

Gunmen kill police chief in Lagos

• Four feared dead in Sagamu bank robbery

ANOTHER high profile killing has occurred in Lagos with the assassination of the Assistant Commissioner of Police, Mr. John Chukwu, in his residence by yet to be identified gunmen.

Also yesterday, dare-devil armed robbers killed four persons during an attack on a bank in Sagamu, Ogun State.

The incident occurred as residents of Epe Community in Lagos called on the Lagos State Commissioner of Police to assist them in curbing robbery activities in the area.

The assistant police commissioner was until his death, the second in command at the Federal Investigations Bureau (FIB) Alagbon.

According to family sources, Chukwu, who had just resumed from a study leave about two weeks ago, was shot dead at his residence, No. 6 Bank Shonibare Street, off Kosoko Road, Ojodu Berger, Lagos, on Saturday when suddenly his power generating set, which was powering the house, went off.

A family member said: "We were just about to start watching the 9p.m. network news, when suddenly, the generator powering the house went off, as there was no public power supply.

"He had just stepped outside to find out what was the cause of the generator set's going off when he was

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accosted by some men, who later shot him at very close range, before making good their escape.

"Between the time they shot him and his stepping out was less than five minutes. Some of us even thought that he was being assisted by someone to restart the generator, only for us to be attracted by the outburst of the gun-shots. We saw him lying in the pool of his blood."

He added "From all indications, the assassins came from the backdoor, gained access to the main compound before putting off the generator, apparently to lure him out for their act. They did not come inside any of the rooms nor did they take anything from the house before fleeing.

"We did everything to save his life but to no avail, even as we immediately rushed him to hospital, though we knew he was already dead."

During the Sagamu bank robbery, seven people who received various degrees of gun wounds were rushed to the Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital (OOUTH) in the town where they were placed on danger list. The four were certified dead at the hospitals, according a doctor, who confirmed the story to *The Guardian*.