

Police constable hacked to death in Katsina

From Yusha'u A Ibrahim, Katsina

A Police constable, Ibrahim Musa, attached to Safana local government Police division in Katsina state has been hacked to death by unknown persons, *Daily Trust* can report.

Musa, *Daily Trust* gathered,

was killed by unknown persons and abandoned in a bush in Runka village of Safana local government.

Daily Trust gathered that the deceased sustained several cuts all over his body including head, which led to his death. He was found laid in the bush with

his motorcycle parked beside his remains. Our correspondent also gathered that nothing was removed from his body by his killers.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relation officer, ASP Muhammad Ibrahim Muhammad, said the case was reported

to the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in charge of Safana local government by the village head of Runka community.

ASP Muhammad said: "When our men went to the scene, they discovered that the late constable was hacked and he was left in pool of his own blood. We took him to

Dutsinma General Hospital but it was confirmed that Musa is dead."

The police image maker said the command dispatched its detectives for thorough investigation of the case, adding that the corpse of the late constable had been handed over to his family for burial according to Islamic rites.



From left: Emir of Bauchi, Alhaji Rilwanu Adamu (left), with the Chairman, Public Enlightenment Committee of Bauchi State, Alhaji Tasiu Mohammed, during their visit to the Emir in Bauchi.

Police disrupt Amosun-led ceremony with tear gas

From Kehinde Akinyemi, Abeokuta, Abeokuta

HELL was let loose Tuesday in Abeokuta, Ogun state capital, as a careless canister of tear gas released by a member of the Nigeria Police Force (NPF) caused a stampede among the mammoth crowd at the inauguration of Boards of Statutory Boards.

Consequently, the crowd that thronged the Oba complex to witness the inauguration ceremony started running for safety as the tear gas smoke became very much unbearable.

According to an eyewitness, the purported missing of a cell phone and the sum of Fifty Thousand Naira belonging to the Permanent Secretary in the

Bureau of Local Government Pensions, Mr. Tokunbo Owotomo caused the act by the Police officer. The alleged theft it was gathered infuriated the Police men at the entrance and thereafter sprayed tear gas to the surging crowd.

Reacting to the development, the Special Adviser to the Governor on Taxation, Mr Akin Akinlode, who was seen rushing out from the hall with his eyeballs condemned the action of the Police saying, "these Policemen are too brutal, they did not even mind the calibre and number of people inside the hall before spraying us with tear gas all in the guise of maintaining law and order."

Meanwhile the state Governor, Senator Ibikunle Amosun has charged the

newly sworn in Members of the Statutory Boards to make fairness, firmness, dedication and commitment their watchword and urged them to shun corruption and nepotism.

Amosun, who spoke shortly after the incident said: "The selection of members of all the inaugurated boards today were done through rigorous screening as they were drawn from the pool of professionals in the State."

The newly inaugurated statutory bodies are that of the Local Government Service Commission, Teaching Service Commission (TESCOM), State Universal Basic Education Board (SUBEB), Civil Service Commission and Muslim Pilgrims Welfare Board.

4 killed in Borno beer parlour attack

From Yahaya Ibrahim, Maiduguri

SOME gunmen suspected to be members of the Boko Haram sect on Monday night stormed a local drinking joint in Jajeri area of Maiduguri, the Borno state capital and killed four people.

The gunmen numbering three were said to have stormed the area around 8pm on Monday night and opened fire the local drinking joint.

Another customer was said have sustained injury on the neck from bullets fired by the gunmen before he was rushed to hospitals for treatment. Eye wit-

ness said the four people killed include the owner of the drinking joint popularly known as 'Last born', a bar attendant, and a lady assisting the bar attendant and a customer.

Daily Trust gathered from a resident of the area that some leaflets warning residents to vacate the area had earlier been found and this made shops owners to close their shops as earlier has 6pm.

Modu Maishago, a resident of the area said: "Around 6pm we saw some leaflets warning residents about impending attack in the area and people quickly closed their shops for fear of the attack. So around 8pm the attackers came and opened fire on the beer parlour

before they fled."

Our reporter also gathered that the children of the owner of the local drinking joint had due to prevailing security challenges advised their late father to desist from the business but he refused to adhere.

In another incident one hour after the beer parlour killing, a disabled Keke NAPEP driver was said to have been shot dead while another was seriously injured after some gunmen opened fire on them in Dala Dayeri ward of Maiduguri.

Our reporter gathered that the deceased Keke NAPEP driver was the first person

to be killed during the distribution some months back from Governor Kashim Shettima who gave it out to him free of charge because of his disability.

Borno police commissioner, Simoen Midenda who confirmed the beer parlour incident to our reporter on phone said the incident happened around 9pm when some armed robbers entered the drinking joint and started demanding for money.

He added that two people including the owner of the bar were shot dead by the robbers before they left the joint. Midenda said the attackers shot dead the owner and the bar attendant when their request was turned down.

Misau twin attacks: Police suspect insider

From Ahmed Mohammed, Bauchi

BAUCHI Police command has suspected collaboration between staff of a bank with the gunmen suspected to be armed robbers that attacked the bank, a Police station and carted away N19.2m in Misau

town on Monday.

Briefing newsmen yesterday in Bauchi the State Police Commissioner Mr. Ikechukwu Ayo Aduba said: "From the on the spot assessment of the crime scene the issue of an insider's collaboration is so glaring and cannot be ruled out,

because the hoodlums constructively broke into the door leading to the emergency exit of the bank, and while the manager escaped, two of the bank staff with the keys to the strong room were on the ground to hand over the said keys to the bandits with little or no threat."

Mr Aduba said from the intelligence report they gathered that the hoodlums parked their vehicle at a distance and trekked to the police station despite the spirited resistance by the policemen attached to the station to repel the hoodlums.

The Police commissioner

said the management of the bank alleged that the suspects carted away N19.2m, adding that information has been disseminated to all the neighbouring states to be on red alert "while our anti robbery squads are on the trail of the robbers."