

Police stray bullet kills school teacher

From Isa Sa'idu, Kaduna

THE Zaria Police Command yesterday killed a secondary school teacher as they arrested two suspected armed robbers.

Reports gathered by our correspondent indicated that the incident occurred at about 2:30 pm around PZ area of Sabon-Gari, Zaria while the teacher, identified as Ahmed Sambo,

was passing by.

A witness said that officers from Zaria Police Command were intimidated by some good Samaritans about the suspicious move of the armed robbers around the banks in the area.

The witness said on receiving the information, the police mobilized its personnel to pursue the suspected robbers.

The suspected robbers were said to have specialized in robbing people after withdrawing money from the banks.

"When the armed robbers saw the police they used their motorcycle to run away but the police ran after them and eventually arrested them. But before that the police engaged in shooting the robbers and as a result a stray bullet

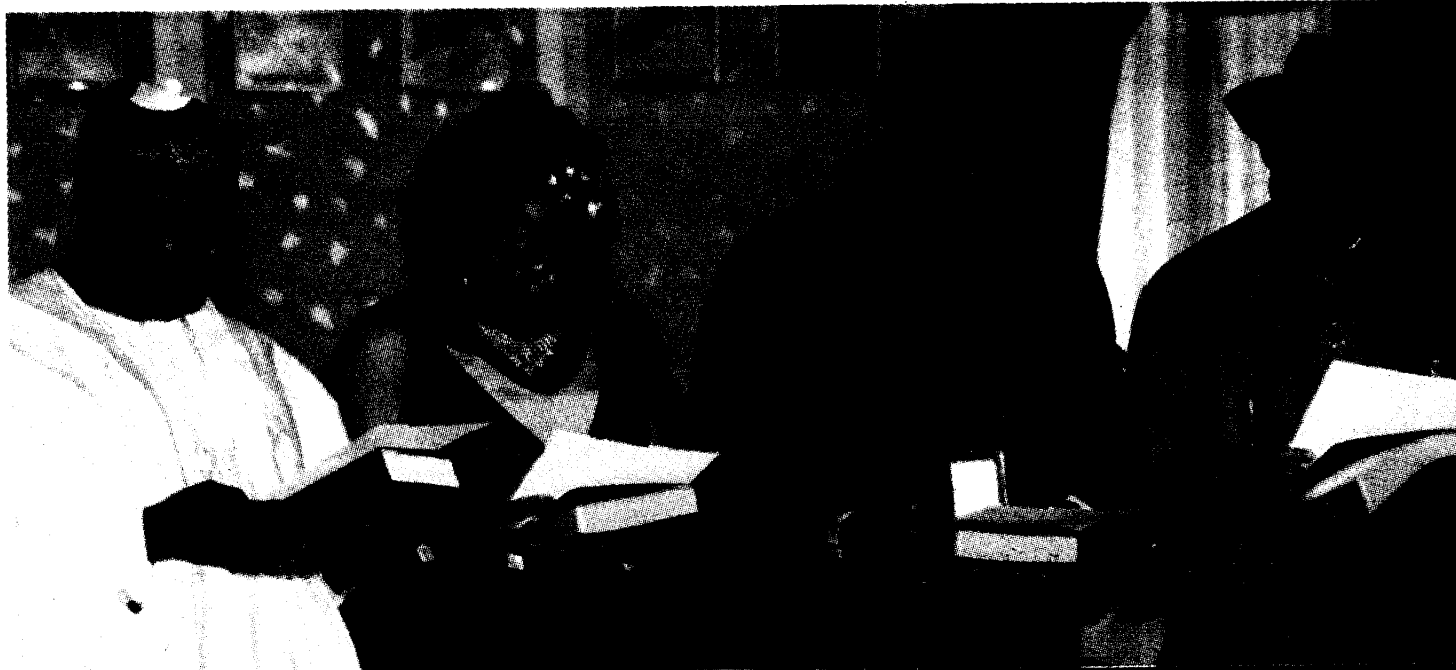
hit one Ahmed Sambo who we learnt that is a teacher with one of the secondary schools in Zaria-city. The man died on their way to hospital," the witness said.

The names of the suspected robbers arrested by the police were given as Mr Chinonye Okpara, 25, and Mr Ikenna Ozor, 24, our source revealed.

On hearing the news, the relatives of the deceased besieged the Zaria police headquarters, to express their grievances and retrieve the corpse of the school teacher.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer in Kaduna State, DSP Aminu Lawal said the Zaria Police Command had reported the case and investigation into the matter has commenced.

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FROM left: Alhaji Ahmed Ali Gulak, Special Adviser on Political Affairs, Dr. Mariam Ali, Special Adviser on Inter-governmental affairs, Senator Ben Obi, Special Adviser on Inter-Party Affairs and Prof. Tamunopriye Agiobenebo, Special Adviser on Economic Matters, during the swearing in of newly appointed Special Advisers to the President held in Abuja yesterday.

Four killed in Niger auto crash

From Aliyu M. Hamagam, Minna

FOUR people were reportedly killed and another one injured in an accident along the Teginakontagora road in Niger State last Friday.

Three of the victims were accompanying their sister, who was among the stranded intending Muslim pilgrims for this year's hajj from the state, back home, when the incident occurred.

It was gathered that the stranded intending pilgrim, whose identity was yet to be revealed, sustained fractures on her legs during the incident.

Witnesses said the incident occurred when the driver of the vehicle conveying the victims lost control while trying to avoid ramming into a motorcycle.

Over 100 intending pilgrims from the state were stranded following the inability of the agents of the state pilgrims' welfare commission to secure visas for them.

Court orders release of Baba Suwo