

Gunmen kill 3 traders in Yobe

From Hamisu Kabir Matazu, Damaturu

UNIDENTIFIED gunmen Monday killed three traders at their residence located at Unguwar Zare area in Potiskum town in Yobe State.

Army Area Commander, Nura-deen Sabo, confirmed the attack, saying the traders were killed by suspected robbers in their house. "We didn't make any arrest but we discovered the deceased personal ID cards at the scene before we deposited their corpses at Potiskum General Hospital"

Tipper driver crushes tea seller to death

From Rakiya A. Muhammad, Sokoto

TRAGEDY struck in Sokoto Monday when a tipper driver crushed to death a tea seller in the metropolis.

Daily Trust learnt that the incident occurred at about 11am along Dandema/University Road, Runjin Sambo area of Sokoto metropolis.

According to witnesses, the tipper driver who was coming from Dundaye area, lost control of the vehicle and knocked down a tea seller and a motorcyclist. The tea seller was said to have died instantly while the motorcyclist sustained some injuries, it was gathered.

Witnesses attributed the accident to over speeding by the tipper driver.

The tipper driver escaped mob attack by some irate youths in the area that set the vehicle ablaze.

The situation was however brought under control with the arrival of policemen.

Robbers kill 5 after setting banks ablaze in Ondo

ARMED robbers besieged the sleepy town of Ikare-Akoko in Ondo State on Monday night and used dynamites to blow open the security gates of three banks.

Police Public Relations Officer for Ondo State police command, Mr. Adeniran Aremu, who confirmed the incident, named the affected banks to include Ecobank, Wema Bank and First Bank.

Fears gripped the residents who scampered out to establish what had gone amiss as the robbers followed each dynamite explosion with sporadic gun fires.

In the melee, five persons were killed by stray bullets but the police authorities in the state confirmed the death of only two persons.

Those who died were a pastor, two commercial motorcyclists, a security guard and a teenager simply identified as Oniwu.

Investigations showed that the robbers on their arrival in the town went straight to the police station and dislodged the security personnel by shooting sporadically at them. The station was immediately deserted as the policemen on duty took to their heels following their inability to confront the superior fire power of the rampaging robbers. (NAN)

Kaduna suspected suicide bomber transferred to Abuja

From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

THE suspected suicide bomber of the SOJ Plaza Kaduna has now been transferred to the force headquarters Abuja, Kaduna State police commissioner, Mohammed J. Abubakar, said in Kaduna yesterday.

Last Thursday, a suspected bomber rode in a bomb-laden Honda Academy car killing three and injuring 25 persons at the plaza. The SOJ Plaza housed offices of *ThisDay*, *Sun* and the *Moment* newspapers. Speaking to *Daily Trust* on phone, the police com-

missioner said the suspected suicide bomber who sustained various degrees of injuries has been transferred to force headquarters Abuja for further investigation.

"The suspect is alive and the injuries he sustained as a result of the mob that almost lynched him

are gradually healing. You know, if not for our quick intervention the mob could have killed him.

The three persons that lost their lives during the incident died while struggling to keep the suspect alive. They died serving their fathers' land," he said.



FROM left: Osun state Deputy Governor Mrs. Tijjani Oyejide, Governor Rauf Aregbesola and the state chairman for the Nigeria Labour Congress, NLC, Comrade Saka Adesiyun, during the celebrations of May Day, at the Government Technical College, Osogbo, yesterday.

BUK attack: JTF kills 1 in Kano pre-dawn raid

From Nazifi Dawud Khalid, Kano

THE Joint Security Task Force (JTF) said yesterday that it has killed one person and arrested another in connection with the attacks carried out at the old campus of Bayero University, Kano (BUK), which led to the death of at least 19 people including two professors last Sunday.

Daily Trust gathered that the JTF raided a suspected Boko Haram hideout in the early hours of yesterday at Sabuwar Gandu area of Kano metropolis.

The JTF spokesman, Lieutenant Ikediche Iweha, gave the name of the male suspect in their custody as Muhammed Ali Ibrahim who he said had a diploma certificate in banking and finance. The suspect

with his deceased accomplice was according to the JTF, responsible for carrying out the attacks on BUK.

"We had an exchange of fire with the suspects for sometime before we killed one of them and subdued the others. They even threw some Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) at our men, but none of them sustained any injury," he said.

He said that among the three

women that were also arrested at the 'hideout', one was pregnant and another was a nursing mother.

According to Iweha, the third woman whom he said was caught trying to load a magazine to a rifle had been arrested thrice at Sabon Gari area in Zaria local government council of Kaduna State in connection with Boko Haram operations.

No one can silence me —Gov Aliyu

From Aliyu M. Hamagani, Minna

NIGER State governor Mu'azu Babangida Aliyu says no amount of criticism will force him to keep quiet in defending Northern governors from the blame of the region's underdevelopment.

The governor made the statement yesterday at a rally marking this year's Workers' Day organized by Nigeria Labor Congress in Minna. The governor therefore called on civil servants to help government in its fight against corruption within the system.

"People are trying to silence me but I cannot be silenced; if you think I talk too much close your ears until my tenure is over in 2015. I am not a dictator, I am elected democratically and I will operate democratically," he said.

Attack on varsities touching —Minister

From Lawal Ibrahim, Gombe

THE Minister of Education, Professor Ruqayyatu Ahmed Rufa'i, has described the recent attacks on Gombe State University and Bayero University, Kano (BUK) as "a very touching scenario" which calls for intense prayers from all and sundry.

The minister was speaking in Gombe yesterday when she visited the state university affected

by last week's bomb blast and equally inspected facilities to ascertain the level of preparation for the take off of the newly established federal university of technology, Kashere.

"We were here with the President a year or so ago and we saw the structures, so by the time we heard of the incident, it really touched us; I am sure nobody is interested about the things that are happening," the minister said.

Police arrest Lebanese, Nigerian over murder

THE police in Lagos yesterday said they have arrested a Lebanese and his Nigerian counterpart who allegedly robbed one Aliyu Sanni of 10,000 dollars and stabbed him to death.

The state police command's spokesman, SP Joseph Jaiyeoba, told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that the victim was killed at

one hotel in Apapa.

He added that the suspects (names withheld) were arrested on Monday by policemen attached to the Apapa Division. "The stolen money was however recovered," the police spokesman said.

Jaiyeoba further said that a team of mobile

policemen attached to Mopol 2 also on Monday killed a suspected armed robber.

He said that the robbery suspect was killed in a shoot-out with the police at Oregun Industrial Estate's warehouse, while his other accomplices escaped with gunshot wounds. (NAN)