



FUNERAL prayers at the burial of former journalist late Hussaini Baba Ahmad, who died yesterday in Kaduna.

## Man, 65, found dead on his farm

From Mustafa Abubakar, Ilorin

A 65-year-old man, Malam Issa Esinrogunjo, has been reportedly killed on his farm. Esinrogunjo was said to have been killed by unknown persons after being overpowered, a source said. The source told *Daily Trust* that the man was working on his farm when assailants allegedly stormed the farm at about 5pm having noticed that he was the only one left on the farm. Confirming the incident in his palace, the Magaji Esinrogunjo, Alhaji Ojulari, said that the farmer was overpowered by the assailants believed to be ritualists. He explained that the victim would return home after the day's work, but on the fateful day, his family members became worried following his unusual long stay on the farm.

## Benin varsity medical student killed

From Vincent Egunyanga, Benin

LESS than 48 hours after a journalist was killed in Benin in Edo State, another death has occurred in the ancient city.

This time, a 600 level medical student of the University of Benin, Abubakar Isi Momodu, was hacked to death inside the university campus.

The student's death yesterday sparked off students' protest in the university with the students calling for more security on campus.

A statement from the University of Benin spokesperson, Harrison Osarenren, who confirmed the incident, said "Abubakar Isi Momodu a 600 level Medical stu-

dent of the university was hacked to death at about 10:15 pm on Friday night.

Before his death Momodu lived inside the boy's quarters of the Senior Staff Quarters. He was rushed to the university health centre where he died at about 11:20 pm".

The students who protested the killing of their colleague said security operatives within the main campus were not doing much to protect them.

State Commissioner of Police, Olayinka Balogun, confirmed that the killing took place within the campus and that the police have launched investigation into the killing.

## 'Only 1 per 114 primary school teachers qualified in Kano'

From Ibrahim Musa Giginyu, Kano

A committee for Monitoring Learning Achievement (MLA) in Kano State has found out that only one per 114 primary school teachers, who are currently teaching in public schools in the state, are qualified.

The committee disclosed this yesterday during the presentation of a draft report to the state's Educational Sector Steering Committee at a meeting chaired by Kano State Commissioner of Education, Barrister Faruk Iya.

The survey, which stated that an average of 87 pupils share a single classroom in the state, further showed that out of 45,000 primary school teachers teach-

ing in government schools, only one in three is qualified.

The findings also revealed that learning outcomes are well below expectations of the curriculum and also showed that primary school pupils in Kano State lack the necessary foundation expected of them for progressing after completing class two.

It, however, indicated that the state is working on raising the quality of education to acceptable standard and is focusing on improving children's performance.

Similarly, it suggested that school improvement programme should be adopted in order to enhance learning outcome.

## Father, son in court for alleged burglary

THE police yesterday in Lagos arraigned a father and his son for allegedly burgling the apartment of one Issac Akpan and stealing items worth N175,000. The accused, Wilson Eka, 60, and his son, Anietie Ekanem, 28, are facing a three-count charge of conspiracy, burglary and stealing before the Somolu Magistrate's Court, Lagos. They, however, pleaded not guilty and were each granted bail in the sum of