

Robbers kill

ASP in Minna

A senior policeman has been murdered as he chased a gang of armed robbers through an area of the Niger state capital.

An Assistant Superintendent of Police Yussuf Bagi, 44, *Daily Trust* learnt, lost his life in the early hours of Wednesday while chasing members of an armed robbery gang that terrorised the neighbourhood of Tunga in Minna, where the policeman lives.

The eldest son of the deceased, Mr. Israel Yusuf, while speaking on his father's death, disclosed that the deceased, serving in Bosso Police Division, came out around 2am when the gang was operating and chased them.

From Aidelaje Ojo, Minna

He said: "Other members of the neighbourhood, who heard my father chase the robbers decided to follow. They were shocked to find my father lying in a pool of blood a few metres away from his residence."

The officer from Bagi Town in Kafinkoro local government area of the state, it was learnt, died instantly from the multiple machete cuts received on his skull, chest and other parts of his body and his remains had been deposited at the Minna General Hospital.

Yusuf disclosed that the raid on the area by the armed robbers resulting to the death

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welcomed Lebanon's announcement Monday that

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of his father was the second in the last one week.

He described his father as a courageous man, who sacrificed himself in protecting the lives and property of the people of the neighbourhood.

The Niger State police commissioner, Mr. Oliver Osichukwu, regretted the incident.

Osichukwu, who had just taken over from Ernest Ihhaze as the state police commissioner, promised that the police would pay all necessary entitlements to the family of the slain officer.

He saluted the courage of the deceased and assured the entire citizens of the state that the police would intensify efforts in ridding the state of criminals and ensuring protection of lives and properties of the citizenry.