

## NEWS

# 'Hunter' held over Ekiti robbery

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**P**olice in Ekiti State have arrested one person in connection with Wednesday's robbery incident in Aramoko Ekiti during which a commercial driver, Mr. Femi Philips, was killed.

Philips, a driver with Lafe Ade Transport, was killed inside his 18-seater bus by the suspected robbers along Aramoko-Igede road in the early hours of Wednesday.

The transport company was owned by the slain chairman of the National Union of Road Transport Workers (NURTW) in Ekiti, who was assassinated in September, 2014.

The Police Public Relations Officer of the Command, Mr. Alberto Adeyemi, told journalists in Ado Ekiti yesterday that a man who claimed to be a hunter was now being detained at the police headquarters.

The late driver was shot in the chest and the bus he was driving

swerved into the bush where the occupants sustained severe injuries.

The killing of the driver led some of his colleagues to attack the Divisional Police Officer in Ekiti West Local Government, Mr. Anthony Okpalaeke and tore his uniform.

Adeyemi said the suspect was arrested at about 4am yesterday within the vicinity where the robbery incident had happened.

"The suspect claimed that he is a hunter but we wonder what manner of

animals he wanted to kill at that time of the day, even bearing in mind that robbery took place there recently."

Adeyemi added that the police have begun investigations into the rampant robbery incidences at Aramoko in recent times, calling on the public to collaborate with security agencies by providing useful information.

The PPRO expressed confidence that those behind robbery attacks would be nabbed in no distant time.

## Adamawa communities allege