

Suspected robbers kill policeman in Minna

AN Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), Mr. Yusuf Bagi, has been killed by robbers for trying to foil their effort in his Tunga area of Minna, Niger State.

The robbers had visited his house three days earlier and stolen two phones from one of his tenants.

Bagi, whose vicinity was being raided for the second time within 72 hours, was macheted at the skull and the back by the well-armed hoodlums.

Eyewitnesses told *The Guardian* that the 44-year-old police officer, irked by the repeated harassment of his people within the vicinity, ran after the hoodlums who were operating in another house described to be that of his very good neighbour.

The witness said: "When they came to the area, some of the families around start-

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ed shouting thief! thief! thief! in Hausa Language, which caused everybody to wake up, including Mallam Bagi, our landlord. We were all angry and frightened that this is the second attack in three days. Some of us came out but watched helplessly in the dark because we could not help.

"This was when Bagi came out after ensuring that people of his adjoining house were safe. In a feat of bravery, he went after the hoodlums without knowing that they were many and had set a dangerous trap to kill him".

"It was in the process of getting at them that two of the robbers who hid in a dark corner because there was outage, hacked him from the back, sprawling his brains on the floor after

over-powering him.

"They were more than one who slaughtered him, leaving the police officer helpless before we got to him. As a matter of fact, he was already dead before some of them ran into the surrounding bushes in the hills", the witness added.

The source lamented the security situation in the town, which has made them victims of four robbery attacks since 2005.

Yusuf, who was survived by a wife and nine children, was an indigene of Kafinkoro Local Council of Niger State.

Attempts to get the Commissioner of Police, Oliver Osuchukwu, to comment officially on the matter failed as he expressed regret that he had just assumed office and was still studying the situation on ground in the state capital.