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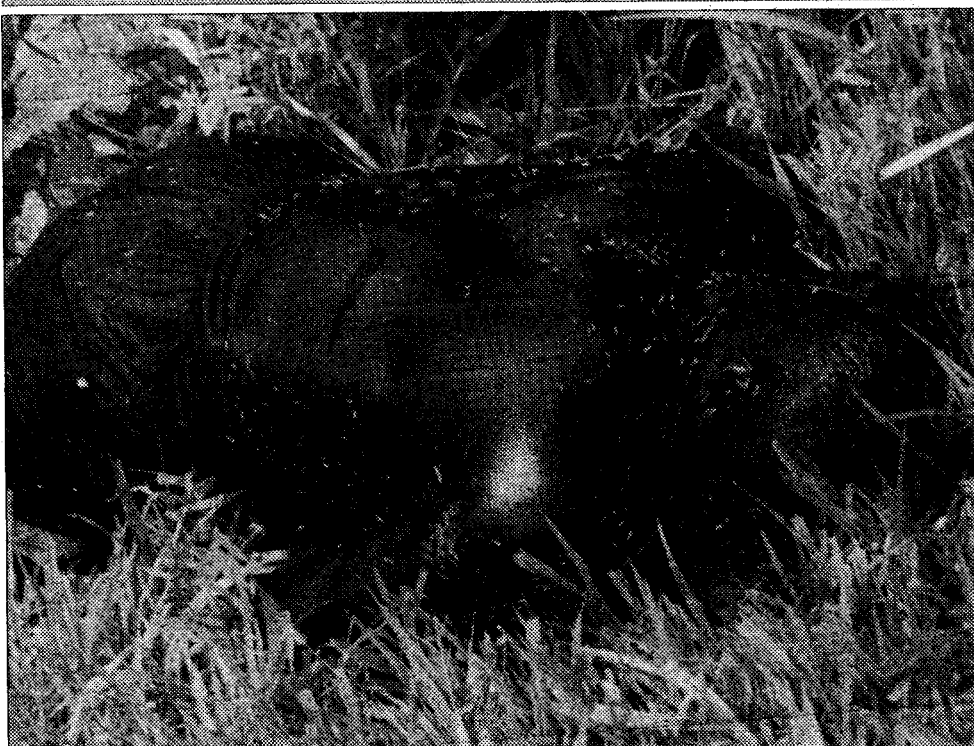
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The corpse of Fredrick Tsenege inside an okro farm



Suspected immigration officers in police net

Seven immigration officers arrested over murder

Seven immigration officers were yesterday morning paraded by the airport police command for allegedly killing one Fredrick Tsenege.

Those paraded at the airport divisional police station, Abuja include Babangida Iliya, Garba Abdullahi, Asua Simeon, Ibrahim Y. Mohammed, Mshelia Ishaya, Ahmed Yusuf and Thomas B. Hamas Sani.

The police commissioner in charge of airport command, B. Ahmed said the victim was beaten to death and later abandoned in a bush by the immigration officers. "The immigration officers took the law into their hands by beat-

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ing the victim instead of taking him to the police station." He said the suspects would all be charged to court for culpable homicide.

City News learnt that before his death on June 28, 2007, the victim was evicted from his house by a man that bought it from him.

"The man appeared without notice to evict the deceased and his family and he took his two children to his sister at Sauka village and later left for his friend's house in Nwalege to spend the night," the police divisional officer (DPO) said.

The DPO, Peter Yaro Thliza said police investigation showed that the victim

rested, tortured and dragged to the immigration office complex at 21.30 hours on June 28," the DPO said.

He added further that the victim's sister met one Fasola, an immigration officer who lives in Nwalege to secure the release of her brother. "Fasola was told by one of the suspects that the victim was arrested, beaten and later released to go home."

He said when Fasola advised the victim's sister to check the nearby police station or hospital; she suspected foul play and reported to the police, who stepped into the matter immediately.

The DPO said Benjamin confirmed his statement "that while the suspects were beat-

ing the victim, he was shouting for help and demanded to know his offence".

"All the suspects confirmed in their statements that the victim was drunk as at the time of his arrest and that they arrested as well as beat him up," the police officer said.

DPO Thliza said on July 2, the family of the victim after meeting with officials of the immigration in their office complex perceived a foul odour close to the Immigration sign post and decided to investigate. He said the family members met the decomposing body of the victim lying inside an Okro farm and alerted the police, who followed them to the crime

scene. "I took statements from the suspects and went along with some immigration officers to inspect the crime scene," the DPO said.

City News learnt that before the suspects were released to the police, it took over a month and required the intervention of the acting inspector-general of police, who acted immediately he was alerted by the airport police commissioner.

The reporter also learnt that immigration officers have been appealing to the victim's family to drop the case, promising to give employment to members of the deceased's family.

Two of the suspects, Mshelia Ishaya and

Babangida Iliya admitted meeting the deceased on the day of his death.

Mshelia said he and his other colleagues were going to Sauka to eat when Babangida rushed to them to report that two persons attacked him. "When we got to the point of the attack we found that one of the attackers had escaped and we apprehended the other person," he confessed.

He said the man was drunk and later taken to the immigration office.

Babangida, another suspect corroborated Mshelia's comment and said two persons tried to attack him with a stick and he rushed to his other colleagues for help.

Bank official nabbed over fraud