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Okene, calling on the Divisional Police Officer to get the killers within 24 hours.

Governor Idris Ichalla Wada, in a statement by his Special Adviser on Media and Strategy, Jacob Edi, said the curfew earlier imposed on Okene between 7pm and 6 am was still in force.

He said, "This has become necessary in the light of an isolated murder of a community leader, Malam Jaguda Muhammed reportedly masterminded by unknown gunmen."

He appealed for calm, saying that he has directed the police and other security agencies to fish out the perpetrators.



; Governor of Kaduna State, Mr. Patrick Ibrahim Yakowa; Vice
P North West Zone, Amb. Ibrahim Kazaure and Kano State
P zonal executive committee meeting in Kaduna yesterday.

Man arrested for slaughtering lady in Kano

From Auwalu Umar, Kano

AUWALU Mohammed, a 20-year-old man was arrested by the police in Kano for allegedly slaughtering a woman, Kano Police Command disclosed in Kano yesterday.

The command's public relations officer, ASP Magaji Musa Majiya, said in a statement that the suspect was arrested after a distress call was received by Noman's Land police division that a man had slaughtered a woman at No.

7 Middle Road, Sabon Gari, Kano with a knife.

Majiya also said the suspect was arrested at the crime scene and an exhibit (blood stained knife) was recovered in his possession, saying the name and address of the victim were yet to be ascertained.

The police public relations officer said preliminary investigations revealed that the suspect confessed committing the offence while the case has been transferred to the SCID for investigation.

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4 killed in Kano

From Hisham Habib, Kano

UNKNOWN gunmen have killed three persons while another teenager was also killed by a stray bullet yesterday in Kano along Sharada road.

Witness said the incident happened at 7pm when motor-cycle-riding gunmen fired at a group and killed three persons including a policeman in mufti.

The witness said the joint task force headed by the army later arrived the scene but that the soldiers also fired shots and a stray bullet hit a young man.

The police and army public relations units could not be reached for comments at the time of filing this report.

Police arraign man, 21, for alleged rape of 2-yr-old girl

From Sunday Isuwa, Kaduna

KADUNA State Police Command yesterday arraigned 21-year-old Abdulkadir Saïdu for allegedly raping a two-year-old girl in his mother's room in their house located at Rigasa, Igabi Local Government Area of Kaduna State

It was gathered that Saïdu lured the girl into the room on Monday, March 12 with a sweet.

Police spokesman Aminu Lawan said Saïdu had confessed and that he has been charged to a Chief Magistrate's Court in Makera, Kaduna South Local Government Area.

Katsina gets 6,035 hajj seats

From Yusha'u A Ibrahim, Katsina

KATSINA State has been allocated 6,035 hajj seats for the 2012 pilgrimage, the acting Executive Director of the state Pilgrims Welfare Board, Alhaji Yusuf Ahmad, has said.

He said 80 per cent of the seats have been allocated to first-time intending pilgrims while the remaining 20 per cent went to those who had performed the hajj.

PDP congress: Namadi promises fair play

From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

VICE President Namadi Sambo has promised to be impartial to members of the PDP in the North-West geo-political zone.

He stated this yesterday at a party meeting ahead of the North-Western zonal congress billed for today. The meeting took place at the Hassan Usman Katsina House, Kawo, Kaduna.

The congress was attended by all the governors from the zone. However, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Aminu Tambuwal, was not present at the congress.

A communiqué issued at the end of the meeting by the National Vice Chairman (North-West zone) and the Zonal Secretary, Senator Ibrahim Musa Kazaure and Barrister Baba Aliyu, said the party implored members to be law abiding and turn out for the congress today.

Jigawa assembly passes N104.4 bn budget

From Abdullahi Yahaya Bello, Dutse

THE Jigawa State House of Assembly yesterday passed the 2012 budget of N104, 460,000 into law. The budget, which was passed after almost two months since it was presented to House, has an increment of N60 million.

Alhaji Babangida Mohammed, House Committee Chairman on Appropriation while presenting the committee report, said the estimate now had an increment of N60 million from the initial budget proposal of N104.4 billion presented by Governor Sule Lamido.