

...nor Dr Mu'azu Babangida Aliyu during a courtesy call by the president on the Etsu at his Wadata Palace, Bida, Niger State, yesterday.

## 2 policemen, 20 others detained over Dambatta crisis

From Abdulgafar Oladimeji, Kano

TWO policemen identified as Aminu and Joshua have been detained at the headquarters of the Kano State Police Command in connection with the alleged killing of two persons in the crisis in Dambatta area of the state on Sunday. Aminu, it was gathered, is being detained and interrogated for torturing to death one Kabiru Sani, the action that led to last Sunday's violent protest in Dambatta where several property were destroyed, while Joshua was arrested for allegedly shooting to death a 15-year old rioter and injuring two others who are currently on admission at the General Hospital, Dambatta.

The police, according to findings, are still investigating the case and would take further action upon con-

clusion of the investigation.

Twenty others were yesterday arraigned before a Kano Magistrate's Court and remanded in connection with the riot.

Of the number, 18 were remanded in prison custody while the other two, Iliyasu Yahaya and Jamilu Abubakar were taken to Kano children's remand home on the orders of the court presided over by Awwal Yusuf Suleiman.

Police First Information Report (FIR) said the accused acted contrary to the provisions of the Penal Code by allegedly belonging to an unlawful society and destroying property.

Those arraigned include, Ibrahim Badamasi, Sadi Ibrahim, Sabo Labaran, Sani Dauda, Mamman Sani, Mohammed Saidu, Mamman Sabiu, Ibrahim Mukthar, Mohammed Ibrahim, Usman Dauda, Ibra-

him Abdullahi and Jamilu Abubakar. Others are Sunusi Abdullahi, Iliyasu Yahya, Abdulrahman Mohammed, Sunusi Usman, Hamisu Ado, Mustapha Garba, Mustapha Iliyasu and Auwalu Sunusi.

The FIR said they all conspired and burnt two vehicles, houses and the divisional police officer's office in the area. All the accused persons denied the allegations. Police prosecutor, Inspector Anthony Edward, told the court that police investigation into the matter was in progress and prayed for an adjournment.

The defense counsel, Mohammed Yahya, applied for the bail of the accused persons, citing the provisions of sections 340 and 341 of the Criminal Procedure Code. His application was denied and the matter adjourned till March 9.

## Traffic warden stabbed to death in Kano

From Lawan Danjuma Adamu, Kano

which ended in a draw.

TWO persons on a motor bike on Monday stabbed to death a traffic police officer on duty in the Sabon Gari area of the state. The suspects, now at large, stabbed the warden after he stopped the flow of traffic on their own side of the road, it was gathered.

Police said the victim, Halilu Sale, a Traffic Warden Grade III, had put over 20 years in service and was taken unawares by his assailants, who rode on a motorcycle and stabbed him twice with a sharp object while he was directing traffic between 6 and 630pm.

Daily Trust learnt that the attackers are fans of an amateur football team in the state. It was equally gathered that their action may have been triggered by anger over the outcome of a match between the club they support and a visiting team from Niger State,

The football match was played between the Bida Lions of Niger State and One Touch of Kano State, said the state's Police Commissioner, Alhaji Tamabari Yabo Muhammad, who addressed newsmen yesterday.

Mohammad added that the attack was unprovoked as the victim was only performing his constitutional duties as a traffic policeman, vowing to hunt down the attackers and bring them to book. He said it was a female police officer, who arrived the scene, while the victim was still lying in a pool of his blood that alerted the police, who conveyed him to hospital.

The commissioner said the traffic warden died while receiving treatment at the Mallam Aminu Kano Teaching Hospital.

He added that the police has already arrested 65 persons in connection with the crime.

## Robbers shoot bureau de change operator, kill driver

From Isa Umar Gusau, Port Harcourt

N2 million.

THREE armed robbers yesterday shot and robbed a bureau de change operator in Port Harcourt, killing a commercial driver and carting away about

Chairman, Bureau de Change Operators Association in Rivers State, Alhaji Lawan Daura told Daily Trust that the victim, Salisu Sani from Kebbi State was trailed by the robbers from a bank,

where he withdrew money transferred to him from Cotonou.

Daura said the robbers trailed him until he got to a traffic junction beside Hotel Presidential along Aba road, where they opened fire on him and the driver

of the car before carting away the N2million he was carrying.

He added that the driver of the vehicle died from gun shots while the victim is currently being hospitalised.

Police Public Relations

Officer in the state, Rita Inoma-Abbey confirmed the incident, urging bureau de change operators to heed to police advice by requesting for escorts any time they are conveying or withdrawing cash.