

# Police Inspector's son nabbed over killing of student

From Aliyu M. Hamagam, Minna

SON of a police Inspector, Yahaya Ali (alias JJ) was yesterday arrested for allegedly killing a 200 level student of College of Education Minna, over a dispute on the sale of handset in Maitumba ward, Minna, the Niger State capital.

Daily Trust gathered that Shuaibu Bala, 24 was murdered in the night of the fateful day in his family compound while iron-

ing his clothes.

Late Shuaibu Bala was said to have been attacked when Yahaya Ali, an SS 1 student of Maitumbi Government Secondary School Minna, approached him at about 9 pm demanding for the remaining balance of the money for a handset earlier sold to Abubakar Yunusa, an elder brother to the deceased.

The deceased therefore pleaded with Ali and his partner,

one Abdul Morocco to come back later for their money because his elder brother was not at home, but the plea fell on deaf ears as the duo insisted they must be given their money.

Thereafter, the duo allegedly seized the pressing iron the deceased was using in place of their money which led to a scuffle in which Ali was said to have stabbed the deceased in the neck and he bled to death.

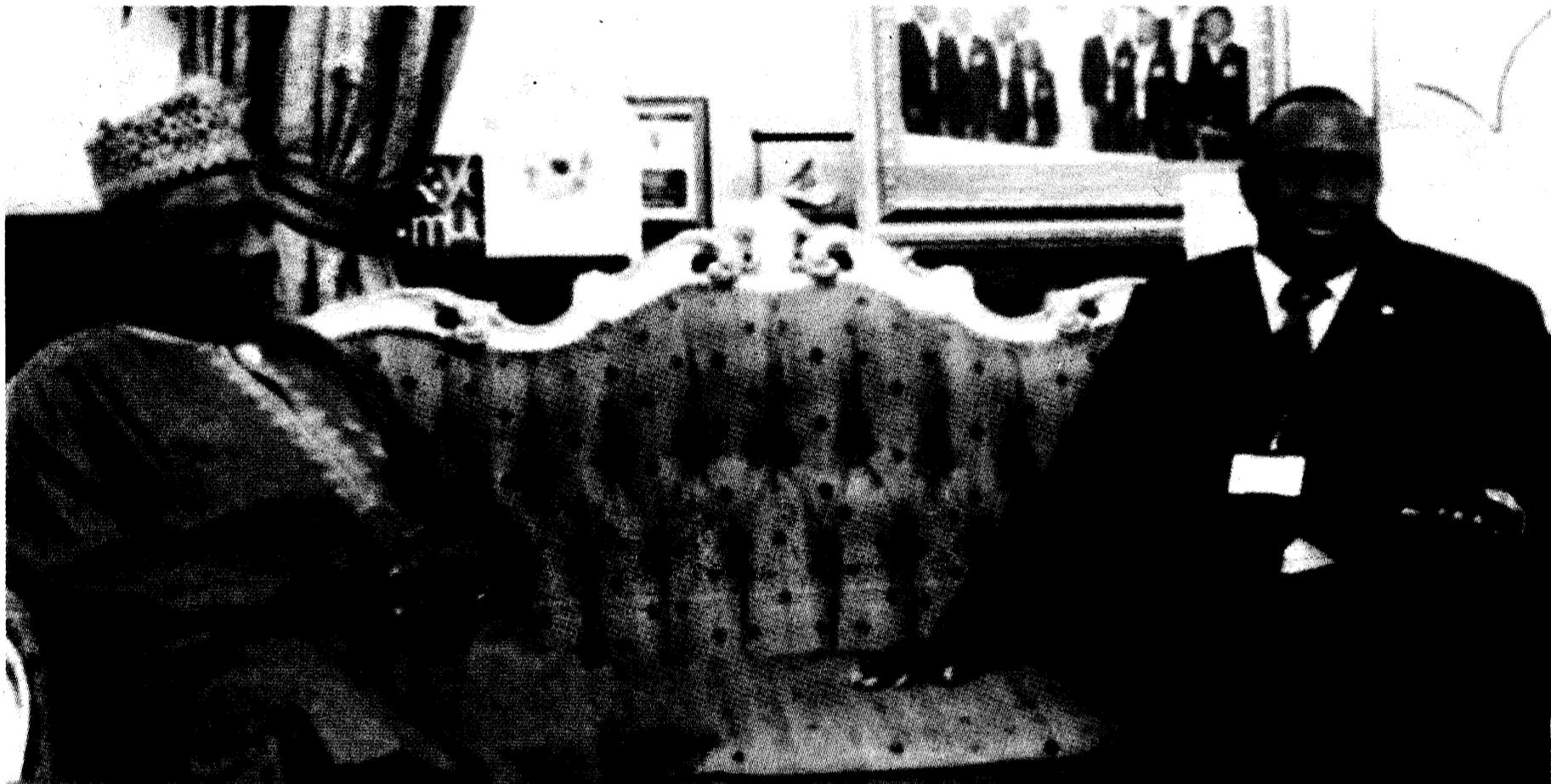
Our correspondent gathered that when it appeared to the two suspects that late Bala had passed on they carried the corpse to Minna-Kuta express road, dumped it there and fled.

An eye witness, Labaran Mohammed said they saw the body of the deceased being carried to the roadside and was told upon enquiry that the deceased was stabbed during scuffle with Yahaya Ali.

The remains of the deceased were taken to General Hospital Minna, where it was confirmed that the deceased died following injuries that were sustained during a scuffle.

Contacted, the Police Public Relation Officer, Mr. Richard Oguche confirmed the incident, saying the suspect, Yahaya Ali had been arrested and the matter had since been transferred to the State CID for further investigations.

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NIGERIAN High Commissioner to the UK, Dr Dalhatu Tafida (left), with the Minister of Transport, Senator Idris Umar, who was the head of Nigerian delegation to the 27th annual general assembly of the International Maritime Organisation, during a visit to the Nigerian High Commissioner in London, yesterday.

## Man, 24, docked over sex with 6-yr-old

A twenty four old man, Tunde Alade, was on yesterday arraigned in Ibadan for having unlawful canal knowledge of a six-year-old girl.

The Prosecutor, Sgt. Foluke Adedosu, told the Chief Magistrate's Court that Alade, of Oja-Igbo area of Ibadan, had invited the victim to his room and forcibly had sexual intercourse with her.

She said Alade's conduct had caused considerable harm to the victim, through his forceful penetration of her genitals.

Adedosu said the girl now suffers from persistent nightmares, resulting in a crisis in the family.

The accused, who pleaded guilty, claimed that his action was the handiwork of the devil, and pleaded for mercy.

The Chief Magistrate, Mr. Adesina Adam, ordered that the accused be remanded in prison custody and adjourned the case till Dec 7. (NAN)

## Danja: I have fans among Boko Haram followers

From Christiana T. Alabi, Kaduna

THE popular Kannywood actor Sani Danja yesterday disclosed that he has fans among the dreaded Boko Haram sect in Maiduguri, Borno state.

Addressing the press at the Kaduna state chapter of Nigerian Union of Journalists (NUJ) secretariat, he noted that he has been to Maiduguri where he had the largest number of fans that

he has never met in his entire live.

"One good thing about actors is that people are very open to us. Maybe I can even talk to Boko Haram and they can as well talk to me but they may not talk to someone else and I know that within them I have my fans", Sani said.

He also said that in spite of the killings and spate of insecurity in Maiduguri, he has the highest demand for his products

in the state. "Last two weeks, I had to send 6,000 copies of my CD plates and after three days they demanded for more. So maybe with time, we will look at the issue of Boko Haram", he stated.

On the issue of culture, he said it is good for Kannywood to maintain its language and way of life saying that the Igbo people have lost their culture of filming. "Igbo films are now Nige-

rian films because they speak English", he said.

According to him there are more than five Hausa international radio stations in Nigeria, saying that the Hausas need to be proud of that because it is a way of sustaining their language and culture. "It is better for everyone to maintain his language but we can have a centre where all the languages can come together to act English films", he added.

## Armed bandits kill bank security man, three others

From Adewale Giwa, Akure

A gang of armed robbers numbering four with different armaments allegedly invaded one of a new generation banks along Oyemekun Road and reportedly killed four people.

The incident, according to sources happened around 1.42pm

and lasted for about 30 minutes.

The dare devil robbers, who came with Honda Accord car with Clergy sticker on it were said to have shot sporadically into air to scare people away before they could gain entrance into the banking hall after they might have destroyed the electronic doors of the banks with dynamites.

Security personnel attached to the bank identified as Bankole was said to have shot to death by the armed robbers while three other people were reportedly hit by stray bullet and died instantly.

Those who were injured were said to have been taken to the State Specialist Hospital, Akure.

However, it was later gath-

ered it took the intervention of Military personnel before three robbers could be arrested while trying to escape from the town.

The state image Public Relations Officer, Mr. Adeniran Aremu, who confirmed the incident, said the security operatives were able to arrest three out of them robbers while trailing them.