

Robbers attack Kaduna monarch

From Ismail Mudashir, Sunday Williams & Sunday Isuwa, Kaduna

ONE person was killed while four others sustained gun injuries when armed robbers in the early hours of yesterday attacked the chief of Jaba (Kpop Ham) in Jaba local government area of Kaduna State, Dr Danladi Gyet Maude, at Gitata village along Kwoi-Keffi road.

Daily Trust gathered that the royal father was on his way to Abuja for a medical check-up when the armed robbers attacked

him. While the monarch was shot in the neck, one of his guards lost his lives while three others sustained bullet injuries.

Speaking to *Daily Trust*, one Alhamdu Garba who spoke to one of the victims at the General Hospital in Kwoi, the Galadiman Jaba, Malam Kyom Maigari, said the robbers just appeared and started shooting indiscriminately at them.

"His Royal Highness was shot in his neck but the bullet has been removed and so he is in good condition while his guard was

not lucky as he was killed at the spot. The Galadima was shot in the hand but he is stable. The Sarkin Dogari was also shot as well as another guard who sustains multiple shots," he said.

He said the robbers collected the brief case of the royal father and monies from all the victims before taking off to the bush.

Speaking to *Daily Trust* on phone, the Secretary of the Jaba Traditional Council, Shehu Makama, said the injured who were taken to 44 Army Reference Hospital in Kaduna were

responding to treatment but the royal father was in Kwoi as his case was not that bad.

In a telephone interview, the officer in charge of the military task force in Jaba local government area, Lt. CC Uche, said the incident was purely a robbery attack, saying last month they killed one armed robber, arrested another one while about five fled into the bush at the same spot.

"We believed it is the same syndicate. By the time we arrived at the scene at about 6:30 am, the robbers had fled.

We scanned the bush but could not see them. We were later told that after the incident they fled in one red Golf car and a green Honda car. One of the victims on the process of running away had an accident at the spot. He told us that about 50 cars were robbed," he said.

When contacted, a senior police officer at the Kaduna State police command, who said he should not be quoted since the incident happened in Nasarawa State outside his jurisdiction, also confirmed the attack.

Christians are also involved in terrorism in Nigeria -JNI

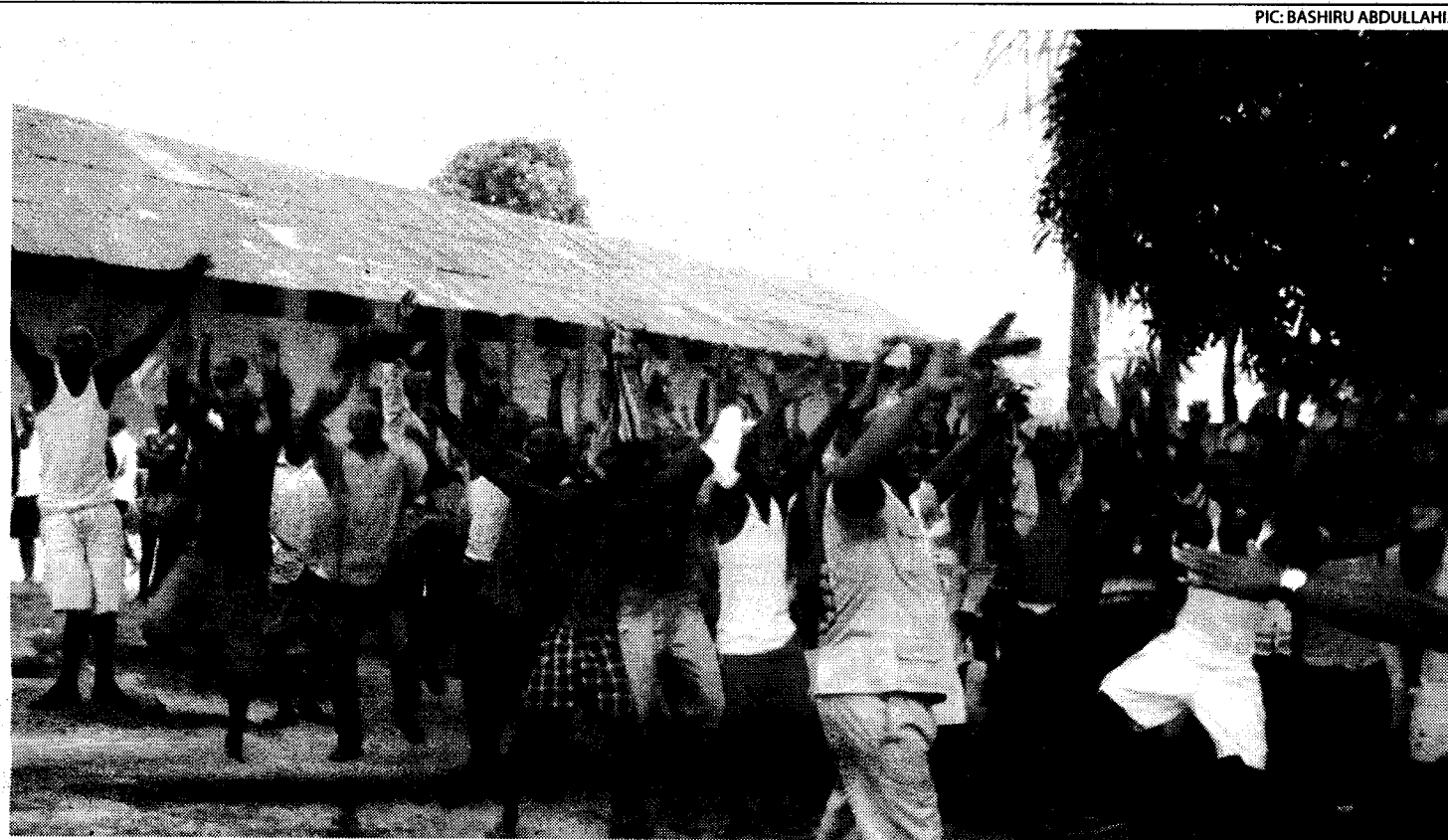
From Maryam Ahmadu-Suka, Kaduna

THE Jama'atu Nasril Islam (JNI) yesterday said Christians are also involved in sophisticated terrorism in Nigeria just as it expressed concern over the way serious security issues are being handled with at the expense of the citizens in the country.

JNI in a statement by its Secretary General Dr. Khalid Abubakar Aliyu said had Mr. John Alaku Akpavan, the man arrested at Radio House Abuja on Monday with grenades, were to be a Muslim, the story would have been different. "Since he is a Christian, he is either insane or incapacitated; but if he were a Muslim, he is a terrorist, ~~Boko Haram~~ or a fundamentalist", it said.

"All thanks are due to Allah the Most High for vindicating the JNI because some times in February, 2012 we made a press release demanding explanations from the CAN President on why some Christians are arrested in Muslim attires/dressing while attempting to bomb or commit act of terrorism.

"Few of such were the cases of one Lydia Joseph (the failed bomber of St. John Catholic Cathedral) of Bauchi State who attempted to bomb a church; the man arrested in Bayelsa State was also in turban, and the Gombe case. Again we were astonished to hear of one Augustine Effiong in connection with BUK bomb attack."



INMATES in Port Harcourt Prison celebrating their release yesterday

Controversy over ABU nuclear centre

From Isa Sa'adu, Kaduna & Hamisu Muhammad, Abuja

CONTROVERSY is brewing over an alleged plot by the Nigerian Atomic Energy Commission to take over the Ahmadu Bello University's Centre for Energy Research and Training, sources in Zaria told *Daily Trust*.

CERT and another centre at the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, were established to conduct research into nuclear science technology, oper-

ating under the two universities.

But a source in ABU Zaria said NAEC is planning to take over the ABU centre allegedly because the North cannot be trusted with a nuclear reactor given the recent insecurity in the region.

"Since the transfer of CERT to Energy Commission of Nigeria (ECN) as an agency for supervision, there has never been any problem," an official said. "But upon transfer to NAEC, supervision became denial of

funds, denial of information, stalling of our participation with IAEA activities."

But NAEC chairman Dr. Franklin Erepamo Osai Osai, while responding to the issues raised, said it was wrong to say NAEC was attempting to take over the centre because the transfer of CERT to the agency happened since 2007. He said the transfer affected all centres pertaining to nuclear research, including the ABU centre, Centre for Energy Research and Development in

Ile-Ife, and Nuclear Technology Centre in Sheda.

Osai told *Daily Trust* that the transfers were done to ensure proper coordination of nuclear activities in the country by both local and international atomic energy regulators such as International Atomic Energy Commission. He said when the transfers took effect in 2007, there was nothing like terrorist threat in the country and so there was no relation with what is happening in the North today.

Sacked doctors: Lagos challenges court jurisdiction

From Mohammed Shosanya, Lagos

LAGOS State government has challenged jurisdiction of the National Industrial court sitting in Lagos to entertain the suit filed by members of Lagos State Medical Guild who were recently dismissed by the State government.

A notice of preliminary objection filed by the Attorney General of Lagos State, Mr. Ade Ipaye, in a notice of preliminary objection he filed, prayed the court to refuse jurisdiction to hear the suit on the premise that it was instituted on behalf of the Medical Guild. He said the guild is an unknown entity in law.

According to him, the suit filed by the doctors could not be substantiated because the 1st and 2nd claimants based their demands on a purported agreement entered into between the Medical Guild and the state government.

Defense lawyer, Bamidele Aturu, opposed the application and submitted that the preliminary objection was a mere technicality meant to defeat the course of justice.

Suspected cult groups clash in Keffi, kill student

From Hir Joseph, Lafia

TWO suspected cult groups believed to be students of Nasarawa State University, Keffi (NSUK), Monday night struck in a bloody clash that led to the killing of one Ibrahim Hussaini, 17.

The deceased was butchered to death by members of one of the rival groups, at about 8pm, inside Angwan Lambu phase II, student sources said.

The deceased was the son to the village head of Angwan Lambu, Alhaji Hussaini Gambo. Family sources said the deceased is a secondary school student of Government Secondary School (GSS), Angwan Jarne, a nearby village.

State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) ASP Cornelius Ocholi confirmed the incident, saying the police arrested a suspect, one Musa Rufai, in connection with the killing.

'Jang hasn't abandoned Jishe Govt House'

From Onimisi Alao, Jos

GOVERNOR Jonah Jang still uses the Government House in Jishe and there is no substance in stories that he packed out of it for security reasons, the Director of Press to the governor, Mr. James Mannok, told *Daily Trust* in Jos yesterday.

Activities at the new Government House in the part of the Tudun Wada area of Jos named Jishe have declined sharply, buttressing the public impression that the governor left the Government House which was established only recently and returned to the older Government House in Rayfield over security concerns.

His press secretary emphasized however that any observed decline in activities in Jishe is not as dramatic as has been reported. "The governor has always used the Government Houses in Rayfield and Jishe as occasions have demanded; he never completely left Rayfield, so what is so strange about it even if he decides to use Rayfield more substantially now?" Mannok asked.