

# After *El-Classico* match, man kills friend in Kano

A MAN on Saturday night stabbed his friend to death and injured one other while arguing about a concluded football match. The incident happened at about 11:21p.m. at Yakassai quarters in Kano Municipal Local Government Area of the Kano State.

The *El-Classico* match between Real Madrid and Barcelona ended 1-0 in favour of Barcelona on Saturday night. Just as an intense rivalry exists between the two Spanish big teams, so it does sometimes exist among their supporters.

After the match, an argument ensued between Abdullahi Haruna and his friend, Mujitapha Musa, about the game. Details of the argument were sketchy but the police spokesperson in Kano, DSP Abdullahi Haruna, told newsmen that during the argument, the suspect stabbed his friend on the chest with a knife and another person, one Suleiman Muhammad, on the knee.

Haruna said Musa was

Robbers kill man, stab girlfriend in Anambra

rushed to Murtala Muhammad Specialist Hospital in Kano but was pronounced dead by a doctor. The other victim is however responding to treatment at the same hospital.

The police spokesperson said the suspect was arrested with the knife and will be charged to court after completion of investigation.

In the same state, the police have also arrested two suspects, Kamalu Musa and another simply called Babangida, both residents of Shekar Maidaki Quarters in Kano, for allegedly stabbing a man to death.

DSP Haruna disclosed yesterday that the incident occurred on February 27, while the victim, Adamu Bala who resided in Bubugaje area of Shekar Maidaki Quarters Kano, was saying his prayers at a block industry. "The suspects attacked and stabbed the victim to death with a knife," the PPRO said.

Meanwhile, a generating set repairer, Chinedu Igboanugo, was at the week-

end, killed by two armed robbers at Nkwelle-Ogidi community, Idemili North Local Government Area, Anambra State. The suspects were also said to have stabbed the girlfriend to death.

It was gathered that the deceased was asleep with his girlfriend while his generating set was still on. The power supply was said to have suddenly went off at about 12:30a.m. which prompted the girlfriend to rush outside to know what was amiss.

According to a neighbour who preferred anonymity, "as she came out, she met two armed robbers who stopped the generator from supplying power to enable them strike. They immediately stabbed her on her arm and she raised the alarm, which attracted Igboanugo. As soon as he came out, the robbers pounced on him and inflicted several stabbings on him."

The suspects then took to their heels, leaving the

victim unconscious in the pool of his blood. Confirming the incident, the

Ogidi Divisional Police Officer, Mark Ijarafu, said: "One of the armed rob-

bers is with us. We are looking for the other fleeing armed robber."

## Man nabbed for defrauding victim of N165,000

By Odita Sunday

A 42-year-old fraud king, Apin has narrated how discontentment pushed him into joining a clique of fraudsters three years ago. For the suspect, Osuji Chibuzor, who is the leader of a four-man fraud syndicate operating in Ikeja, Ojota, Ojodu, Berger, Ogba, College Road and Agege areas of Lagos State, it was simply a bad business gone awry.

He was lured into the waiting hands of police detectives after his team had successfully swindled a 34-year-old lady of N165,000. The suspect, whose role in the gang was to prophesy to victims after he or she must have been lured into their offices at 8, Afolabi Street, Iju Shaga and 7, Salami Street, Oko Oba, Agege, disclosed that his gang used fake dollars to entrap their victims.

Osuji explained that his team members, compris-

ing one Frank, Stella and Emeka drive out daily to lure suspects, who they would have tricked into their dollar-making scam. He added that after luring the victim to their office, he is invited as a pastor to pray for the victim.

He noted that it is in the process of praying for the victim that he would start requesting for money for anointing oil, chemicals for the washing of the money and other charges.

"Although there are many gangs that co-operate with us, but I only have four members in my own gang. What I collected from the victim was N120,000. I know my colleagues withdrew N45,000 from her ATM. I am ready to pay all the money back."

The victim, who did not want her name in print, said she boarded a private taxi in Ojota to Ojodu Berger. "We were still in Oregon when the driver picked another passenger. It was at this point they started their trick on me.

"I ended up in their office in Iju, where they collected all the money on me including the one in my account. They made me swear to an oath never to inform anyone. Thereafter, Osuji requested that I go get another N60,000 to complete the ritual.

"After collecting N165,000, they still wouldn't let me rest. I borrowed N60,000 being the balance of what they needed. I was on the way to hand it over to them when I regained my consciousness. Luckily for me, with the assistance of a patrol team of RRS men, I was able to lure him out and got him arrested," she said.

Reacting to the arrest, the Commissioner of Police, Zubairu Muazu, has directed the police to clean every part of the state especially the black spots. He further directed that the case be transferred while all the gang members are arrested immediately.