday shot dead in Okene, Kogi State, by suspected hired assassins shortly after they had observed the "two-rakat" prayer marking the Eid-el-Kabir.

A source told the *News Agency of Nigeria (NAN)* that the elder victim, popularly called "Alhaji Do," was shot in the neck at about 10.45 am.

The source said the deceased, who was aware of the plot to kill him, had attempted to seek refuge in a friend's

home, when he was ambushed by the killers.

His son, named "Akim," who went to challenge the killers, was equally shot dead.

The killing has already triggered fresh tension in the town.

Police public relations officer (PPRO) Mr Inalegwu Onum, told *NAN* that the command had deployed more police men to the town.

Two months ago, the committee set up by the state

government to look into political crisis in Ebira land, submitted report to Gov. Ibrahim Idris. chairman, retired Maj.-Gen. Ch Alli, while submitting the report had expressed optimism that the crisis would soon be over.

This, he said, was in view of the enthusiastic response of the people to the committee assignment.

Responding, Idris had urged the people of the area to eschew violence in the interest of peace and progress.