

## Quick Read

### Gunmen kill 1, injure 2 in Kaduna village

From Sunday Isuwa, Kaduna

GUNMEN struck at Gwagwada village in Chikun Local Government Area of Kaduna State in the early hours of yesterday killing one person and leaving two others injured. The injured are currently receiving treatment at St. Gerald Hospital, Kaduna, it was learnt. Danlami Yusuf, 21, it was gathered, died of gunshots at the hospital. The gunmen, numbering 15 and suspected to be armed robbers, invaded the village at about 2am shooting sporadically into the air while some others went straight to houses collecting money and other valuables. "In our house the gunmen collected N200,000 while in some others they collected N60,000, N30,000 or N20,000 as the case may be," a resident said. Speaking to *Daily Trust* at St. Gerald hospital, one of the victims, a 72-year-old Samuel Kolade, said they were in their houses when they had gunshots. Kaduna police spokesman Aminu Lawan, who confirmed the incident, said the suspected armed robbers were seven in number, saying the police could not make an arrest but they are still hunting the suspects.

### Lagos reinstated doctors resume work

From Femi Akinola, Lagos

ALL the 788 doctors reinstated by Lagos State government after their sack over 'illegal' strike have fully resumed work at all public hospitals across the state. Some of the recalled doctors were seen at Agege General Hospital, Alimosho and Lagos State University of Teaching Hospital (LASUTH) attending to patients. Chairman of the Lagos Medical Guilds Dr Olumuyiwa Odusote said the doctors resumed after a congress held by members of the guild, saying all the 788 doctors had been given recall letters as other pending issues would be sorted out after their resumption. Odusote, however, said the national body of NMA would, within the next two weeks, meet with the state government towards resolving the Consolidated Medical Salary Scale (CONMESS) and other issues which precipitated the strike.

### NNN workers suspend strike

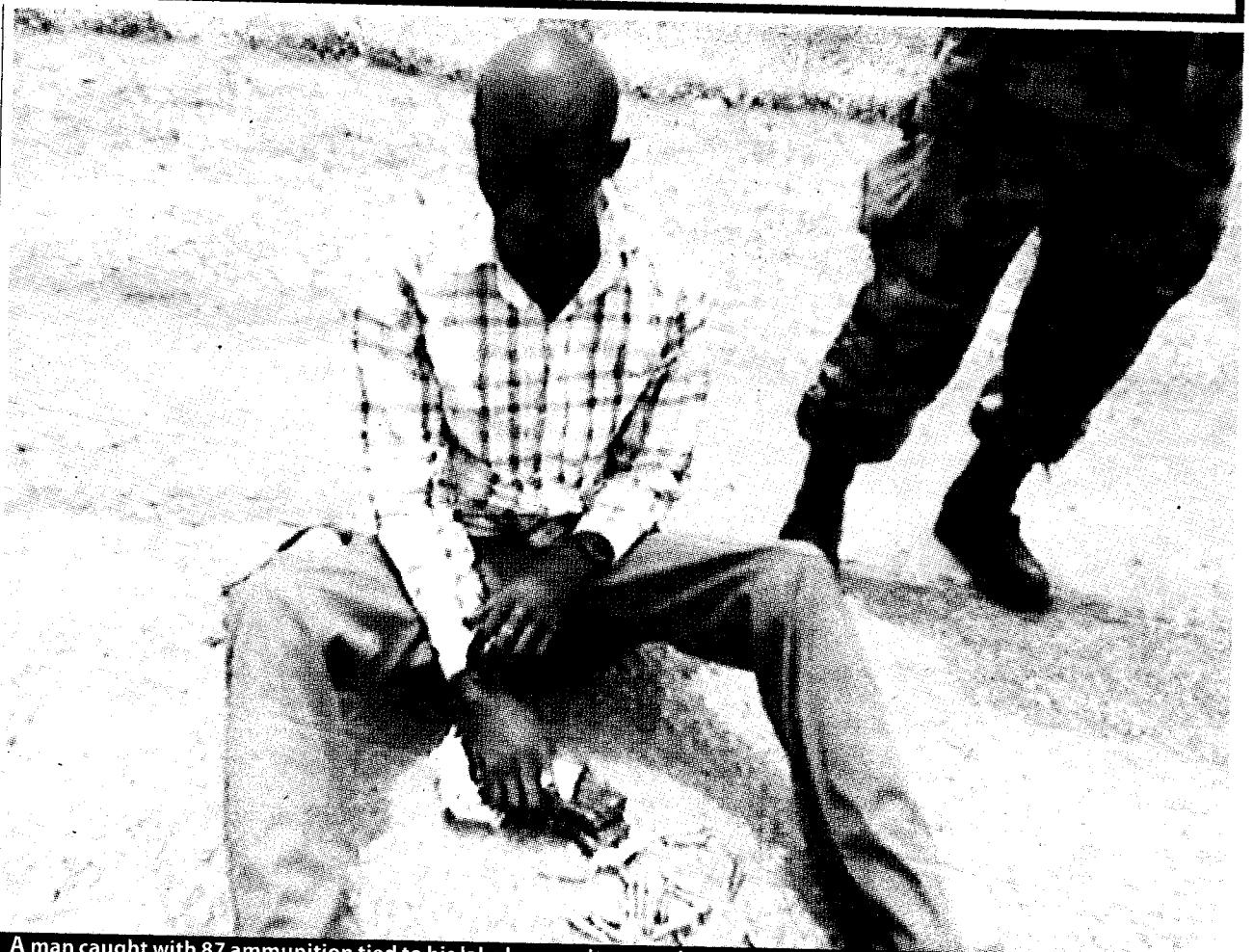
From Ismail Mudashir, Kaduna

WORKERS of the New Nigerian Newspapers, Kaduna yesterday suspended their four-month-old strike they embarked upon over non-payment of salary for 12 months. The striking newspaper workers said in a communiqué issued at the end of their congress in Kaduna that they resolved to suspend the strike for two weeks. The communiqué, jointly signed by chairman New Nigerian Newspapers' chapel of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ) Ibrahim Adamu and Chairman NUPPPROW Saidu Bello said: "We, workers out of sheer appreciation to His Excellency, the Executive Governor of Sokoto State and Chairman of the Northern State Governors' Forum sub-committee on New Nigerian Newspapers, Alhaji Aliyu Magatakarda Wamakko, for assessing the situation on the ground at the company on May 18, resolved to suspend the strike for two weeks to enable His Excellency to fulfill the promise of settling outstanding arrears of 12 months owed workers of the New Nigerian Newspapers."

### Two killed in Kaduna night raid buried

From Sunday Isuwa, Kaduna

THE two people killed in a night attack on Friday at Kpong-Asansun in Madakiya district of Zangon Kataf Local Government Area of Kaduna State have been buried. Mathew Ishaku and his daughter Janet were buried yesterday by the people of the community while his wife was still receiving treatment at St. Louis Hospital in Zonkwa. The District Head of Madakiya Dr. David Kanyok advised his subjects to remain calm and be security conscious.



A man caught with 87 ammunition tied to his labs by security men along Abuja/Keffi express way.

# 3 dead, one cop missing in fresh Riyom attack

From Onimisi Alao, Jos

THREE youths have been killed and a mobile police officer serving with the Special Security Task Force (STF) declared missing following an attack by armed men in Tanjol village of Riyom Local Government Area of Plateau State.

The assumption however, is that the

policeman affected by the attack also died, but spokesman of the STF, Capt Markus, who confirmed the death of the three youths yesterday, emphasized that the STF could not pronounce him dead.

"Yes, there was the incident in which three people died and their bodies have been recovered, but we can't declare our missing officer dead or alive because we are

still looking for him," the STF spokesman told *Daily Trust* yesterday.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of Plateau State Police Command, ASP Emmanuel Abu also confirmed the attack and the involvement of the policeman. He said, "the officer is missing; we haven't seen him and we can't find the body, but the search is on."

### Six jostle for Hama Bachama

From Ibrahim Abdul'Aziz, Yola

BARELY six days after the death of the Hama Bachama, paramount ruler of the Bachama Kingdom in Adamawa State, Homun Asaph Zadok, six ruling clans have indicated interest to contest for the position. It was gathered that top government officials and two former commissioners are among those jostling for the position.

Though the Bachama traditional council is silent on the matter, *Daily Trust* learnt yesterday that the six clans vying for the stool are Kowo, Magbularon, Impang, Waduku, Nomupo and Nokodomun.

"Eligibility for the position is by birth and maturity. It is open to males only who feel personally convinced to contest. Ascension is not from father to son. As a matter of fact, there is no record that a direct descendant of a former Hama Bachama has inherited the stool," a source said. The former Hama Bachama, Homun Asaph Zadok, died from cancer in a hospital in Cairo, Egypt.

Zadok was a Commissioner of Information during Governor Boni Haruna's administration. He was enthroned as Hama Bachama eight years ago after the deposition of Chief Freddy Soditi Bongo by the Boni administration as a result of communal clashes in Numan, the kingdom's headquarters.

### Family of electrocuted sisters may sue PHCN

From Onimisi Alao & Lami Sadiq, Jos

AS four-year-old Goodness Gambo lie in a hospital facing the new reality of having to live the rest of her life without one of her arms, her traumatized family said yesterday that it was consulting with its lawyers on the propriety of suing the Power Holding Company of Nigeria (PHCN) for negligence.

Goodness and her seven-year-old sister, Faith Gambo, were electrocuted penultimate Sunday in the Kabong area of Jos metropolis by fallen high tension line of the PHCN. Faith was electrocuted while Goodness whose one arm has had to be amputated also as a result of the electrocution is currently being attended to at the Bingham University Teaching Hospital (BUTH) in Jos.

The parents of Faith and Goodness were said to be still too shocked to discuss the incident but a representative of the family, Mr. Gideon Nandem Tyem, told *Daily Trust* yesterday that members of the family were consulting their lawyers on how best to seek justice for the girls.

But PHCN released a counter-statement on Tuesday, saying that the high tension lines that broke on Sunday, May 27, were due to heavy storms the previous day and that the storm did not trip the line through which the PHCN control would have sensed any danger.

The statement by the PHCN Public Affairs Manager, Isah Ibrahim Rafee, said although the area was difficult to reach, his staff quickly swung to action on Sunday when they realized the problem but that the damage had already been done.