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Parliamentarian Hails Nigerians In Canada

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A MEMBER of the Canadian Parliament, Jim Karygiannis, on Monday visited the National Assembly where he commended Nigerian professionals in Canada for their contributions to the economy of that country.

Karygiannis, who led a delegation of Nigerian professionals and businessmen on a courtesy visit to Speaker of the House of Representatives, Dimeji Bankole, noted that Nigerian professionals in Canada are making the country proud, especially in the area of law, medicine and many other sectors of the economy.

Karygiannis who is a member of the Canadian House of Commons, said Canada has been much blessed because of the contributions of foreign na-

Suspected Hoodlums Kill Ex-AIT Reporter On Valentine Day

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SUNDAY, Valentine Day, has turned awry for Efenji Efenji, a former African Independent Television (AIT) reporter who was reportedly hacked to death by suspected assassins.

The tragedy occurred at a popular relaxation spot (name withheld) in Karu, in the outskirts of the Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

A group of about 15 machete and axe wielding youths allegedly attacked and inflicted several wounds on the head, body of Efenji and left him to bleed to death.

According to a relative of the late Efenji who simply identified himself as Innocent, the deceased alongside his wife and their nine-month old baby boy together with himself (witness) and his own wife and baby had gone out in the spirit of the day to relax and share moments together.

Innocent disclosed that at a time in the garden, the whole place became rowdy with bottles being broken by some youths and they had to relocate to somewhere else in the area.

No sooner had they relocated to somewhere else in the garden when they could

not tell where Efenji was, especially given the rowdy nature of the place.

As he was looking for the deceased, he chanced on him being hit with cudgels and cutlasses by over 15 suspected hoodlums.

Innocent said he attacked the armed youths but was floored while the late Efenji was calling on him not to allow them kill him.

A visibly pained and angry Innocent said it was when he was down that the police arrived and arrested him despite his protestations that he was a relative of somebody that was attacked and that the police should accompany him

to look for the whereabouts of the mortally wounded Efenji.

Despite his appeals, Innocent expressed bitterness that the police did not give heed as he was bundled off together with the manager of the garden where the incident occurred to the Karu Divisional Police Station.

The time was 11.00 p.m.

Area Commander of Abuja Metro at the Karu Police Station, Sunday Odukoya, said the police would brief the press when they have made inroads into the matter.

He disclosed that the manager of the garden and two suspects have been taken into custody.