

25-year-old graduate killed in Kogi

From Tijani Labaran, Lokoja

killing him instantly.

Tension has gripped the residents of Anyigba in Dekina Local Government Area of Kogi State following the killing of a 25-year-old graduate, Yusuf Labaran, believed to be the nephew of the town's Imam.

It was gathered that the deceased was in the company of friends in a neighbour's house around 6pm on Saturday when the unknown armed men struck,

Daily Trust noted that at the deceased burial prayers ceremony on Sunday in Anyigba, a popular cleric lambasted the elders and authorities of the town for keeping mum over the rising spate of killings in the town.

The deceased who is said to be an orphan, having lost his parents years back was married with three children; and until his death, he had been under the custody of chief Imam of Anyigba, Ustaz

Musa Yahaya, his uncle.

He was said to have graduated last month from Kogi State University, Anyigba and is known for his active participation in the programme of children immunisation in the town.

It was learnt that shortly after the incident, the deceased's uncle, the Chief Imam, paid a courtesy call on the monarch of the land, Ogohi Anyigba, HRH Abu Shaibu Okolo to register the ugly incident.

Ogohi Anyigba was said to have sympathised with him, assuring that he will brief the appropriate authorities over the ugly incident for action and for them to be more proactive in intelligence gathering.

Meanwhile, the Kogi State Police Command's Public Relations Officer, ASP William Aya, said the command is not aware of such an incident yet, promising to get details of the incident from the field officers.